

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
**St Nicholas CE Primary Academy**  
**Weekly Newsletter**  
**Headteacher: Christopher Dale**



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week members of the schools Senior Leadership Team have been conducting their monitoring of the teaching and learning across the school. At this time we reflect on what good teaching and learning looks like. Part of the review is for us to look at children's work and see how the learning is progressing. Many parents are surprised that this happens so close to the start of the school year but we want the children to make the best start they can.

When carrying out the review we also look at reading books and while many children are falling back into good habits of reading regularly there are a few children who are not reading as often as they should. Time and time again research shows that learning to read - and to love to read - is directly linked to children's success at school and beyond. Please help your child build their levels of success by spending 10 – 15 minutes per evening to help build up their reading fluency.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale  
**Headteacher**

### Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating Harvest Festival on **Wednesday 3rd October** and would like to invite parents, carers and extended family to **join us at St Nicholas Church for our Harvest Service at 9.30am**. We would also be grateful for support from those who are able to help with assisting the children to the church. Please do speak to your child's class teacher if you are able to help with this.

*This year as in the past we will be supporting both the needy and elderly of the parish. We would be grateful for your support to ensure we are able to help all those in our local community. We would be pleased to accept donations of non-perishable foods, tins or packet foods. If children could bring any gifts in by Tuesday 2nd October morning we would be most grateful.*

Donations will then be divided and prepared for distribution by children in the same afternoon in celebration of Harvest Festival. Please do let us know of anyone who you feel would benefit from the harvest gifts. We hope you will agree that this is a very worthwhile cause supporting people in the local community.



### Dates for your diary

#### October

##### Wed 3<sup>rd</sup>

Harvest Festival Service  
at St Nicholas Church  
9.30am.

##### Fri 5<sup>th</sup>

Year 1 Visit the Old  
School House

##### Sat 6<sup>th</sup>

School Grounds tidy up  
day

##### W/B Mon 8<sup>th</sup>

Science Week

##### Wed 10<sup>th</sup>

RWI Parent Workshop at  
2.30pm and again at  
6.00pm

##### Thurs 11<sup>th</sup>

11+ (PESE Test) results  
released

Year 6 Parents PESE  
Secondary School  
Application Information  
Evening and Kingswood  
Information meeting at  
6.00pm

##### Mon 15<sup>th</sup>

Open Classes Yr R to 6  
(3pm - 3.45pm)

##### Wed 17<sup>th</sup>

Year R Parent Teacher  
Consultations 1.00pm to  
3.00pm

##### Thurs 18<sup>th</sup>

Year R to 6, Parent  
Teacher Consultations  
3.30pm to 8.00pm

##### Fri 19<sup>th</sup>

#### END OF TERM 1

##### Mon 29<sup>th</sup>

Children return to  
school



## 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.



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

Our whole-school attendance this week was 96.5%

Class attendance rates this week			
Hedgehog	94.8%	Rowan	99.1%
Squirrel	99.6%	Beech	98.2%
Badger	97.1%	Birch	96%
Otter	95%	Maple	94.6%
Fox	99.1%	Willow	93.7%
Hare	94.3%	Oak	98.3%
Chestnut	95.1%	Elm	98.5%

Well done this week to

- Squirrel
- Rowan

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

## School Ground Improvement Day

On **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October from 9am to 2pm** we will be holding our second School Grounds Improvement Day. We have a small number of areas we would like to focus on. We will continue with painting and redecorating areas of the grounds used by the children as well removing and clearing some shrubs on the school ground if you are able to support us we would be most grateful.

Please help us by bringing your own tools and paint brushes as we only have a limited supply. If you can spare some time to come and help us improve our outdoor learning areas then we would love to see you.

All help is gratefully received!



## Star Award



Star of the week awards went to:

**Otter:** Alfie T, **Fox:** Jasmine C, **Rowan:** Jaiden S, **Birch:** Hayley TD, **Maple:** Mia T, **Oak:** Freya B-C

## Advanced Notice of Development Day

Further to our dates calendar sent out at the start of term we would like to advise parents of an additional development day which has been arranged for **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018**. We do hope this advanced notice will provide parents with the opportunity to arrange alternative care.

## MacMillan Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our MacMillan Coffee Morning. I am pleased to say we raised £103. We would also like to thank members of the Parent Council for managing this event.

## Road Safety

I would like to thank parents and carers and those drivers who support the safety of our school community by driving and parking responsibly, particularly those who have kept off the zigzags when parking. May I take this opportunity to respectfully remind parents:

- Do not park on the zigzags
- Do not park on single or double yellow lines
- Do not park on the pavements or near the entrances to the school (including the bus stop area)
- Please ensure all children are a safe distance from the road when on the path outside the gate