



**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018**  
**St Nicholas CE Primary Academy**  
**Weekly Newsletter**

**Headteacher: Christopher Dale**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you very much to everyone who completed the parent questionnaire at this term's Parent Teacher Consultations (February 2018) - we received an amazing 128 responses.

A separate letter showing the responses is being sent home with this evening's newsletter.

Again, there were some lovely comments, which have been shared with staff, the parent council and governors, and some responses we need to act upon. You will hopefully see the evidence of this as the academic year progresses.

Any further comments you wish you had written, please do not hesitate to catch me in the school playground or make an appointment to see me. My door is always open and I welcome all feedback from parents (positive or constructive). I shall always listen and your views will be respected, it is essential we work together to ensure St Nicholas CE Primary Academy is the best it can be for everyone.

Walking Bus Survey. Again we had a very positive return of forms from parents regarding the walking bus. This will be discussed at the next meeting of the Parent Council and plans to move forward based on these discussions will be shared with parents soon.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the book week events taking place this week.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale  
**Headteacher**

**Year 1 Phonics Screening Meeting for Parents**

We would like Year 1 parents to join us for our Phonics Screening workshop to update you about the progression of RWI in Year One and the upcoming Phonics Screening Assessment which will take place in June for all children.

It would be great to see as many parents as possible where we will share resources and ideas for you on supporting your child at home. The meeting takes place on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2:15pm** In the Training Room.

*There will also be the chance to win a RWI Reading and Writing kit worth £12.99!*

**House Points** - week ending 23/2/18

St Augustine	234	St Nicholas	228
St George	188	St Peter	199

**Dates for your diary**

**February 2018**

**Mon 26<sup>th</sup>**  
 Book Week all this week – see ParentMail info sent out last week

**Tues 27<sup>th</sup>**  
 Book Week – visit by JEREMY STRONG children's author

**March 2018**

**Thurs 1<sup>st</sup>**  
 Book Week - Character Dressing up day

Yr 6 Sailing *postponed*

Yr1 Parent meeting on Phonics 2.15pm  
 See this week's newsletter.

Book week - Pyjama Evening Stories 6-7pm

**Fri 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
 Year 3 trip to Brockhill Park

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup>**  
 Parent Council 6.30pm

**Thurs 29<sup>th</sup>**  
 9.30am Whole School Easter Service at St Nicholas Church, parents welcome

End of Term

**April 2018**

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup>**  
 Children return to school

**Tues 17<sup>th</sup>**  
 Fun Factory for Yr 1 & Hare Class

**Wed 18<sup>th</sup>**  
 Hockey League starts

**Tues 24<sup>th</sup>**  
 Fun Factory Yr R & Fox Class

## Attendance – Every Day Counts

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

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 **94.5%**.

Class attendance rates last week			
Hedgehogs	94%	Rowan	96.5%
Squirrels	96.3%	Chestnut	95.2%
Badgers	90%	Birch	98.3%
Otters	92.6%	Maple	91.9%
Fox	90.8%	Willow	89.6%
Hare	97.3%	Oak	97.7%
Beech	95.7%	Elm	98.3%

## Well Done this Week to

- Birch
- Elm



This week's collective worship focus is:

### JUSTICE

'And what does the Lord require of you?  
To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.'

**MICAH 6.8**

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



## Buster's Book Club

Last week we were looking for the highest number of children reading. In KS1 **HARE CLASS** had the most readers with 69% reading & In KS2 **BIRCH CLASS** for the **5<sup>th</sup> week** had the most readers with 88% **CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH CLASSES.**



## Star Awards

Star of the week awards went to:

**Hedgehog:** Freya P, **Badger:** Thomas W, **Fox:** Hollie D, **Rowan:** Maya M, **Chestnut:** Angel P, **Maple:** Zeeka F, **Oak:** Shanelle M



## Nicholas Bear was awarded to... CHESTNUTS!

### Severe weather – Please see this evening's letter.

We will always endeavour to keep the school open in the event of snow. However should our heating fail, the site be unsafe or insufficient staff be able to travel, we would have to make the decision to close. Should we need to close, this will be announced in the following ways:

- a text sent via ParentMail to the main contact.
- an announcement on [www.kentclosures.co.uk](http://www.kentclosures.co.uk) (Parents are able to sign up for email and text message alerts with this service. Please note there is a 20p charge, plus standard network charges for SMS alerts)
- the following radio stations KMFM, BBC Radio Kent or Heart FM will announce school closures.
- A notice will be placed on the schools Twitter page @St\_Nicholas\_CEP

## Parent Council

A meeting of the Parent Council will take place on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm – we hope to see as many there as possible

## Herald Cup

And finally, our football team took part in the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the Herald Cup last week playing against Stelling Minnis. The team did really well winning the match with an impressive score. Well done to all involved! The next match takes place on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March against St Augustine's Catholic Primary School.

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26<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Dear Parents / Carers

## **Severe Weather Notice**

A Level 3 cold weather alert has been put in place for Kent for the coming week. St Nicholas will endeavour to remain open where possible. Parents/carers have a responsibility to get their child/children to and from school safely and need to decide if the journey is safe when severe weather affects transport links. Parents/carers should inform school if their child is absent from school due to severe weather conditions. If your child has a disability your decision to make the journey must take this into consideration.

If conditions worsen during the school day and parents/carers feel it is absolutely necessary to collect children, the school should be contacted prior to collection.

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## **What can parents do to help?**

- Please approach the school from the main school entrance.
- Don't forget suitable warm clothing – coats, gloves, hats, scarves, wellies etc. or even a change of clothing.
- If you are a working parent/carer or feel you may have a problem with a sudden earlier pick up, please put a back-up plan in place with another family member or parent and inform the school. This will allow staff to leave earlier for their safety if weather dictates.
- Please visit [kent.gov.uk/winter](http://kent.gov.uk/winter) for more information about gritting routes and travel issues around Kent so you can plan your journey.

Many thanks for your support in helping St Nicholas CE Primary Academy remain open during periods of severe snow/ice.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale  
Headteacher