

Friday 3rd November 2017
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Newsletter

Headteacher: Christopher Dale



Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope all our families had a good half term break and are looking forward to an exciting and busy term.

We were delighted to be able to welcome a large turnout of parents to our Read, Write, Inc session before the break. The session was used to update parents on our phonics programme and we look forward to holding other events like this again in the future for our families.

At the end of last term, children in year 6 took part in an able writer's course with Brian Moses. Children had the opportunity to learn more from an author on how to improve their writing skills; we were also joined by children from Kingsnorth, Temple Ewell and Brenzett primary school. We are delighted to be able to invite Brian back again this term to work with our children and other schools from across the Marsh district.

As parents will be aware, the governing body has decided to set up a Parent Council to help the school find out more about what it is like being a parent at St Nicholas CE Primary Academy and to give parents a chance to meet up together and talk about the things that matter to them. This will be an opportunity to hold a forum for parents organised by parents. I do hope families will take part, giving parents a voice in the school and allowing us to find out what changes and improvements parents would like to see in our school community.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Pupil led fundraising event.

Over the last term a representative from Project Salus has been working with year 5 children on a participation project. The focus of this project, which was decided upon by the children, has been to organise fundraising events to raise money for the improvement of our school playgrounds. To boost their fundraising they would like to hold a **non school uniform day on Friday 10th November**. If your child would like to wear their own clothes to help raise funds for this cause, then please provide them with a small donation (suggested £1) which will be collected on the day by their class teacher. Thank you on behalf of the Year 5 Participation Project group.

Hannah Franks PSHE Lead/Year 5 teacher.

House Points - week ending 3/11/17

This week's winners are...

St Augustine	241	St Nicholas	256
St George	245	St Peter	208

Dates for your diary

Week beginning

Mon 6th Nov

Year 6 residential to Kingswood

Tues 7th Nov

Year 5/6 Basketball

Thurs 9th Nov

Yr 3 & 4 Squash Crazy
 9am – 12pm

Fri 10th Nov

Playground Fundraising
 non uniform day
 Yr 3 Skiing group 2

Mon 13th Nov

Anti-bullying week
 further details to follow

Tues 14th Nov

Anti-bullying week wear
 odd socks day.

Thurs 16th Nov

Year 5 & 6 Marsh
 Academy Athletics
 morning – please ensure
 PE kit is in school

Fri 17th Nov

Children in Need
 Non-Uniform day
 suggested donation £1
 Yr 3 Skiing group 3

Tues 21st Nov

Brian Moses able
 writers' day.

Fri 24th Nov

Yr 3 Skiing group 4

Mon 27th Nov

PTFA – Bring a gift day
 for non-uniform

Fri 1st Dec

PTFA Christmas Fayre
 at 3pm
 Yr 3 Skiing group 5

Attendance – Every Day Counts

Our whole-school attendance so far this year is 95.8%.

Class attendance rates this week (3/11/17) were:			
Hedgehogs	92%	Beech	94.3%
Squirrels	96.5%	Birch	97.5%
Badgers	93.2%	Chestnut	95%
Otters	98%	Maple	97.4%
Hare	97.6%	Willow	95.7%
Fox	93%	Elm	90.4%
Rowan	98.1%	Oak	93.6%

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

Star Awards



Star of the week awards went to:

Squirrel: Charlie W, **Otter:** Madison S, **Fox:** Kaycie O, **Beech:** Indiana D,
Birch: Max C, **Willow:** Mia S, **Elm:** Alfie E

Nicholas Bear was awarded to Badgers!

Online Computer Safety Advice for Key Stage 2 parents

Now the clocks have turned back an hour, the darker evenings often mean an increase in the use of the internet and social media platforms. You should receive via Parent Mail a factsheet all about using parental controls. Setting parental controls will enable you to help your child get the most out of the internet in a safe and controlled manner.

It can seem difficult to keep up-to-date with the technology that children use. You can find out more information and support about digital technologies (including guidance relating to the new music video social networking app 'musical.ly') by visiting the following websites.

<http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents> and <http://www.common sense media.org> .



Values

Our core values are based on Christian principles and stories found in the Bible. Many of you as parents will have helped us choose our values previously. Our values, while being Christian, can be applied to education and our lives, as well as to sport. These are in our school mission statement and are taught through daily worship, and are touchstones in our daily interactions and expectations:

This term our Key value is Trust. The children are taught the value of this through, openness, transparency, faith, support, family, democracy, supportive challenge, clarity and no conflict of interests.

Year R – Stay and Read.

Today Year R had their first stay and read session today which was extremely well attended. I do hope that those who were able to stay enjoyed the session. Please do look at the class page on the website for photos.



This term's collective worship focus is:

TRUST

"I will bless the person who puts his trust in me."

Jeremiah 17:7