

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019

**St Nicholas CE Primary Academy**

**Weekly Newsletter**

**Headteacher: Christopher Dale**



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy St David's Day!

It's been another very busy week at St Nicholas: Year 5 have completed their last hockey session and the Year 2 children had an inter-house Tag Rugby event. Year 6 have been evacuees as part of their WW2 topic work and they also took part in the 'Safety in Action' day with 12 other Shepway Schools. The whole day focussed on some of the challenges they may face as they become more independent and prepare for transition to secondary school.

Today Year 6 parents will find out about the secondary school their child has been allocated. If you need help or advice in accepting your allocation or have not been allocated your first choice, please ask to see either Lisa Baker, FLO who can assist with acceptance paperwork, or me for advice on appeals.

As many parents will know today is the last day for Mrs Dunton, otherwise known to us as Miss Common. She will be starting her maternity leave from today and I am sure many parents, like the staff, would like to wish both parents all the very best, along with a very happy delivery – we can't wait to see **both** your 'sweet bundles of joy.'

We are fortunate to have Mrs Jo Freeman join our EYFS team during Miss Common's maternity leave. Mrs Freeman and I worked together at a previous school and she has been employed at St Nicholas in the past. We are delighted to have her join the St Nicholas team. We have been fortunate to have already had a good period of transition between both teachers which will only benefit the children and parents.

Today parents will have received a letter via ParentMail and Class Dojo on the recent Social Media concerns that have been highlighted recently. If after reading this letter you have any concerns or questions, please speak to your child's class teacher or Miss Franks our Online Safety Leader.

And finally, congratulations to the St Nicholas Football team who drew 2-2 against Hawkinge Primary School in the Herald Cup yesterday evening. Owen J and Oscar W were the goal scorers. Well done to all involved.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale

**Headteacher**

### **Term dates**

Term dates for 2019/2020 are available to view on the school website. Staff Development Days have also been allocated for the year ahead so parents are able to make child care arrangements.

Web link - [www.st-nicholas-newromney.kent.sch.uk/term-dates/](http://www.st-nicholas-newromney.kent.sch.uk/term-dates/)

## **Dates for your diary**

### **March**

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup>**

SST Football at Three Hills

**Wed 6<sup>th</sup>**

Book Fair

**Thurs 7<sup>th</sup>**

Year 5 American Football  
World Book Day character dressing up day

Book Fair and Tombola from 3pm onwards all welcome

**Fri 8<sup>th</sup>**

POPA cake sale, Book Fair and Tombola from 3pm onwards all welcome

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup>**

Year 5 Tri Golf

**Wed 13<sup>th</sup>**

Cross Country at Three Hills

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup>**

School Council Charity Event – Red Nose Day – watch out for more information

**Mon 18<sup>th</sup>**

Parent Council at 6.30pm

**Fri 22<sup>nd</sup>**

School Class Photos Day

**Wed 27<sup>th</sup>**

Year 6 Sailing Group 1  
Year R Fun Day at Marsh Academy  
SST Hockey League at Three Hills

**Fri 29<sup>th</sup>**

Mother's Day open afternoon for KS1

### **Spring Term**

*Last day of term:*

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

### **Summer Term**

*First day of term:*

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019**

*May Day Bank Holiday:*

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

*Half-term:*

**Mon 27<sup>th</sup> – Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019**

*Last day of term:*

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019**

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## Uniform

We would like to kindly remind parents to send children to school wearing the correct school uniform, school sweatshirts no alternative branded items. Children should be wearing black shoes to school and trainers for PE (no coloured laces). Boots can be worn to school on rainy days but a change of shoes must be brought in for classroom wear. Earrings, if worn, should be small studs only and children must be able to remove them for P.E. No other jewellery should be worn. Any nail varnish/gel colour or false nails should be removed before school. No hairbands other than a plain, flat hairband should be worn (no cat ears, unicorn or other types are permitted).

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

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## Upcoming events

### World Book Day

To celebrate World Book Day on the 7th March we will be inviting children (and staff) to dress up as their favourite book characters.

We will also have the Travelling Book Fair at school - More details will follow next week.

Get your thinking caps on for a book character though!

### POPA Cake Sale

**On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March** after school – POPA will be holding a cake sale to raise funds for the school. The fundraising on this occasion will be for books for the school. We can also announce that we will shortly receive our new Chromebooks through previous fundraising made. Thank you to everyone for their support – do contact POPA on their email if you are able to help [popa@st-nicholas-newromney.kent.sch.uk](mailto:popa@st-nicholas-newromney.kent.sch.uk).

### Tombola Day

As part of the schools fundraising we will be holding a tombola at the Book Day event on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March. We have a wonderful selection of prizes. Please bring your pennies along and help raise fund for the school. More information to be provided via ParentMail.

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## Star Awards



**Star of the week awards went to:**

**Hedgehog:** Kallie C, **Badger:** Elliot B, **Fox:** Maddison H, **Chestnut:** Harry D,  
**Birch:** Indiana D, **Maple:** Piper C, **Oak:** Ethan C

**Nicholas Bear was awarded to YEAR 6 – well done!**

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## Volunteering at St Nicholas

St Nicholas CE Academy welcomes volunteers in a range of capacities. If you are interested in volunteering please ask the school office for a volunteer application form and return it to Mrs Turner the Deputy Headteacher. We are particularly interested in recruiting volunteers for reading, but are also open to any offers of support:

**Reading volunteers** - These spend an afternoon a week hearing children read individually and talking to them about their books. We are also interested in hearing from anyone who would be happy to spend an afternoon reading to children across the school.

All volunteers will need to be DBS checked. DBS clearance allows schools to gain access to criminal records in order to safeguard children and vulnerable adults from individuals who may not be suitable for working in schools. There will be a short initial induction for all volunteers.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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## New staff appointments

Last term we appointed two new midday supervisors and are delighted to welcome both Mrs Oates and Mrs Guest. Also, starting next week is Miss Wagland who will be joining us as a Teaching Assistant and Midday Supervisor. We would like to welcome them all to the St Nicholas staff.

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