

Friday 18th May 2018
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Weekly Newsletter

Headteacher: Christopher Dale



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another very busy week at St Nicholas. This week has seen the whole school taking part in their termly assessments not to mention the SATs for children in Years 2 and 6.

I have been very impressed this week by the dedication and resilience shown by the pupils in Year 6 as they completed six tests in 4 days. The children started school this week with their SATs breakfast and were looked after by Mrs Longman, Mrs Lee, Mrs Vidler and Mrs Lucas. I would like to thank all the staff for giving so much of their own time so freely ensuring the children had the opportunity to perform their best. My thanks also to Mrs Gill who donated the breakfast for the children this week through Brakes. Thank you Mrs Gill.

After the half term on Thursday 14th June we will be asking the children to take part in a 'Sponsored Bounce' to help raise valuable funds for the school. For this event to be a success we will need to rely on parent volunteers to assist us in making sure the day runs as smoothly as possible. If you think you might be able to lend a hand for an hour or so on this day then please do let the office know. Look out for more information on this fundraising event.

Wishing you all a very good weekend.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

TimesTable Rock Stars (TTRS)

As many parents of children in Years 2 – 6 will be aware; we use Times Tables Rock Stars at St Nicholas. This is a great way to help children build on their times tables knowledge. It's also a very easy way of supporting your child in their learning journey at school.

We are currently the leading TTRS school on the Marsh and we would like to move below the 5 second barrier! Please help us to do this by encouraging your child to do their TTRS learning.

St Nicholas CE Primary Academy, New Romney	5.04	←
Sellindge Primary School	5.37	
Brookland Ce Primary School, Kent	7.48	
Greatstone Primary School	8.5	
Hythe Bay CofE Primary School	10.44	
Palmarsh Primary School	13.33	

House Points - week ending 18/5/18

St Augustine	310	St Nicholas	259
St George	272	St Peter	227

Dates for your diary

May 2018

Tues 22nd

Urban Sports Festival – Y4

Wed 23rd

Parent Council joining children for Dinner

Thurs 24th May

Y5 windsurfing – group 5

Fri 25th

Messy Church 3.15pm
 Last Day of Term

**Half term: Mon 28th
 May – Fri 1st June**

June 2018

Mon 4th

Children return to school
 Y3 Boxing - every Monday for next 6 weeks
 School Cricket League starts

Tues 5th

Y5 Parent Meeting CATs & Kent Test - 6pm in School Hall

Thurs 7th

Y4 Stand Up Paddle Boarding – Group 1

Fri 8th

Cross Country event at Brockhill

Mon 11th

Y1 phonics screening week
 Parent Council 6.30pm

Thurs 14th

Sponsored Bounce Day – more info to follow

Wed 20th

Book Fayre Week

Thurs 21st

Year 4 to Lille, France

Fri 22nd

Book Character Day



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 ParentMail 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 this week was **96.6%**.

Class attendance rates this week			
Hedgehog	97.5%	Rowan	100%
Squirrel	98.9%	Chestnut	96.5%
Badger	93.9%	Birch	95.4%
Otter	89%	Maple	95.6%
Fox	96.1%	Willow	97.1%
Hare	97.7%	Oak	100%
Beech	99.1%	Elm	98.7%

Well done this week to

- Rowan & Oak
- Squirrel

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

Star Award



Star of the week awards went to:

Squirrel: Charlie W, **Badger:** Rose R, **Fox:** Aaliyah A, **Rowan:** Aimee B-C, **Chestnut:** Jessica C, **Elm:** Frankie P

Buster's Book club –

Well done this week to **Hare** in KS1 and **Rowan** in KS2 for their success in Buster's Book Club Reading Challenge.

Year 5 CATs test and Kent Test Information

We would like to inform Year 5 parents that the children completed their CAT tests this week. We will shortly be sending the result home to parents which will help you in making more of an informed decision regarding the Kent Test.

We will be holding a meeting for Year 5 parents on the Kent Test procedures on **Tuesday 5th June at 6.00pm in the Junior Hall.**

Royal Wedding Celebration Lunch

To celebrate the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle we held a "street party" lunch on our Junior playground. Thank you to all those involved in making it a wonderful experience for the children.



This term's collective worship focus is:

FRIENDSHIP

I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

JOHN 15:15