

Friday 11th October 2019
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Weekly Newsletter

Headteacher: Christopher Dale



Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to remind all parents of the Parent Teacher Consultations taking place early on after the half term holiday. These meetings are a valuable chance to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss how your child has settled since the start of the year, review their progress and consider their next steps in their learning. I do hope you can attend. Further details can be found below. Please put the date into your diaries.

My thanks to all the Year R parents who have already completed and returned the Year R Parent Induction Questionnaire. If you have not yet returned your questionnaire, I would be grateful if you could do so by Monday 14th October. Thank you.

We continue to collect the Aldi store stickers - giving 20 primary schools the chance to win £20,000. What's more every school who enters by completing their Aldi's Kit for Schools poster will also receive an exclusive school sports kit!

All we are asking is for parents to collect a sticker with every £30 spent in store and fill up our school's poster for a chance to win. We are very near completing our first poster and on track to start a second.

I am also very pleased to be able to report on the schools continued sporting success in this newsletter. It has been a great week with success in our cross country and with three boys being nominated for the Kent Football Trials – my congratulations to everyone involved.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

School Photographer

The photographer will be in school next week on **Tuesday 15th October** for pupil's individual photos. We would appreciate all children being in the correct school uniform. If you would like a photograph of your child with a younger pre-school/older sibling please go to 'The Den' located in the KS1 area from 3pm onwards.

Parent Teacher Consultations – advanced notice

The Parent Teacher Consultations will take place on Thursday 14th November from 3:15pm to 8pm as per the calendar sent home to parents at the start of the school year.

Please make sure you have booked an appointment with your child's class teacher via ParentMail, details to follow after the half term.

There will also be an opportunity for parents to see their child's work before the Parent Teacher Consultation on Monday 11th November from 3pm onwards when all the classrooms will be open to parents.

Dates for your diary

October 2019

Tues 15th

Individual & sibling photos

Wed 16th

Y1 Multiskills at the Marsh Academy

Thurs 17th

Year 6 PESE (11+) results released

Fri 18th

End of Term

Mon 28th

Children return to school

Start of MATHS WEEK

KS1 Maths workshops

Tues 29th

KS2 Maths workshops

Wed 30th

Multiplication

Mastermind afternoon

Thurs 31st

Year 6 secondary school applications close today

November 2019

Wed 6th

Y6 Cathedral Schools Day at Canterbury Cathedral

Thurs 7th

OPEN DAY for prospective YR parents

Mon 11th

National Height & Weight Measurement for YR & Y6 pupils

3-3:45pm Open classes



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 96.4%.

Class attendance rates this week			
Hedgehog	83.2%	Rowan	92.2%
Squirrel	91.4%	Beech	97.4%
Badger	94.2%	Birch	97.3%
Otter	94.8%	Maple	98.1%
Fox	95.2%	Willow	96.2%
Hare	98.4%	Oak	97.8%
Chestnut	99%	Elm	96.5%



This term's collective worship focus is:
AMBITION

Well done this week to

- Hare
- Chestnut

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

Star Awards



Star of the week awards went to:

Otter: Lola H, **Hare:** Jack C, **Chestnut:** Ethan E, **Beech:** Neil S, **Maple:** Sophie L, **Oak:** Kai H

Message from Year 1 Teachers

This term Year 1 have been learning about toys. The children have looked at their favourite toys and learnt about old and new toys. To finish our topic, we would like to invite all parents/ carers & grandparents to join us on **Tuesday 15th October from 1:45pm** to share your favourite childhood toy with us. We very much hope you will be able to come along and we look forward to seeing you with your favourite toy.

Message from Year R Teachers

Foundation Stage classes are changing some of their areas so that the children can have more variety in their learning and playing. They are kindly asking for any donations to help with this. The items they are hoping to receive are pieces of guttering or down pipe, old baking tins, old saucepans and frying pans. If you have any of these items that you no longer need, please take them to either Mrs Jones in Squirrel Class or the main office.

We are also in need of any old pants, knickers, socks and tights that your child may no longer need but which could be used in an emergency when an 'accident' happens at school. If you are having a clear out then we would be very grateful for any donations you may have.

Oxford Owl

All of our children now have access to e-books on their tablets or computers – completely free of charge! For some of the stories, there is also an audio version so children can read along whilst listening to the story being read to them. All you have to do is log onto the website: www.oxfordowl.co.uk Login details are available from class teachers.



Road Safety

I would like to thank parents and carers and those drivers who support the safety of our school community by driving and parking responsibly, particularly those who have kept off the zigzags when parking.



May I take this opportunity to respectfully remind parents:

- Do not park on the zigzags
- Do not park on single or double yellow lines
- Do not park on the pavements, bus stops or entrances near the school

Fantastic Sporting Achievement for the school as children bring home the medals in Cross Country

There was huge success for St. Nicholas Primary Academy at the recent Cross Country Competition at Three Hills Sports Park in Folkestone. The Cross Country competition took place on Tuesday 8th October 2019 as part of the Shepway Sports Trust and Kent School Games.

Against 10 other primary schools and over 100 individual competitors, the Year 3 and Year 4 team for St Nicholas took first place, a huge achievement, with individuals Harry G and Tobella F coming 2nd and 3rd respectively. In year 3 Rose R made her debut on the cross country scene and came a fantastic 4th place.

In the Year 5 and 6 group the St. Nicholas Team came third against a field of over 160 competitors from 10 different schools in the area. Individually in this age group Oscar W took 2nd and Leo N took 3rd place, an amazing achievement against a strong field of competitors.

All 40 children competing from St. Nicholas Primary Academy took a place in the top 30. An amazing result in a competition with over 230 competitors over the age groups. A great performance by and well done to all those who competed.

St. Nicholas CE Primary Academy is very proud of their achievements and have had a lot of success at the competitions held by the Shepway Schools Trust. When asked what the secret to their sporting success their teacher Mrs Arnold commented that it was *“due to their commitment and enthusiasm as well as working hard on their fitness.”*



Football Trials

Three from St Nicholas CE Primary Academy received the prestigious invitation to the U11 Kent County Trials by Kent Schools' Football Association – see photo above.

Rhys L, Oscar W and Max L are all delighted to have been invited to trial for the Kent Under 11 Primary Squad for the 2019/20 season. Inter-county football is the highest level available to players of this age.

The Kent Trials will take place on 22nd October in Maidstone to see if they can be selected for the Kent Squad.

Good luck to these three exceptional football players.

Our aim is that every child in Key Stage 2 will be offered the opportunity to represent the school in a sporting competition during the school year.

Please could we ask that when your child is selected you impress upon them the importance of taking part and helping the team. Unfortunately children have pulled out on the day and this has meant that remaining team members have been unable to secure much deserved 'Team' medals or the school has not been able to take part in the competition.
