



**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018**  
**St Nicholas CE Primary Academy**  
**Weekly Newsletter**

**Headteacher: Christopher Dale**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Many thanks to all those parents who were able to turn out for the Parent Teacher Consultations. There are many who I am sure could not do so for good reason, so please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you would like to know more about your child's achievement and progress over the last term. The teachers will only be too pleased to assist with alternative appointments after the half term break. I hope the open class sessions were useful to parents. Being able to see your child's books always helps to understand more about the progress when you see your child's work. We will repeat these sessions again before the Spring Term consultations when you should continue to see clear progress in your child's learning.

It has been another very busy week at St Nicholas. We have been carrying out a self-school review with lots of external visitors to check the schools judgements. I was most impressed with the way in which the children conducted themselves and interacted with our visitors. I was even more delighted when it was reported that the manners and politeness of the pupils at St Nicholas were second to none! Our visitors were also pleased to hear of the success and see the benefits of our Parent Council – please remember our next meeting is on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm.

I would like to wish all our families a very happy and safe half term and I look forward to seeing all the children when we return on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale  
**Headteacher**

**Lantern Parade**

The organising team of Light Up New Romney are giving St Nicholas pupils the chance to make their own lantern to carry in this year's parade on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December**. The event promises a whole evening of fun and festive entertainment from 5.30 pm including carols, real live reindeer, Father Christmas and late night shopping in the High Street.

A full day workshop will be held in school for KS1 children on 4<sup>th</sup> December. These will all be free but we would like the children to bring in items from home which would usually have gone in your recycle bin. More details to follow in the newsletter after half term. We're all looking forward to it very much.

**End of school day**

Please could we respectfully request for parents to wait before speaking to the class teacher until they have seen all of the children out of class safely as it can be difficult to monitor children while talking to an adult. Thank you for your understanding with this matter.

**Dates for your diary**

**October**

**Fri 19<sup>th</sup>**

**END OF TERM 1**

**Mon 29<sup>th</sup>**

Children return to school  
Parent Council at 6.30pm  
Gymnastics – Otter class  
must have PE kit in school

**Tues 30<sup>th</sup>**

Prospective New Entrants  
Open Evening. Meeting  
with the HT at 4.30pm and  
again at 5.30pm

Gymnastics – Badger class  
must have PE kit in school

**November**

**Week beginning Mon 5<sup>th</sup>**

Year 6 Outdoor  
Adventurous Activity  
Week at Kingswood

**Wed 7<sup>th</sup>**

Yoga – Birch class PE kit  
must be in school

**Sun 11<sup>th</sup>**

Remembrance Service at  
St Nicholas Church

**Mon 12<sup>th</sup>**

Anti-Bullying Week

**Fri 16<sup>th</sup>**

***Inset Day School Closed***

**December**

**Sun 1<sup>st</sup>**

Tree of Love Service at St  
Nicholas Church 5pm  
onwards

**Thurs 6<sup>th</sup>**

St Nicholas Day School  
Service at St Nicholas  
Church 9.30am

St Nicholas House Non-  
uniform Day

**Mon 10<sup>th</sup>**

Whole School Panto

**Thurs 13<sup>th</sup>**

KS1 Nativity Performance  
at 2.00pm

**Fri 14<sup>th</sup>**

KS1 Nativity Performance  
at 9.30am



## 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 please notify the School on 01797 363118 or via ParentMail app under 'Notify Absence'.



This term's collective worship focus is:  
**COURAGE**

Our whole-school attendance this week was 93.6%.

Class attendance rates this week			
Hedgehog	94.3%	Beech	93.9%
Squirrel	94.8%	Birch	97.6%
Badger	95.2%	Rowan	97.4%
Otter	89.1%	Maple	95.6%
Fox	92.5%	Willow	88.8%
Hare	96.1%	Oak	89.7%
Chestnut	94.5%	Elm	93.8%

Well done this week to

- Hare
- Birch

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

## 2019 Admissions and School Open Evening

Is your child due to start Reception in September 2019?

If so come and take a look around our learning environments and hear from our Headteacher and EYFS team about our exciting and rich curriculum.

Achieving a 'Good Level of Development' has been significantly above National Average within our school!

The school will be open on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018 from 4.30pm until 6.00pm**

### Reception class 2019

Children born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 will start school in September 2019. This is not an automatic process; you will need to apply for a Reception place.

Applications open on Monday 5 November 2018 and close at midnight on Tuesday 15 January 2019. Applications should be made online at:-

[www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places](http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places)

## Star Award



Star of the week awards went to:

**Squirrel:** Boey D, **Badger:** Shyanna B, **Chestnut:** Alex H, **Beech:** Amiee C,  
**Maple:** Leo N, **Elm:** Louisa W

## Year 6 Parents – Secondary School Applications. Reminder.

Applications for transfer to secondary school for September 2019 close at midnight on **Wednesday 31 October 2018**. If you have not already done so your child's application must be completed by this date.

## Facebook

Over the last few days we have been made aware of one or two parent's use of Facebook to record their thoughts about the school. Personally I am not a great user of social media but I do recognise the benefits it brings to so many. Too often though, social networking sites are a medium for the unreasonable and the unprincipled and have a momentum to take all forms of reality and truth out of proportion. The school never responds to any of the complaints on social media, but when things are written that are clearly not true the school will pursue these matters privately.

If parents do have an issue with anything that is happening at the school it is always best to discuss these with the class teacher in the first instance, or the Phase Leaders or Deputy Headteacher where things may be dealt with in a much more pragmatic way.

Many thanks - Christopher Dale