

Friday 5th April 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. Year 6 children are working hard towards their SATs tests and are doing really well. Keep up the good work everyone and make sure you are in every day and on time after the Easter holiday so that you don't miss anything important!

On Tuesday Year 2 children put on an assembly for their parents presenting the units of work they have covered this term. It was very well attended, thank you to all those parents who came along. After the Easter holiday break Mrs Lilly and I will be running a parents' meeting for parents and carers of children in Year 2 to provide information on Year 2 SATs. Likewise there will be a meeting for Year 5 parents after the holiday on the 11+ and the secondary school application process. I look forward to seeing many of you there for these very important events.

On Wednesday I visited the Schools & Academies Show at the Excel in London. As ever there were a wide range of companies who were vying for the business of the school but the primary purpose of the event for me was to look at developing our school improvement further.

Over the course of the last year part of our improvement has focussed on you, the parents and I am pleased to be able to share with you the hard work of our Parent Council to date. This evening you should receive the first ever edition of the Parent Council Newsletter. Our Parent Council exists to improve the outcomes for the children at St Nicholas. I hope you are able to see for yourselves how YOUR council has done that for your child. Our parent council continues to grow from strength to strength and if there is anything you would like to discuss then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Have a lovely Easter break.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale

Headteacher

Family Easter Service

The Easter Church Service will take place on **Wednesday 24th April at 9.30am** at St Nicholas Church. All are welcome to join us. As ever we would be most grateful for support from parents/carers who are available to accompany the children on their journey to our annual Easter Service.

PoPA (Parents of Pupils Association)

We would like to thank everyone who supported PoPA last week. This is another parent organisation which is gathering strength in our school. In a time when school budgets face even greater financial hardship, we continue to be reliant on the support of our parents. Thank you to all who have supported PoPA. If you would like to get involved please contact them via our email – popa@st-nicholas-newromney.kent.sch.uk

Dates for your diary

April

Tues 23rd

St George House non-uniform day

Wed 24th

Church Service – 9.30am at St Nicholas

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.

Our whole-school attendance this week was 93.6%.

Class attendance rates this week			
Hedgehog	95%	Rowan	81.3%
Squirrel	98.3%	Beech	91.7%
Badger	95.2%	Birch	96.5%
Otter	93%	Maple	95.7%
Fox	94.8%	Willow	93.7%
Hare	100%	Oak	96.6%
Chestnut	93.9%	Elm	89.6%



This term's collective worship focus is:
PERSEVERANCE

Well done this week to

- Hare - 100%
- Oak

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

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 **Wednesday 24th 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 find 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 Team home 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 Team Day.

School Uniform

A lot of children are coming to school in clothing which is not school uniform. Please can parents ensure their child has the correct uniform. We will be picking up on this after the school holiday and making sure we tackle those who are not keeping to the agreed uniform policy. If you are having issues with uniform please contact the school FLO who will endeavour to help. See details below.

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.

Community Friendship Perseverance Ambition Respect Trust

Please feel free to have a look at the Speakeasy leaflet for more information and to sign up for our upcoming programme, please call or text **Lisa Baker Family Liason Office on 07530 113107**

Course: Tuesday 30th April - Tuesday 25th June 2019

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>

House Points – Term 4

St Augustine	2528	St Nicholas	2178
St George	2083	St Peter	2113

Easter Egg Raffle & 10p Race

A huge thank you to all who have donated toward the Easter Egg Raffle and 10p Race.

I'm delighted to announce that a total of £550 was raised. This will be shared between our two nominated charities – The Salvation Army and Oxfam. Thank you again!

Well done to Oak class for winning the 10p Race! The Easter Egg Raffle is taking place during Celebration Assembly.

PoPA Easter Eggs

This afternoon your child/ren will come home with an Easter Egg that has been bought by PoPA (Parents of Pupils Association) through previous fundraising. Happy Easter!
