

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019  
**St Nicholas CE Primary Academy**  
**Weekly Newsletter**

Headteacher: Christopher Dale



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another very busy week at St Nicholas and great to see so many children dressed up as a famous book character. Year 4 have been practising their golf skills and Year 5 had a go at American Football this week. The coach reported that our children were a joy to work with.

This week was another successful week in the Herald Cup – congratulations to the St Nicholas players who won 3-1 and showed great determination and sportsmanship. Some great saves were made by Rhys L and well done to our goal scorers – Oscar W and Teddy W.

This term there is a large focus on our reading, as ever, and times tables across the school. All our children from Year 2 upwards are encouraged to use TimesTables Rock Stars (TTRS) so this should be something which is used a lot at home to support children's everyday mathematical learning and understanding.

I would also ask for parents/carers to please continue to support your child's learning at home by listening to them read for a minimum of 15 minutes every day and adding a comment to their home reading journal. This could include a reflection about a character or event in the story, a comment about a particular word or phrase they liked and why, and to record any new words they have learnt at the bottom of the page. This helps us understand what they have done at home.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale  
Headteacher

**Red Nose Day – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March**



Last week the school council met and decided that they would like to raise money for Comic Relief.

The children decided that they would like to do Crazy Hair Day (you can come into school with your hair spikey, back-combed, lots of ponytails,

sprayed different colours - the crazier the better) and wear red to school day. Children can do one for £1 or both for £1.50.

Members of the school council will be at the school gates at the beginning of the day collecting your contributions to this good cause. We really hope that everyone will participate in at least one of the activities to raise as much money as we can for this fabulous charity.

Thank you.

**School Dinners**

Please can we remind parents that school dinners are to be paid on a Monday at the start of the week and not daily as the kitchen has to order food a week in advance. There may not be sufficient food if parents pay daily.

**Dates for your diary**

**March**

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

POPA Cake Sale, book fair & tombola after school

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

Year 5 Tri-Golf

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

Cross Country at Three Hills Sports Park

**Thurs 14<sup>th</sup>**

Herald Cup vs Sandgate

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

School Council Charity Event – Red Nose Day

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

Parent Council meeting at 6.30pm

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup>**

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

**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 (week 2 of 2)

**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:*

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019**

*Last day of term:*

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 **96.5%**.

Class attendance rates this week			
Hedgehog	90.8%	Rowan	96.5%
Squirrel	97%	Beech	96.5%
Badger	96.5%	Birch	93.6%
Otter	91.5%	Maple	99.3%
Fox	95%	Willow	95.9%
Hare	97.7%	Oak	97.6%
Chestnut	97.1%	Elm	98.5%

## Well done this week to

- Hare
- Maple

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

## Upcoming events

### KS1 Mothers Day – Open Classes, Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March

We will be holding our open afternoon for mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters or a family member who wishes to attend on the afternoon from 2pm onwards – Please watch out for more information

### Every Friday – Key Stage 1 – Share a book

Every Friday up until half term you are invited into class from 8:35-8:50am to share a book with your child. Thank you to all those parents and special people that came in this Friday, the children really enjoyed it.

## Star Awards



Star of the week awards went to:

**Squirrel:** Mason F, **Otter:** Layton S, **Hare:** Tobella F, **Rowan:** Sonny W, **Beech:** Douglas H, **Willow:** George C, **Elm:** Jessica H

**Nicholas Bear was awarded to Badgers – Well Done**

## 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.