

Monday 16th July 2018
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Weekly Newsletter

Headteacher: Christopher Dale



Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week was a very busy and productive time for the school. As parents are aware the school was nominated for the Shepway Sports Trust Primary School of the Year Award. I am delighted to inform you that St Nicholas CE Primary Academy won the Shepway Sports Trust **PRIMARY SCHOOL OF THE YEAR 2018.**



My thanks to all the staff who worked so hard in securing this award for the school, but notably Mrs Andrews who does all the administration, Mr Leech who assists with transport, Miss Arnold who accompanies the children to all the events and to Miss Cox who also assists Mrs Arnold at events. Also my thanks to you the parents because without your support in taking the children to and from all of these events we could not have achieved as much as we have.

I am also delighted to announce that for the first time in many years the school also won the **Upper School title in the Shepway District Sports.**

Shepway District Sports Champions are;
Beau winner of the Yr 5/6 Javelin.
George R winner of the Yr 5/6 80m sprint.

Leo N winner of the Yr 3/4 70m sprint.
Angel who came 2nd in the 70m sprint final and 3rd the Yr3/4 mixed relay final.
Congratulations also to George C, Harvey S-R and Mia S who all showed great perseverance in the 400m race.



And finally... on the back of all this sporting success the school has for the first time achieved the **Kent School Games Gold Award** for its commitment to sport and the PE curriculum. We are delighted with all the successes for the children, staff and school this year.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

July 2018

Wed 18th

Year 6 morning performance

Thurs 19th

Year 4 Stand up paddle boarding

Year 6 evening performance

Fri 20th

Year 3 trip to Kew Gardens

Year 6 Trip to Legoland

Year R & 1 Teddy Bear picnic

Mon 23rd

Year 6 Leavers Lunch

Tues 24th

9.30am End of term Church service

Sept 2018

Mon 3rd Sept

INSET Day – no school for pupils

Tues 4th Sept

INSET Day – no school for pupils

Wed 5th Sept

Years 1 to 6 return to school

Mon 10th Sept

Year R school starts



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.

Please be aware of the following legal obligations we have to follow regarding reporting attendance: we have to ask for supporting documents regarding appointments and official leave. All leave **MUST** be requested in advance.

Our whole-school attendance last week was 95.2%.

Class attendance rates last week			
Hedgehog	97.6%	Rowan	97.1%
Squirrel	89.5%	Chestnut	96.7%
Badger	94.8%	Birch	94.2%
Otter	92.4%	Maple	94.3%
Fox	92.4%	Willow	98.2%
Hare	90.4%	Oak	100%
Beech	96.5%	Elm	94.8%

Well done last week to

- Oak
- Hedgehog

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

Project 96%

At St Nicholas we are always looking at ways to promote good attendance. This year nearly 30 children are on track to achieve 100% attendance for the year. Well done to those children and their families. The school however still sits below the government expectation of 96% attendance overall.

Next year to ensure that we keep focussed on raising the attendance the Local Authority School Liaison Officer will work with us on 'Project 96'. The aim of this project is to ensure that every child is achieving at least 96% attendance. Anyone whose attendance is below 96% will be involved.

You may be invited to come and talk with the Headteacher, the Attendance Officer Mrs Seiver, the Local Authority School Liaison Officer as well as our FLO and sometimes Miss Sisk our SENCo to discuss how we can work together and raise the attendance of your child/children to at least 96%.

We are well aware that sometimes there are good reasons for a child to be absent from school and of course this will be taken into account but **ALL** pupils under 96% will be monitored.

Star Award



Star of the week awards went to:

Hedgehog: Alfie B, **Badger:** Lehel K, **Hare:** Chloe R, **Beech:** Florence R,
Rowan: Oliver M-G, **Birch:** Max C, **Chestnut:** Amie S, **Elm:** Alfie E

School SIAMs Inspection

As parents are aware the school was inspected last week and we await the outcome of the report. As soon as it is available it will be shared with parents. Our thanks to all who assisted with the inspection, parents, pupils and staff.

Parent Council

This week the Parent Council will have their last meeting of the year. The Parent Council has achieved so much this year and we want to continue its success moving forward on making the school as open and listening as possible. But to achieve this we need your help. As we move into the holiday please consider how you might help YOUR child's school. We look forward to welcoming you.



This term's collective worship focus is:
TRUTHFULNESS

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

JOHN 14:6