

Friday 25th 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 SATs for children in Year 2 come to an end. My thanks to the Year 2 team and the children for all their hard work.

This week we were joined by members of the Parent Council at lunchtime. Mrs Ross, Mrs Guest and Mrs Rayner. All of the parents had a school dinner with the children in the dining hall and visited the KS1 & KS2 playgrounds to see how the school manages the lunch time period. I was pleased with the feedback;

"Lunch was lovely...We had a very good insight into how the school lunchtimes are organised and their routine. I couldn't fault it at all and it ran like clockwork. Food was delicious and nutritious. Hope Mr Dale can fit us in for another session and more parents can attend. I think you will all be pleasantly surprised."

I would in the future like to be able to offer many more parents the opportunity to join us at lunchtime.

Yesterday I attended a Parental Engagement conference with members of the Parent Council. The day focused on the important role that parents play in their children's education and how parental involvement can provide better outcomes for children when parents are actively involved with the school. While we discussed some of the difficulties parents and schools face we also looked at successful strategies employed by schools in making all parents feel welcome. For me the most striking quote of the day was 'School needs have to be secondary to the needs of their families; we are trying to engage a community.'

At St Nicholas we have the beginnings of a very effective Parent Council. The open and honest dialogue has already produced some positive changes in the school and its day to day systems and I hope this will continue to develop in a way where parents feel they have a strong voice within the school. To achieve this we want to develop and grow further by enabling parents to be directly involved with school improvement, as well as providing feedback on the school's operational day to day approach.

The next Parent Council meeting is set to take place on **MONDAY 11th JUNE at 6.30pm** when we will be discussing how we move forward. I do hope you all feel welcome to attend.

Wishing you all a restful half term.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

House Points - week ending 25/5/18

St Augustine	337	St Nicholas	226
St George	279	St Peter	169

Dates for your diary

May 2018

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 week 1 of 2

Tues 5th

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

Thurs 7th

Y4 Stand Up Paddle
 Boarding – Group 1

Mon 11th

Y1 phonics screening week

School Cricket League week 2 of 2

Parent Council 6.30pm

Thurs 14th

Sponsored Bounce Day

Y4 Stand Up Paddle
 Boarding – Group 2

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 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 this week was **94.7%**.

Class attendance rates this week			
Hedgehog	95%	Rowan	99%
Squirrel	96.8%	Chestnut	96.5%
Badger	93.8%	Birch	90.4%
Otter	97.1%	Maple	83.9%
Fox	95.7%	Willow	93.9%
Hare	96.9%	Oak	98.5%
Beech	92.2%	Elm	94.3%

Well Done this week to

- Rowan class
- Otter class

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

Star Award



Star of the week awards went to:

Hedgehog: Riley B, **Otter:** Ella J, **Hare:** Harry G, **Birch:** Morgan B, **Maple:** Jessica H, **Willow:** Hayden S

Nicholas Bear was awarded to...



Buster's Book Club –

Well done this week to **Fox in KS1** and **Beech in KS2** for most improved Buster's Book Club Reading Challenge.

Timetables Rock Stars

A huge thank you to everyone after the plea on the newsletter last week to drop below the 5 second barrier. The school finally achieved an overall recall score of **4.63 seconds!** That's fantastic!

The class with the fastest recall was **Elm – 2.33 seconds!**

The most accurate classes were **Oak and Willow with 85% accuracy**

This week's TTRS Trophy winners are **Willow** for improving their class speed.

Well done to all. And keep up the TTRS over the holiday!



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