



Friday 21st June 2019
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Weekly Newsletter

Headteacher: Christopher Dale

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank all the dads (and grandfathers, uncles, brothers and others) who turned up for our Key Stage 1 Father's day afternoon last week. We had without doubt the largest number turn up to school I have ever seen. It made so many children so pleased to see 'their Dad' at school.

Next week is likely to be one of the busiest weeks in the school calendar. We have our reading week and Sports Day events taking place next week and as ever we would be delighted for parents to be part of these events and join in with us. Please see all the events overleaf that are scheduled to take place across the week.

This week coming is reading week. As part of the events in this week we will again be launching our Summer Reading Challenge. If you haven't already done so please get your child registered at the local library - the challenge is to read 6 books in 6 weeks!

I would like to remind all our Year 5 parents that registration for the Kent Test closes on 3rd July 2019. If you do not register your child **will not** be able to sit the test. Please speak to the office if you need any assistance with this. Remember Booklets for the 11+ are also available to purchase via 'Parentmail.'

I look forward to seeing many of you at the events taking place across next week.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they're unwell. But there are Government guidelines for schools that say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

At this time of year we are often confused when a cold can in fact be hayfever. It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or cold. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly. You can still send your child to school if they have a sore throat.

If you do keep your child at home it's important to ParentMail the school on the first day to let us know that your child won't be in and give a reason. For more information on school illness visit the following website - www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/

Dates for your diary

June 2019

Mon 24th

Healthy Living & Whole School Reading Week
Tag Rugby 1-3pm at the Marsh Academy

Tues 25th

Y2 Health & Nutrition Visit
Y4 Swimming (week 8 of 8)
Stay & Play 1:45pm

Wed 26th

New Romney Librarians to launch the summer reading challenge
Y4 Paddle Boarding
Aquila Cup Football tournament at Maidstone

Thurs 27th

Sports Day

KS1 morning
KS2 afternoon with picnic lunch
Stay & Play 1:45pm

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
Beech & Willow Parent Consultations

Tues 2nd

Saint Joseph's School, Lille France to visit
Y3 trip to Herstmonceux

Wed 3rd

YR trip Hastings

Thurs 4th

OPEN EVENING

6pm – 8pm

Fri 5th

Bingo night 7pm onwards

Mon 8th

Whole school transition afternoon



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:
TRUST

Our whole-school attendance this week was 94.3%.

Class attendance rates this week			
Hedgehog	97.2%	Rowan	95%
Squirrel	94.8%	Beech	89.6%
Badger	97%	Birch	91.4%
Otter	90.5%	Maple	96.2%
Fox	97.8%	Willow	90.4%
Hare	97.7%	Oak	97.6%
Chestnut	97.8%	Elm	91%

Well done this week to

- Fox
- Chestnut

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

Star Awards



Star of the week awards went to:

Squirrel: Connie P, **Otter:** Rylee B, **Hare:** Samuel R, **Rowan:** Joseph H,
Beech: Lenny P, **Willow:** Leo D, **Oak:** Milli C

Nicholas Bear was awarded to Year 3 – Well Done!

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OPEN EVENING

Thursday 4th July 6.00pm - 8.00pm

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 - Observatory Science Centre –
Tues 2nd July

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

Year 6 - Chessington World of Adventures –
Thurs 18th July

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.

Mon 24 th June	Tues 25 th June	Wed 26 th June	Thurs 27 th June	Fri 28 th June
<p>Josh Lacey (Author) and Garry Parsons (Illustrator) whole school assembly to start and workshops throughout the day</p> <p>Dress up a Potato as Book Character competition – judged by Garry P/ Josh L. (Signed books as prize) see below for ideas</p> <p>Book signing after school.</p>	<p>2:30pm – Swap classes to hear teachers read their favourite books.</p>	<p>Karen Waddell to do assembly to promote Travelling Books KS1 9am KS2 9:20am</p> <p>Travelling Books arrive (3 for 2 offer) 3-3:30pm</p> <p>PJ story night – 6pm-7pm</p>	<p>*Sports Day*</p> <p>Travelling Books (3 for 2 offer) 3-3:30pm</p>	<p>Book Swap</p> <p>Travelling Books (3 for 2 offer) 3-3:30pm</p> <p>Assembly where classes showcase what they have been doing.</p>

Dress up a potato ideas



Don't forget to decorate/dress up a potato as a book character this weekend. Bring it in on Monday when Garry Parsons and Josh Lacey will choose some winners. Attached are some ideas!

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.

On Sports Day we would like for children to wear a top in the colour which represents their House team (**Red**, **Blue**, **Yellow** or **Green**) if you are not sure which House your child is in please ask the class teacher.



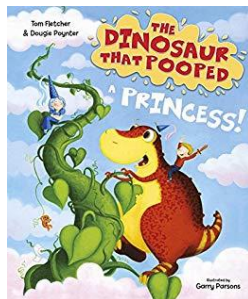
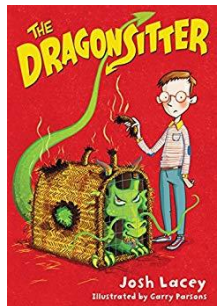
Book Week

Monday 24th June

Author & Illustrator visit

Josh Lacey & Garry Parsons

We are extremely lucky to have Josh Lacey coming in to share his stories. Illustrator, Garry Parsons will also be showing us how to illustrate books.



Book Sale & Signing – 3pm

(Books can be purchased in advance to guarantee availability)

Tuesday 25th June

Teacher Story Time

During assembly, teachers and TAs will share a book they are going to read. At the end of the day, you can go to their classroom and hear it!

Wednesday 26th June

Book Fair

We have the Book Fair coming to school between 3-3.30pm in the infant hall.

Books are 3 for 2.

Please see additional leaflet for further information.

Pyjama Evening

Teachers and TAs will be reading a bedtime story in their PJs! Come along to the Junior Hall between 6-7pm. For parents, refreshments will be provided and the book fair will also be open.

Don't forget to wear your own 'jim-jams'!

Thursday 27th June

Book Fair

Open 3-3.30pm.

Friday 28th June

Book Swap

Bring in a book you no longer read and swap this for another book someone else has brought in. Please make sure these are in good condition.

Book Fair

Open 3-3.30pm.



Potato Book Characters

Children are invited to 'dress up' a potato as their favourite book character.

These must be brought in on

Monday 24th June.

There will be prizes for the best dressed potatoes!