

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018  
**St Nicholas CE Primary Academy**  
**Weekly Newsletter**

Headteacher: Christopher Dale



Dear Parents and Carers,

I am often asked by parents about the activities they can do at home to support their child and their learning. My reply is nearly always the same, apart from completing the work that may be set by individual teachers to continue to listen to your child read, to learn tables and spellings appropriate to the child's age and for those in Years 4,5 & 6 in particular to do their 'Reading Plus' activities.

Knowing which tables to learn can be difficult. Below is a table which can help parents in knowing which tables to support their child with.

Expectations for times tables for each year group.	
<b>Year 1</b>	Count in multiples of 2, 5 and 10. Recall and use doubles of all numbers to 10 and their corresponding halves. (E.g. 6+6, 7+7, 9+9 & half of 16 etc.)
<b>Year 2</b>	Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 3, 5 and 10 multiplication tables including recognising odd and even numbers.
<b>Year 3</b>	As above and recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4 and 8 times tables.
<b>Year 4</b>	As above and recall multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables up to 12 x 12.
<b>Year 5</b>	Revision of all times tables and division facts up to 12 x 12 along with related questions. (E.g. 1/9 of 63 is 7). Knowledge of Prime Numbers to 19
<b>Year 6</b>	Revision of all times tables and division facts up to 12 x 12. Knowledge of Prime Numbers below 100. Identify common factors and multiples.

The times tables expectations shown above highlight what each child should know as a **minimum** by the end of each academic year. This is in line with **national expectations**. Times Tables Rockstars is another excellent way for parents to encourage your child to learn their multiplication table in a fun way.

Last week on the School Development Day staff were looking at how we as a school can improve the teaching of spellings for pupils. Over the next few weeks you will learn more from Mrs Longman, our English Subject Leader on how we are changing our approach to spelling across the school. As ever we do rely on you as parents to support us with all we are trying to achieve by supporting your child at home with the extra learning every child needs to be able to do their best.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale  
**Headteacher**

**Dates for your diary**

**November**

**Mon 26<sup>th</sup>**  
 National Height & Weight Measurements  
 YR & Y6

**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 1.45pm

Parent Council Forum  
 6.30pm

**Fri 14<sup>th</sup>**  
 KS1 Nativity Performance at 9.30am-  
**have you booked your tickets?**

Christmas Disco  
 KS1 5pm-6pm  
 KS2 6:30pm – 7:45pm  
 letters will be given out next week

**Wed 19<sup>th</sup>**  
 Christmas Jumper Day  
 KS2 Christmas Service at St Nicholas Church  
 9:30am

**LAST DAY OF TERM**

**Children return to school on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019**



## 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:  
**COMPASSION**

Our whole-school attendance this week was 94.1%.

Class attendance rates this week			
Hedgehog	88.3%	Rowan	91.9%
Squirrel	85.2%	Beech	95.8%
Badger	97.1%	Birch	93.8%
Otter	92.3%	Maple	94.8%
Fox	93.8%	Willow	89.6%
Hare	91.4%	Oak	95.9%
Chestnut	97.6%	Elm	93.8%

## Well done this week to

- **Badger**
- **Chestnut**

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

## 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 need to apply for a Reception place**. Applications 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:** Connie P, **Badger:** Ella I, **Hare:** Harley D, **Chestnut:** Beau S, **Beech:** Sophie L, **Maple:** Megan M, **Elm:** Zac C

**Nicholas Bear was awarded to BIRCH!**

## Lantern Parade

As you will be aware the children of St Nicholas have the opportunity to prepare their own lanterns for the Lantern Festival on Friday 7th December.

PLEASE can we ask that ALL KS1 parents send in a CLEAN CLEAR plastic bottle with all LABELS REMOVED so we can ensure every child is able to make their own lantern.

The second KS2 after school workshop takes place on Wednesday 28th November. If your child has been allocated a space you have been notified via ParentMail.

## Other activities taking place at St Nicholas



Year 6 taking part in a Maths event at University of Kent



Year 1 doing their Gymnastics with a Gym coach