

Monday 15th January 2018
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Weekly Newsletter

Headteacher: Christopher Dale



Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope parents all found the curriculum letters useful in keeping you informed with what your child is learning at school.

One of the most frequent questions we are asked by parents is "What should I be doing with my child outside of school?" This is always a tricky question to answer and children vary in their enthusiasm for extra learning outside of the classroom! However to make things easier we have invested in a wide range of e-learning opportunities to help support your child's learning. Your child should have access to the following resources:

- Oxford Owl online books for English
- Mathletics for numeracy and times tables
- Rockstar's for multiplication tables.

Each of these resources requires a username and password, should you not have these please ask your child's class teacher. Also, don't forget to hear your child read and make a note of how they got on in their Reading Record; this helps toward the Schools Busters Book Club Reading Competition as well.

As a school we also use Class Dojo. If you have not already signed up, please speak to your class teacher for details on how to do this. It's a fantastic way of seeing what the class has been up to and following your child's rewards.

This week we begin our programme of Parent/Carer Meetings with a meeting for Year 6 parents about the upcoming SATs. I hope that many of you can attend. Further meetings are advertised on the dates section of the newsletter.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Illness advice.

We understand that this is the time of year when children and adults alike are prone to illness. Could we please ask that you contact the school using the absence line number or through ParentMail on the first day of illness to advise us of the symptoms.

Could we also take this opportunity to remind you that if your child has been physically sick (i.e. vomited), then they should only return to school 24hrs after the last time they were sick. This is vital to ensure that infectious diseases are not spread from child-to-child and class-to-class.

For advice regarding when your child can return to school following any other illness (chicken pox etc.) then please contact the office where we hold the official government guidance for these situations.

Dates for your diary

January 2018

Mon 15th

Reception 2018/2019 applications close at midnight.

Year 4 parent meeting for proposed trip to France at 2.30pm in the training room.

Wed 17th

Year R Parent Meeting
Phonics - Supporting Blending at 2.15pm in the training room

Year 5/6 Tag Rugby 4-6pm

Thurs 18th

Year 6 Parents Meeting
SATs and Kingswood at 2.30pm in the school hall

Fri 19th

Year R Parents meeting - supporting children with reading Ditty Books at 2.15pm in school hall

Mon 22nd

Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm

Thurs 25th

Year 2 Parents Meeting
Phonics and KS1 SATs 2.15pm in school hall

February 2018

Mon 5th

E-Safety Week all week.

Tues 6th

Safer Internet Day

Thurs 8th

Whole school Parent Teacher consultations 3.30pm—8pm

Fri 9th

End of Term

Attendance – Every Day Counts

If your child is absent from school, you must report their absence by 9am on the first morning. This can be done via Parent Mail under Notify Absence or by telephoning our absence line on **01797 363118** and leaving a message with your child's name, class and reason for absence. Please do not call the school's main number to report absences.

Our whole-school attendance last week was 95.5%.

Class attendance rates last week.			
Hedgehog	95%	Rowan	100%
Squirrel	98.3%	Chestnut	97.4%
Badger	92.4%	Birch	94.8%
Otter	92%	Maple	91.5%
Fox	95.2%	Willow	97.5%
Hare	91.5%	Oak	95.8%
Beech	98.3%	Elm	97.5%

Well done Rowan for your 100% attendance last week!



This term's collective worship focus is:

PERSEVERANCE

'I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.'

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We now have 299 followers!

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STAR AWARDS



Star of the week awards went to:

Squirrel: Lilly C, **Otter:** Harley D, **Hare:** Keira H, **Beech:** Caleb A, **Chestnut:** Angel P, **Maple:** Tommy A, **Elm:** Charlotte R



Nicholas Bear was awarded to.... BEECH! Congratulations to them.

Volunteer Readers

We are desperately seeking more volunteers to help with children's reading.

Are you or perhaps a retired member of your family able to spare a small amount of time each week to become a regular reading volunteer? If so, please speak to Hayley in the school office or contact her on 01797 361906 for further details.

Free School Meals

Universal free school meals

If your child is in Year R, 1 or 2 they can get free school meals. If you receive certain benefits, your child's school can also get some additional money to support their learning if you register. For more information speak to the school or apply online at www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals.

Year 3 or above

If your child is under 19 and in full-time education you may be able to get free school meals for them. The quickest and easiest way to apply for school meals is to apply online.

You must receive one of these benefits to qualify:

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (not including Working Tax Credit) - if the household income is below £16,190
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- an income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 if you are an asylum seeker

If you believe you are eligible apply for your child's free school meals online. Your eligibility will be checked and your application processed straight away. If your application is successful the school will be notified by email immediately and your child should start receiving their free school meal within 24 hours. The website address is www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals.

Parent Council

There is a meeting of the Parent Council scheduled to take place on Monday 22nd January at 6.30pm in the school hall. Refreshments and a crèche will be made available. We hope to see you there.

Year 6 SATs meeting

Reminder. There is a meeting on **Thursday 18th January at 2.30pm** for Year 6 parents on the KS2 SATs.

Parent Teacher Consultation – Advanced Notice.

Please be aware that the parent teacher consultations for the Spring term will take place on **Thursday 8th February 2018 3.30pm to 8.00pm** for **ALL** year groups. Do make a note in your diary so that you are able to attend this important event.

Kingswood 2018

Thank you to all who have begun making payments towards the Kingswood Residential in November 2018.

The first deposit of £45 is due by Friday 9th February. Payments for the deposit and instalments can now be made through ParentMail.
