



Friday 26th April 2019
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Weekly Newsletter

Headteacher: Christopher Dale

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back I do hope all our families had an enjoyable Easter Break. Thank you to all those parents and extended family members who joined us at our Easter Service it was good to see so many of you there. I really enjoyed seeing the children parade down the High Street in their Easter Bonnets; winners are noted below.

I would also like to welcome Mrs Starmer-Smith to the school. Mrs Starmer-Smith has taken over the teaching in Beech class and I am sure she will be a strong asset to the school.

Before the Easter Break we were in the season of Lent which is often a time of reflection. Over the holiday I had a lot of time to reflect on the direction of the school as well as personal matters where a family member was unwell. One thing which struck me was the generosity displayed by our families to help and support others.

Last term we held several fundraising events for both the school and well known charities. The sums raised were not insignificant.

- £295 PoPA cake sales
- £450 Red Nose Day
- £550 Lent appeal for Oxfam and Salvation Army

Over a thousand pounds was raised for worthwhile causes in a time when we are being reminded how little there is for others to have. Thank you for being so generous in all your donations last term.

This term we will be focussing our efforts as a school on narrowing the gap for children who are experiencing difficulties in Reading, Writing and Maths. We will be contacting parents of pupils who we feel need to be aware of the push for support in these areas and would be grateful if parents could support us in the programmes we are putting in place for these children.

Finally, congratulations to our Herald Cup football team who won 6 - 0 against Castle Hill Primary School yesterday evening. Depending on the outcome of the other fixture this evening we could set ourselves up for a semi-final clash with another local school – well done St Nicholas footballers and my thanks to the staff and coaches who have all supported them so well.

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale

Headteacher

Easter Bonnet Winners

Hedgehog: Alexa-Grace M & Buddy L, **Squirrel:** Millie-Mae L & William R,
Badger: Grace E & Harley C, **Otter:** Eva P & Harry H, **Fox:** Maddison H & Ethan E, **Hare:** Alice M & George G

Dates for your diary

April

Tues 30th

Year 4 swimming lessons begin (week 1 of 8)

Speakeasy course for parents/carers begins

May

Wed 1st

Year 5 Tri Golf

Year 6 Sailing – Group 4

Thurs 2nd

Fun Factory –Hare, Badger & Otter classes (please ensure your child has their PE kit in school)

Fri 3rd

Year R Balanceability

Tues 7th

Year 4 swimming (week 2 of 8)

Wed 8th

Year 6 Sailing – Group 5

Thurs 9th

Fun Factory – Hedgehog, Squirrel & Fox classes (please ensure your child has their PE kit in school)

Fri 10th

Year R Balanceability
Year 4 Basketball

Mon 13th – Fri 17th

Year 6 SATs Week

Tues 14th

Year 4 Swimming (week 3 of 8)

Wed 15th

Year 5 Windsurfing – Group 1

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 93.4%.

Class attendance rates this week			
Hedgehog	94.8%	Rowan	90.2%
Squirrel	98.9%	Beech	93.7%
Badger	96.7%	Birch	94.4%
Otter	90%	Maple	92%
Fox	91.9%	Willow	90.3%
Hare	94.9%	Oak	98.3%
Chestnut	91.7%	Elm	93.8%

Well done this week to

- Squirrel
- Oak

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

Star Awards



Star of the week awards went to:

Hedgehog: Aurora M, **Badger:** Tommy S, **Fox:** Orion M, **Chestnut:** Elise B,

Birch: Phoebe H, **Maple:** Millie-May R, **Oak:** Lacey D

Year 2 Parents - Key Stage One SATs

On Monday 29th April at 2:30pm there will be a presentation in the main hall for parents of Year 2 pupils on the Key Stage 1 SATs which children will complete throughout the month of May. The presentation will be led by Mrs Lilly and Miss Wilson. We do hope as many Year 2 parents as is possible are able to attend. For those parents unable to attend the presentation will be placed on the school website.

Year 6 Parents – Key Stage Two SATs

A reminder to all our Year 6 parents that the **Year 6 SATs week is Monday 13th May to Friday 17th May.**

Please do not take your children out of school this week. If your child is ill please contact the school as soon as possible as adjustments **may** be able to be put in place for your child to sit the test at another time. Thank you for your help and support with this matter.

Speakeasy course

Is this for me?

If you're a parent or carer, Speakeasy is for you!

It's a great way to explore talking to your children about a range of subjects around growing up and puberty, keeping themselves safe and healthy relationships. There are 8 weeks with a different subject being covered each week in a fun and interesting way.

For more information or to sign up for our upcoming programme please call or text **Lisa Baker Family Liaison Officer (FLO) on 07530 113107**

Course: Tues 30th Apr- Tues 25th June

Time: 12:45pm – 2:45pm

Venue: Training Room (Mobile) at school

Link to Speakeasy leaflet -

<https://www.fpa.org.uk/sites/default/files/speakeasy-participants-instruction-leaflet.pdf>