

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018**  
**St Nicholas CE Primary Academy**  
**Weekly Newsletter**

**Headteacher: Christopher Dale**



Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know the school has gone through the process of recruiting a new Deputy Headteacher. I am pleased to advise you that following a rigorous selection process in which a number of strong candidates were tested and interviewed by Governors, pupils and representatives of the Trust we have appointed Mrs Victoria Turner.

Mrs Turner is currently Assistant Headteacher of St Peter's CE Primary, Folkestone and brings a wealth of knowledge in whole school issues with acting Headteacher experience.

We believe we have made a really strong appointment and that she is the right candidate to continue our journey of excellence. We look forward to working with Mrs Turner over the coming years and wish her every success in her new role.

In the interim period pending Mrs Turner joining us I would like to remind families that you are also able to speak with the school Phase Leaders should you have any issues which you feel need dealing with. In KS1 this is Miss Common, while parents in KS2 can speak with Mrs Longman. Please make an appointment at the school office if you wish to meet with either Phase Leader.

As Headteacher I really appreciate the support that you as parents and carers have shown to our school during this time of change.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale  
**Headteacher**



**Zig-Zags**

I would like to thank parents and carers and those drivers who support the safety of our school community by driving and parking responsibly, particularly those who have kept off the zigzags when parking. May I take this opportunity to respectfully remind parents:

- Do not park on the zigzags
- Do not park on single or double yellow lines
- Do not park on the pavements or near the entrances to the school (including the bus stop area).

**House Points** - week ending 16/3/18

|              |     |             |     |
|--------------|-----|-------------|-----|
| St Augustine | 168 | St Nicholas | 248 |
| St George    | 242 | St Peter    | 165 |

**Dates for your diary**

**March 2018**

**Wed 21<sup>st</sup>**

Rearranged trip for Yr3 to Brockhill

Yr 4, 5 & 6 Cross Country – postponed

**Tues 27<sup>th</sup>**

Yr 2 trip to Rare Breeds Centre

**Wed 28<sup>th</sup>**

Yr6 Rugby Festival at Marsh Academy 1-3pm

**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 - PE kit needed

**Wed 18<sup>th</sup>**

Hockey League starts

**Tues 24<sup>th</sup>**

Fun Factory Yr R & Fox Class - PE kit needed

**Fri 27<sup>th</sup>**

Yr 5/6 Pop Lacrosse

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup>**

Parent Council meeting at 6.30pm

**May 2018**

**Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Yr1 Phonics meeting for parents at 2.15pm

**Mon 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Bank Holiday – school closed**

**Wed 9<sup>th</sup>**

Tri-Golf for Yr 3/4

**Mon 14<sup>th</sup>**

KS2 SATs all week – for Yr 6

## 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 94.9%.**

| Class attendance rates last week |       |          |       |
|----------------------------------|-------|----------|-------|
| Hedgehog                         | 94.5% | Rowan    | 97.6% |
| Squirrel                         | 89.4% | Chestnut | 99.1% |
| Badger                           | 94.5% | Birch    | 91.3% |
| Otter                            | 97.4% | Maple    | 91.9% |
| Fox                              | 91.8% | Willow   | 97.5% |
| Hare                             | 91.9% | Oak      | 96.9% |
| Beech                            | 95.7% | Elm      | 93.9% |

## Well Done last Week to

- Chestnut
- Otter



This term'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.

## Star Award



Star of the week awards went to:

**Squirrel:** Jamie H-S, **Badger:** Jasmine C, **Hare:** Daisy-May F,  
**Birch:** Morgan B, **Willow:** Mollie V, **Elm:** Matilda G



**Nicholas Bear was awarded to... WILLOW Class for 100% in Busters Book Club reading!**

## Busters Book Club

Last week we were looking for the class with the greatest number of children reading.

In KS1 HARE had 76% of children read & in KS2 WILLOW had 100% of children in the class read – A special mention to Lacey D who worked hard in making bracelets to remind every child to read!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH CLASSES**



## Events coming up...

### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Year 3 Trip

The Year 3 trip to Brockhill Country Park which was postponed as a result of the weather takes place on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March. The weather outlook for the day is very cold. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the conditions and is supplied with a hat, scarf, coat, gloves and a waterproof jacket – thank you.

### Cross Country event 21/3/18.

This has been postponed due to the ground conditions.

Update...

Our footballers took part in the Herald Cup group match against St Augustine's. The football team at present remain undefeated. Special mention to the players who took part in yesterday's match as their sportsmanship was exemplary.

Well done to everyone concerned.