

Friday 29th March 2019
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Weekly Newsletter

Headteacher: Christopher Dale

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been another very busy week at St Nicholas. The children have undertaken their termly assessments all this week. I have been most impressed by the attitudes and the resilience of the children as they have completed these assessments. At St Nicholas, we believe effective assessment provides information to improve teaching and learning. We give our children regular feedback on their learning so that they understand what it is that they need to do better. This allows us to base our daily plans on a detailed knowledge of each pupil.

This month our Year 6 families found out the school which their child will transfer to in September. This is a process which starts at the beginning of Year 6. At St Nicholas 100% of our families were offered one of their listed preferences. Of all the children who sat the 11+ and the Shepway Test, 50% of pupils were offered a Grammar school place.

As parents of Chestnut class will be aware Miss Amelia Sisk, who has been the school SENCO for the past 18 months, will leave at the end of this term to take up an appointment at another school. We would like to thank her for her contribution to the school during her time with us and wish her every success for the future.

After Easter the post of SENCO will be taken over by Mrs Antoinette Starmer-Smith who has been appointed to the school this term. Mrs Starmer-Smith is currently a teacher at Hythe Bay CE Primary and has a wealth of experience in SEN processes. We are also fortunate that we will again have Mrs Stephanie Wallace to assist us with the transition in SEN matters. I would like to reassure parents that I will be working with both Mrs Wallace and Mrs Starmer-Smith over the next half term to ensure a smooth transition for children, parents and all staff involved. We also plan to undertake a full review with every family in the school whose child is currently on the SEN register.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Comic Relief - Red Nose Day 2019 Appeal

As parents are aware, the school council selected to raise funds this year for the Comic Relief Appeal.

On behalf of the school Council we would like to offer a huge thank you to all the families and children who gave so generously at this year's appeal.

As a school we raised an enormous £420 – Thank you.



Dates for your diary

April

Wed 3rd

Year 6 Sailing – Group 2

Thurs 4th

CLASS PHOTO DAY

Fri 5th

Last day of term

Tues 23rd

St George House non-uniform day

Wed 24th

Year 6 Sailing – Group 3

Year 1 Tri Golf

4-6pm Pop Lacrosse Event at Marsh Academy

Tues 30th

Year 4 swimming lessons begin (week 1 of 8)

May

Wed 1st

Year 5 Tri Golf

Year 6 Sailing – Group 4

Thurs 2nd

Fun Factory – Squirrel, Badger & Otter classes please ensure your child has their PE kit

Tues 7th

Year 4 swimming lessons (week 2 of 8)

Wed 8th

Year 6 Sailing – Group 5

Thurs 9th

Fun Factory – Hedgehog, Hare & Fox classes

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.



This term's collective worship focus is:
PERSEVERANCE

Our whole-school attendance this week was 94.4%.

Class attendance rates this week			
Hedgehog	96.3%	Rowan	95.7%
Squirrel	84.3%	Beech	92.6%
Badger	91.3%	Birch	96.9%
Otter	99%	Maple	96.8%
Fox	96.1%	Willow	94.1%
Hare	94.5%	Oak	99.7%
Chestnut	87.5%	Elm	88.9%

Well done this week to

- Otter
- Oak

Should you need to report your child's absence this must be done by 9am on the first day of their absence. You can use your ParentMail app under "Notify Absence" or you can telephone 01797 363118 and leave a message with your child's name, class and reason for absence. Please do not ring the main office to report your child's absence.

Cake Sale & Own Clothes Day Donations

Thank you to everyone who bought/made and donated cakes, biscuits, cupcakes for today's cake sale, they look fantastic! Also the bring a bottle donations for own clothes day was a big success. Thank you all!

Star Awards



Star of the week awards went to:

Hedgehog: Teddy J, **Badger:** Joseph H, **Fox:** Aarna P, **Chestnut:** Keira H,
Birch: Scarlett G, **Maple:** Molly-Anne G

Key Stage One – Easter holiday homework.

As part of our Easter celebrations next term we will be having an Easter Bonnet parade in school. This will be held on Tuesday 23rd April when we return to school. The children will wear their bonnets to our Easter Service at the Church, weather permitting, for our special parade along the high street, and there will be a prize for the best boys and girls bonnet in each class.

We thought it would be fun for parents to get involved in this with the children at home and therefore the children can choose whichever design they like. It can be a traditional bonnet or maybe a baseball cap or indeed decorating your child's favourite dressing up hat, the choice is endless. Your child can make this independently, with help from an adult, or even from a sibling.

Below are some websites where you can ideas and inspiration for the event.

<http://www.madeformums.com/toddler-and-preschool/4-easy-last-minute-easter-bonnets/29297.html>

<https://www.netmums.com/easter/quick-and-easy-easter-bonnets>

<https://uk.pinterest.com/eleanorrichards/easter-bonnet-ideas/>

Please can the children bring in the finished bonnets on the morning of Tuesday 23rd April. We very much look forward to seeing all the Easter Bonnet creations!

St Georges Day House Own Clothes Day

All children in St Georges House (**Red House**) can come to school on Tuesday 23rd April in red own clothes to celebrate their House Day.