

Friday 15th March 2019
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Weekly Newsletter

Headteacher: Christopher Dale



Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite the wet and windy weather a real highlight this week has been our Year 6 pupil's part in the Commonwealth Day Civic Ceremony on Monday.

"The Right Worshipful the Mayor of New Romney, Councillor Peter Coe would like to express his great appreciation of the readings made during our Commonwealth Day Flag Raising Ceremony by pupils from St Nicholas today. They carried out their task with skill and enthusiasm and were very much appreciated by all those present."

We are always very proud of the children's excellent behaviour during visits and events outside school and in the way they represent St Nicholas.

Over recent weeks I have had to send out letters and emails to parents about concerns surrounding online safety. One of the most worrying concerns I received from parents whose children play online video games is whether they may be talking to other gamers who may not be who they say they are. I have now been made aware that parents can download apps for their phone, which allows you to read the comments posted by your child and the replies when they are playing online. These are available for Playstation and Xbox consoles.

Screen Time

The UK Chief Medical Officers recently offered advice for parents to discuss screen time as a family using the following four questions:

1. Is your family screen time under control?
2. Does screen use interfere with what your family wants to do?
3. Does screen use interfere with sleep?
4. Are you able to control snacking during screen time?

For more information, please go to:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-cmo-commentary-on-screen-time-and-social-media-map-of-reviews>

Have a safe weekend.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

PoPA (Parents of Pupils Association)

Huge thanks to all the parents who supported the Tombola and Cake Sale last week and special thanks to those who made or donated cakes. I am pleased to say the amount raised by the tombola over two days was £139.50 while the cake sale raised £95.00. This is a wonderful achievement and the funds will be put towards those items our budget would not otherwise be able to afford. If you would like to be part of the PoPA group please contact Aimee Rayner via email on popa@st-nicholas-newromney.kent.sch.uk

Dates for your diary

March

Mon 18th

Parent Council at 6.30pm

Tues 19th

Active Health Conference
1-3pm at Marsh Academy

Wed 20th

SST Hockey League at
Three Hills (week 1 of 2)

Thurs 21st

Herald Cup vs Palmarsh
Primary School

Fri 22nd

School Class Photos Day

Wed 27th

Year 6 Sailing Group 1

Year R Fun Day at Marsh
Academy

SST Hockey League at
Three Hills (week 2 of 2)

Fri 29th

Mother's Day Open
afternoon for KS1

Spring Term

Last day of term:

Friday 5th April 2019

Summer Term

First day of term:

Tuesday 23rd April 2019

May Day Bank Holiday:

Monday 6th May 2019

Half-term:

**Mon 27th – Fri 31st May
2019**

Last day of term:

Tuesday 23rd July 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.

Our whole-school attendance this week was 95.2%.

Class attendance rates this week			
Hedgehog	88.3%	Rowan	93.9%
Squirrel	90.4%	Beech	96.1%
Badger	92.6%	Birch	93.1%
Otter	92%	Maple	96.4%
Fox	95.9%	Willow	95.6%
Hare	93.2%	Oak	96.9%
Chestnut	96.8%	Elm	97.9%



This term's collective worship focus is:
PERSEVERANCE

Well done this week to:

- Chestnut
- Elm

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

Red Box Project

Many of you will have seen the news this week regarding the success of a secondary school Period Poverty group in the Chancellors recent announcement.



The Red Box Project
A simple scheme, made with love for the young women in our community

For the last 2 years St Nicholas CE Primary Academy has been supporting the Red Box Project. This project aims to quietly ensure that no girl in our school misses school or suffers embarrassment because she has her period. We have provided a safe place for the box in our school and parents and their daughters are made aware of the initiative and how to access sanitary items via trusted members of staff.

We are collecting sanitary towels and new spare underwear (sizes 9 to 12 years) which we will keep a box in our school. If you would like to contribute to this project please bring in your donations to the school office. More information can be found at www.redboxproject.org – Thank you.

Star Awards



Star of the week awards went to:

Hedgehog: Livvy B, **Badger:** Grace E, **Fox:** Alfred D, **Chestnut:** Henley R,
Birch: Lex W, **Maple:** Angel P, **Oak:** Lizzie I

Sports Reports

Cross Country at Three Hills Sports Park

Well done to all who took part in the cross country race on Wednesday. Special mention to our medal winners: Maya (1st), Katy (3rd), Harry (3rd), Oscar (2nd) & Leo (3rd). The Year 3/4 team finished 1st overall & Year 5/6 team finished 2nd overall. Thank you to all who came to support.

Herald Cup

Yesterday St Nicholas took part in the Herald Cup against Sandgate. The final score was 2-2 with the goals from Ryan L-E and Callum D. Congratulations!



BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all the families who supported our Book Fair last week. Due to the success of the fair the school will receive £350 worth of books. We would like to thank you for your support in promoting reading.