

Monday 29th January 2018
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Teaching our children how to stay safe and successfully navigate the many obstacles they may face in the real - and virtual - worlds is an absolute essential part of our curriculum. Next week as part of E-Safety Week we will raise awareness of the types of challenges the children might encounter, how they might begin to deal with them and who they can talk to if they are concerned about anything. We appreciate that some of these conversations may be uncomfortable BUT it is crucial they take place to ensure St Nicholas pupils are as well-equipped as possible to make their way safely though the world.

One of the biggest areas of concern for parents, carers and children alike is staying safe online. As part of our mission to equip our learners for life in the 21st century, we have and will continue to discuss e-safety in all classes across the school. Part of the challenge is acknowledging what a powerful resource the internet is, whilst providing the children with the knowledge and skills to recognise and deal with potential threats. This 'e-safety' work will continue throughout the year and we recommend that all parents and carers have regular conversations with their children to help everyone stay safe. Should you require any advice about resources etc. then please have a conversation with Miss Franks, our e-learning lead teacher who will be happy to help.

Accompanying this newsletter is a parents e-safety pack so parents are aware of how they can support their child at school throughout e-safety week and beyond.

Yours sincerely

Mr Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Oxford Owl. Helping Parents

As parents are aware as a school we subscribe to **Oxford Owl**, allowing parents to have **FREE** access to loads of online materials.

Getting involved in your child's learning can have a real impact on their success at school.

Oxford Owl is FREE and easy to use and packed with helpful advice, free e-books and fun activities to help you support your child's reading & maths.



Dates for your diary

February 2018

Mon 5th

E-Safety Week all week.
Year 5 Hockey Coaching

Tues 6th

Safer Internet Day

Thurs 8th

Whole School Parent
Teacher Consultations
3.30pm—8pm

Fri 9th

End of Term

Mon 19th

Children return to school

Wed 21st

Year R Sports Fun Day
at the Marsh Academy

Thurs 22nd

Year 1 Rugby Tots for
next 5 weeks

Mon 26th

Book Week all this
week—more
details to follow.

Book Character Day

Tues 27th

Book Week - Guest
Author visit

March 2018

Thurs 1st

Year 6 Sailing - Group 1
Year 1 Parent meeting
on Phonics 2.30pm

Thurs 29th

9.30am Whole school
Easter Service at St
Nicholas Church,
parents welcome



Attendance – Every Day Counts

It is essential that your child comes to school on time every day. Learning begins immediately at 8.50am after Early Morning Work when the class doors open at 8.35am, when many additional interventions are also scheduled for this time.

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 95.4%.

| Class attendance rates last week. | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------|----------|-------|
| Hedgehog | 96.5% | Rowan | 93% |
| Squirrel | 96.1% | Chestnut | 97.8% |
| Badger | 91.9% | Birch | 96.1% |
| Otter | 99% | Maple | 94.8% |
| Fox | 95.2% | Willow | 97.5% |
| Hare | 91.9% | Oak | 95.8% |
| Beech | 94.3% | Elm | 87.5% |



This term's collective worship focus is:

PERSEVERANCE

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

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Well Done this Week to

- Otter Class
- Chestnut Class

STAR AWARDS



Star of the week awards went to:

Squirrel: Isla L-S, **Otter:** Henrietta S, **Hare:** Jack J, **Beech:** Scarlett G, **Chestnut:** Max L, **Maple:** Frankie S, **Elm:** Kai M



ONLINE SAFETY ADVICE FOR PARENTS

Learn about it:

Teach your child some simple rules

- Make sure your child knows not to share personal information like their phone number or email address online
- Only talk to real life friends or family if they are on sites with a social media element like Moshi Monsters or Club Penguin
- Use privacy settings wherever they exist to keep their information private
- Be a good online friend and don't say nasty things even if it's just a joke
- Use secure and legal sites to download music and games
- Check attachments and pop ups for viruses before they click or download anything
- Use Public Friendly WiFi when they're out and about to filter inappropriate content
- Help them to better understand the different online platforms they use and judge the quality and reliability of online resources

Talk about it:

Tips for a meaningful conversation

- Start conversations when your children won't be embarrassed, for example in the car going home from school
- Ask them for advice on how to do something online and use this as a conversation starter
- Make sure they know they can come to you if they're upset by something they've seen online
- Be sensitive and praise them when they share their online experiences with you
- If your child comes to you with an issue, stay calm and listen without judging them
- Talk about online grooming as you would stranger danger and explain that people they meet online might not be who they say they are
- Ask them about things online which might make them uncomfortable

ONLINE SAFETY ADVICE FOR PARENTS - ROBLOX

Recently, there have been many reports circulating social media about the risks connected to 'ROBLOX' a popular app aimed at users aged 8-18 however players of all ages can use the site. To my understanding, ROBLOX is a user-generated gaming platform where you can create your own games or play games that other users have made. There is also the option to chat to other players. If your child uses this app, could I ask you to spend a few minutes clicking on the link below to find out more about it and how you can help keep your child safe whilst using it.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/roblox-guide-parents>

