



Friday 14th June 2019
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Weekly Newsletter

Headteacher: Christopher Dale

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well what a week it's been. Year 1 completed their phonics screen check. The pupils have done really well and I would like to thank everyone for making it a normal part of their school day.

I was delighted to receive a letter this week from the KCC Director of Education, Matt Dunkley CBE, congratulating the school for its success. I would also like to thank you, the parents, for your kind wishes and cards over the course of the last week; this has meant so much to the staff.

Many of you may have been as surprised as I was last night to see St Nicholas pupils on BBC South East News. Year 4 pupils were taking part in the Folkestone 51 festival. If you haven't seen the coverage, it can be found on the schools Twitter and Class Dojo pages. It's well worth a look.

Continuing our theme of good news, I am delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games GOLD Mark Award for the second year in a row.

The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme launched in 2012 facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport including our Sports Leaders. We also need to thank all the adults who make our competitions possible, especially Mrs Arnold.

To achieve the Gold Award the school has to offer pupils a wide range of sporting opportunities, from two hours of physical education each week to making sure that we fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs. We are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year. We look forward to applying once again in 2019/20!

And finally, I would like to offer my congratulations to Mrs Vidler for her Highly Commended nomination in the 2019 Kent Teacher of the Year Awards. It is richly deserved and testament to the hard work she puts in quietly behind the scenes. Well done Mrs Vidler!

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

June 2019

Tues 18th

Y4 Swimming (week 7 of 8)

New entrants Stay & Play (week 5)

Thurs 20th

Infant Agility Final

New entrants Stay & Play (week 5)

Wk Begin 24th June –

Healthy Living Week

Mon 24th

Tag Rugby 1-3pm at the Marsh Academy

Tues 25th

Y4 Swimming (week 8 of 8)

Wed 26th

Aquila Cup Football tournament at Maidstone

Thurs 27th

Sports Day

KS1 morning

KS2 afternoon

with picnic lunch

Fri 28th

St Peters House – Yellow House – non uniform day

School Nurse - Year R

Hearing & Vision Screening

July 2019

Mon 1st

School Nurse - Year R

Hearing & Vision Screening

Tues 2nd

Saint Josephs School, Lille

France to visit

Thurs 4th

OPEN EVENING

6pm – 8pm



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 95.3%.

Class attendance rates this week			
Hedgehog	98.7%	Rowan	91.7%
Squirrel	95.7%	Beech	90%
Badger	97.8%	Birch	96.4%
Otter	96.2%	Maple	95.5%
Fox	96.1%	Willow	98.4%
Hare	96.8%	Oak	93.8%
Chestnut	100%	Elm	91.7%



This term's collective worship focus is:
TRUST

Well done this week to

- Hedgehog
- Chestnut – 100%

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

Star Awards



Star of the week awards went to:

Hedgehog: Summer A, **Badger:** Harley C, **Fox:** Lillian D, **Chestnut:** Phoenix M, **Birch:** Carneya F, **Maple:** Kai H, **Oak:** Lacey D

Nicholas Bear was awarded to BEECH – Well Done!

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OPEN EVENING

Thursday 4th July 6pm - 8pm

Come and see your child's new class

All families & friends are welcome to attend.

Year Group Trips

Year R - Blue Reef Aquarium – Wed 3rd July

Year 1 - Bedgebury Pinetum – Fri 12th July

Year 3 - Herstmonceux, Tues 2nd July

Year 4 – Dungeness RSPB – Wed 19th June

Year 5 - Museum of Kent Life – Thurs 11th July

Year 6 - Chessington World of Adventures -
Wed 18th July

Year 5 Parents – Kent Test Reminder

If you wish to apply for a Year 7 place at a Kent grammar school you must register your child for the Kent Test. Registrations for the Kent Test opened on 3rd June 2019 and closes 3rd July 2019 for children due to start secondary school in September 2020. **If you do not register your child will not be able to sit the test.**

Shepway Sports Trust Awards 2019

The 2019 Shepway Sports Award nominations are now open.

Please take 5 minutes to nominate OUR school and a member of staff or a pupil who you think has represented the school really well.

You can use the online nomination form which can be found by following the link below.

The deadline for nominations is 16th June 2019

<https://shepwaysportstrust.org/awards/school-sport-award-nomination/>

**VOTE NOW FOR
THE 2019 SHEPWAY
SPORTS TRUST
AWARDS**



#makingsthingshappen

Sports Day.

This year Sports Day will take place on **Thursday 27th June**. Key Stage 1 sports will take place in the morning and Key Stage 2 sports will take place in the afternoon. There will be an opportunity for parents to stay at school during the lunch hour and have a picnic with the children. More information will follow however, I must make parents aware that this event is dependent upon the weather.

Reading Week at St Nicholas – Mon 24th to Fri 28th June

This year our Reading week will have a whole school focus around the book 'The Day the Crayons Quit' by Drew Daywalt. There will be lots of work on this and hopefully you will be able to see much of this on display in the Open Evening.

There are many events taking place – **please see the Book Week flier which is accompanying this weeks newsletter – some of the events include;**

- Dress up a Potato as Book Character competition – judged by Garry Parsons & Josh Lacey. (signed books as prize) on Monday 24th June
- Class Swap on Tuesday 25th when children can hear teachers read their favourite books.
- Lynsey Illet from New Romney Library will be in to speak to the children about the Summer Reading Challenge 2019 on Wednesday 26th June.

Party in the Park

On **Friday 19th July from 11.45am** you are invited to join us for a summer's afternoon of music and much more in the school grounds. Entertainment will be provided by pupils from Reception through to Year 6 in Drama, Dance and Music. This is a great opportunity for us to meet together as a whole school at the end of the academic year and we look forward to sharing our students' talents with as many of you as possible.

The afternoon events will start with a whole school picnic to which parents, grandparents and the wider family are welcome to attend and then be entertained by the children.

This event is dependent upon the weather and unfortunately if it needs to be cancelled we will not have time to rearrange this event.

Times Tables Rock Stars

As parents of children in Years 2 – 6 will be aware we use Times Tables Rock Stars at St Nicholas. This is a great way to help children build on their times tables knowledge. It's also a very easy way of supporting your child in their learning journey at school. Please help us to do this by encouraging your child to do their TTRS learning – all we ask is for 10 minutes a day.

Thank you. Mrs Lee, Maths Lead.

