

Friday 7th June 2019
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Weekly Newsletter

Headteacher: Christopher Dale



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone! I hope you all enjoyed the Whitsun break. We have started our summer term with a huge itinerary of events; many of them are detailed in this week's edition of the newsletter. Please take the time to read and digest the contents and add any relevant bits to your home calendar.

Outdoor play is a core part of our daily curriculum. Your children's safety is our priority and we kindly ask you to provide a sun hat for your child each day. We are unable to apply sun creams to the children once in school **and strongly advise that you apply sun cream each morning before the start of the day.** Remember, even on cloudy days the weather can improve! Please ensure **all** items of clothing including hats are clearly labelled! Every week we end up with a large amount of clothing in our lost property box.

I have been asked when the Ofsted report might be available. I am pleased to tell you that the Ofsted report will be coming home with pupils this afternoon and will be published to the Ofsted website next week.

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!

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Shepway Sports Trust Awards 2019

The 2019 Shepway Sports Award nominations are now open.

Please take 5 minutes to nominate OUR school and a teacher 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/>



Dates for your diary

June 2019

Wk begin 10th June

Yr 1 Phonics Screen

Tues 11th

Year 4 swimming (week 6)
Stay and Play (week 4)

Wed 12th

Y5 Windsurfing Group 2

Thurs 13th

Y4 Urban Sports Day at
Three Hills Sports Park
Stay and Play (week 4)

Fri 14th

KS1 Fathers Day afternoon, Fathers, grandfather, uncles and brothers welcome

Mon 17th

Fantastic Fred – all day

Tues 18th

Stay and Play (week 5)

Wk Begin 24th June –

Healthy Living Week
Reading Week

Wed 26th

Aquila Schools football tournament at Maidstone

Thurs 27th

Sports Day

KS1 morning
KS2 afternoon
Stay and Play (week 5)

Fri 28th

St Peters House – Yellow House – non uniform day

July 2019

Tues 2nd

Saint Josephs School, Lille France to visit.



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 93.8%.

Class attendance rates this week			
Hedgehog	96.1%	Rowan	90.4%
Squirrel	93.9%	Beech	92.6%
Badger	98.3%	Birch	98.9%
Otter	94.8%	Maple	92.4%
Fox	90.9%	Willow	94.4%
Hare	98.2%	Oak	93.1%
Chestnut	95%	Elm	87.6%

Well done this week to

- Badger
- Birch

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

Star Awards



Star of the week awards went to:

Squirrel: Darcie E, **Otter:** Eva P, **Hare:** Alice M, **Rowan:** Daisy-May F,
Beech: Maya M, **Willow:** Ellie-May F, **Oak:** Kai A

Nicholas Bear was awarded to WILLOW – 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, Hastings – Wed 3rd July

Year 1 - Bedgebury Pinetum – Fri 12th July TBC

Year 3 - Herstmonceux Observatory –
Tues 2nd July TBC

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 want 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.**

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 flyer which is accompanying this weeks newsletter – some of the events include;**

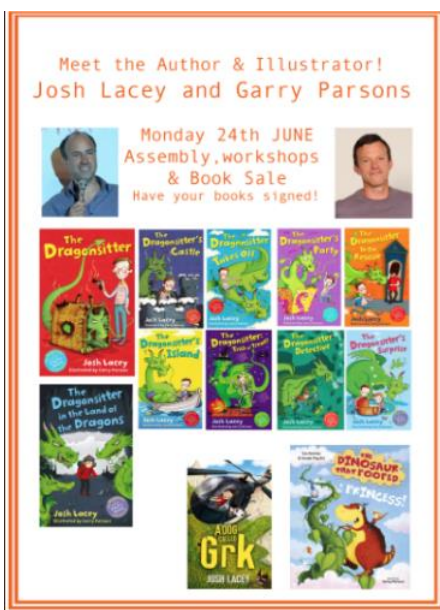
- Dress up a Potato as Book Character competition – judged by Garry Parsons & Josh Lacey. (Signed books as prize) on Monday 24th June
- Class Swap on Tuesday 25th when children can hear teachers read their favourite books.
- Lynsey Illet from New Romney Library will be in to speak to the children about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

Author & Illustrator Visit to St Nicholas

As parents are aware on Monday 24th June we have Josh Lacey (author) and Garry Parsons (illustrator) visiting us for the day to work with the children.

They will be available to sign books on the day of their visit should you wish.

Parents have been sent a ParentMail advising them to pre-order a book to guarantee availability, there will only be a few books available for purchase on the day.



Learning at St Nicholas

This week it was great to see so many of our Year R Parents taking part in the Stay and Learn Maths Sessions on Wednesday afternoon. If you have not already had the opportunity to stay and take part with your child there will be more sessions over the next few weeks, do try and come along.



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.

