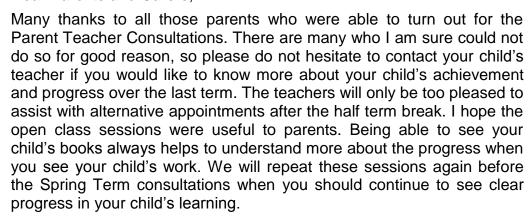
Friday 19th October 2018 St Nicholas CE Primary Academy Weekly Newsletter

Weekly Newsletter
Headteacher: Christopher Dale

Dear Parents and Carers.



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 29th 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 29th 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 7th 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 4th 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 19th

END OF TERM 1

Mon 29th

Children return to school Parent Council at 6.30pm

Gymnastics – Otter class must have PE kit in school

Tues 30th

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 5th

Year 6 Outdoor Adventurous Activity Week at Kingswood

Wed 7th

Yoga – Birch class PE kit must be in school

Sun 11th

Remembrance Service at St Nicholas Church

Mon 12th

Anti-Bullying Week

Fri 16th

Inset Day School Closed

December

Sun 1st

Tree of Love Service at St Nicholas Church 5pm onwards

Thurs 6th

St Nicholas Day School Service at St Nicholas Church 9.30am

St Nicholas House Nonuniform Day

Mon 10th

Whole School Panto

Thurs 13th

KS1 Nativity Performance at 2.00pm

Fri 14th

KS1 Nativity Performance at 9.30am



Attendance – Every Day Counts

It is essential that your child comes to school <u>on time</u> 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 <u>which may include your child.</u>
If your child is absent from School please notify the School on



Our whole-school attendance this week was 93.6%.

01797 363118 or via ParentMail app under 'Notify Absence'.

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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 30th 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

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