



Friday 15th November 2019
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Weekly Newsletter

Headteacher: Christopher Dale

Dear Parents and carers,

It was good to see so many families attend the Teacher/Parent Consultations yesterday evening. Many parents shared with me how pleased they were to hear of the progress made by their child this term which is always pleasing.

This week I was pleased to be able to reward Hare Class with an additional break time. The reason for the additional reward was for being the first class this year to have all children present for the whole week and have 100% attendance! Well done to Hare class.

This evening as announced on Class Dojo you will receive a letter inviting families to take part in our school's reverse advent calendar appeal. The purpose of a reverse advent calendar is to encourage everyone to think about how much we have and to support us in giving something away each day, so as to support other less well-off than ourselves.

Wishing all our families a good weekend.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Poppy Appeal

A huge thank you to everyone who donated to the Poppy Appeal at school this year. I am so pleased to announce the amount raised was £311.29 Thank you to all our families who made a donation.

Below is a photo of the Town Mayor and our House Captains who took part in the Town's Remembrance Service last week with wreaths made by the pupils in Year 1.



The Right Worshipful the Mayor of New Romney, Councillor Paul Thomas, Mayor of New Romney with our House Captains.

Dates for your diary

November 2019

Tues 19th

Y6 Tennis coaching all afternoon

Wed 20th

Y5 Sports Hall Athletics 9:30am-1pm at Marsh Academy

Y3 Group 2 Skiing

Wed 27th

Y3 Group 3 Skiing

Thurs 28th

Y6 trip to Dover Castle

Thurs 29th

INSET DAY –School closed to children

December

Tues 3rd

Y5 trip to Kent Life

Wed 4th

Y3 Group 4 Skiing

Fri 6th

St Nicholas Day – own clothes for St Nicholas House

9:15am St Nicholas Day Church Service – pupils only

Whole school PANTO

Thurs 12th

1:45pm KS1 Nativity performance

Fri 13th

9:30am KS1 Nativity performance

Wed 18th

9:30am KS2 Carol service at St Nicholas Church – families welcome

Christmas dinner day

LAST DAY OF TERM



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.

We presently have 69 families whose children have attendance which falls below 90%. An attendance rate of 90% represents 19 days absence a year. Our young people in this group are missing a month of school per year. If we continue to allow this it would be difficult for those children to achieve their best. I also feel I need to make parents and carers of young people in this group aware that they are likely to be issued with a penalty notice.

Our whole-school attendance this week was 94.3%.

Class attendance rates this week			
Hedgehog	96%	Rowan	96.5%
Squirrel	97.4%	Beech	94.6%
Badger	85.4%	Birch	92.6%
Otter	95.5%	Maple	98.5%
Fox	93.6%	Willow	92.8%
Hare	96%	Oak	94.8%
Chestnut	97.1%	Elm	94.2%

Well done this week to

- Squirrel
- Maple



This term's collective worship focus is:

COMMUNITY

"let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

Hebrews 10:24–25

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

Star Awards



Star of the week awards went to:

Hedgehog: George D, **Otter:** Mason F, **Hare:** Sienna M, **Chestnut:** Thomas W, **Beech:** Thomas W, **Maple:** Ruby L, **Oak:** Oscar W

Cold Weather

Now the weather has turned much colder please ensure your child comes to school wearing a warm, waterproof coat, hat, scarf and gloves. On wet days if your child wears their welly boots to school they must bring their school shoes to change in to. Thank you for your cooperation.

School Dinners

School lunches cost £2.25 per day or £11.25 a week. Lunches must be paid for **on the Monday for the week ahead NOT on the day**. To make a payment please log on to ParentMail under "Payments" then "Shop".

Letters sent home this week

- Reverse advent collection
- Letter for parents in Oak class
- Flu Vaccinations postponement letter

Sports

This week Years 3 and 4 took part in the Sports Hall Athletics event at the Marsh Academy. We had 4 teams entered and competed against two other local schools. Congratulations to Team B who came 3rd and to Team A who came 1st overall.

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Dear Parents/Carers

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Following on from last year we would like to repeat the reverse advent calendar. The items collected will be sent to the local food bank for distribution to the local needy in our community. With the season of Christmas almost here we would like to make the children aware of those in need around us and support the children to be generous in sharing what we have with others.

Items for our reverse advent calendar can be brought to school from Monday 2nd December until Friday 13th December when the items collected will be taken to the distribution centre.

Each day a different class will be asked to bring in one item from the list below and place it in the reverse advent calendar box which will be in the main school hall. Please see the class list below for the day for each class. The list is not exhaustive; however, these are the items that the food bank has suggested as being most useful to families. There are no rules to how much you can bring or which items you bring on which day.

We hope our families would like to take up the challenge of bringing a small item on the day your child's class has been nominated for the reverse advent calendar period.

- Shampoo
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Hair brushes
- Bubble bath/shower gel
- Hand soap
- Christmas crackers
- Packets of Christmas cards
- Table napkins
- Small set of Christmas decorations
- Tea/Coffee
- Sugar
- Party style biscuits
- Bread sauce mix/gravy mix
- Stuffing
- Tins of fruit
- Tins of chicken in sauce
- Tinned meat pies
- Chocolates/sweets
- Pringles/crisps
- Marmalade/jam
- Christmas pudding
- Chocolate log

Date	Class
Mon 2 nd	Elm
Tues 3 rd	Rowan & Chestnut
Wed 4 th	Fox & Hare
Thurs 5 th	Hedgehog & Squirrel
Fri 6 th	Birch
Mon 9 th	Otter & Badger
Tues 10 th	Willow
Wed 11 th	Maple
Thurs 12 th	Oak
Fri 13 th	Beech

Thank you in advance for your support.

Christopher Dale
Headteacher