

Monday 2nd October 2017
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Newsletter

Headteacher: Christopher Dale

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week, KM Kentish Express reported the headline, *'School sell-off, bid to pay for new sports facilities with sale of playing field.'*

Unfortunately this headline was inaccurate of the facts. This has been addressed in this week's KM edition. The playing field, accessed from Rolfe Lane, has never belonged to the school and has always been in the ownership of Kent County Council. As far back as 2014, the governing body have been aware that Shepway District Council had within their local plan a proposal for the land to be allocated for housing. Local residents will have been informed of these notices.

In 2014, Kent County Council, as the land owner, put provision in place for the school to retain approximately 0.7 hectare of the field, for sports purposes. KCC also devised plans for a modest sports pavilion to include a kitchen, changing rooms and toilets.

Presently, the field is not easy to use due to the lack of facilities on the site. The school still uses the field and when it does, it must take additional members of staff to accompany children back to school to use the toilets. However once the land is eventually used, the sale will attract a S106 Community Infrastructure Levy, which will be used to support the school in developing the additional school places. The sale of the school field is not something the school has within its gift, but KCC as land owners have been in consultation with Sport England, who have to approve the sale. As soon as we know the outcome of the present consultation we will inform you.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Harvest Service



We will be celebrating Harvest Festival on
Wednesday 4th October

We would like to invite parents, carers and extended family to join us at the church for our Harvest Service at 9.30am.

This year as in the past, we will be supporting both the needy and elderly of the parish. We would be grateful for your support to ensure we are able to help all those in our local community. We would be pleased to accept donations of non-perishable foods, tins or packet foods. If children could bring any gifts in on Wednesday morning we would be most grateful.



Dates for your diary

Tues 3rd Oct

Year R photos for KM paper

Wed 4th Oct

Harvest Festival at St Nicholas Church, 9.30am, parents welcome

Year 2 Speed stacking competition at Marsh Academy

Mon 9th Oct

Year 6 trip to London
Meeting for parents

Wed 11th Oct

Year 6 Trip to London
Year 5 Cross Country at Dymchurch

Mon 16th Oct

Year 6 Secondary School Admissions Meeting 2.15pm

Tues 17th Oct

Whole School Photographer – all day.

Read, Write, Inc Presentation to parents at 2pm for Year R and KS1 Parents

Thurs 19th Oct

Year R- Year 4 Flu Immunisations

Fri 20th Oct

End of term

Mon 30th Oct

Children return to school

Attendance – Every Day Counts

For our children to gain the greatest benefit from their education it is vital that they attend regularly and your child should be at school, on time, every day unless the reason for the absence is unavoidable. The national expectation for attendance is currently 96% however at St Nicholas we aim to achieve 97%. Research shows that there is an extremely strong link between high attendance levels and progress in a child's attainment. It is very important therefore that you make sure your child attends regularly to achieve the best they can. School attendance is vital for young people to reach their full potential and is therefore a priority for St Nicholas Academy.

Our whole-school attendance so far this year is 96.9%.

Class attendance rates last week (29/9/17) were:			
Hedgehogs	99%	Beech	94.3%
Squirrels	94.7%	Birch	96.3%
Badgers	96.9%	Chestnut	90.4%
Otters	94%	Maple	94.4%
Hare	98%	Willow	98.5%
Fox	94.1%	Elm	95.8%
Rowan	94.1%	Oak	96.4%

The class with the best attendance this week in KS1 is Hedgehogs and in KS2 is Willow

The Class with the best punctuality was Hedgehogs with no Lates.

Thank you for realising the importance of sending your child to school every day.



This term's collective worship focus is:

THANKFULNESS

"And give thanks for everything to God the Father..."

Ephesians 5:20

Romney Marsh Community Church – Friday Club

Meets Friday 6 - 7.30pm for children in school Years 3 – 6
It's an informal social time for children to join in with fun games and activities and chill together.

Star Awards



Star of the week awards went to:

Squirrel: Lilly C, **Otter:** Frankie C, **Fox:** Aaliyah A, **Beech:** Hayley T-D, **Birch:** Bronwyn M, **Willow:** Kai A, **Elm:** Rosie E

Nicholas Bear was awarded to BADGER & OTTER CLASSES!

Advance notice for Year R and KS1 parents

A Phonics meeting for parents of children in Year R & KS1 will be held on **Tuesday 17th October 2017 at 2.00pm** with Miss Common and our lead Read, Write Inc facilitator, Mr Nick Locke.

We hope you will be able to attend this very important session. Please make a date in your diary.

Abacus Nursery

Abacus Nursery have been selected as the only nursery in the South East of England to be chosen for a DFE capital buildings award to replace the aging mobile accommodation. Our congratulations to the staff and children of Abacus in receiving this award, which was supported by KCC Early Years department. This is a wonderful achievement and will ensure that Early Years Services continues to provide the very best for the children in this community and for generations to come. The nursery will have an exhibition of the plans for parents of the nursery and the school on Tuesday 17th October at 3pm.

Also a huge thank you to everyone who supported the Macmillan Coffee morning, by attending or making cakes, a fantastic £165 was raised.



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