



Friday 7th February 2020
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Weekly Newsletter

Headteacher: Christopher Dale

Dear parents and carers,

We have had a fantastic week of learning here at St Nicholas. Across the school children have been working on their ideas with the class teachers to develop class reading corners. Next week we have a special visitor who will be working with the children to choose the best book corner in the school – we already have some great examples to share. Hopefully you will see these in the Open Class sessions on Monday!

The Parent/Teacher Consultations will take place next week on Thursday 13th February from 3:30pm to 8.00pm as highlighted in the calendar at the start of the year.

Please make sure you have booked an appointment with your child's class teacher via ParentMail. (Details on this were sent out earlier in the week.) There will also be an opportunity for parents to see their child's work before the Parent/Teacher Consultation on Monday 10th February from 3pm onwards when all the classrooms will be open to parents to review the learning in our community.

As a community of learners our teachers work very closely together within the Aquila Trust to develop the curriculum and ensure that teaching and learning is innovative. This week our teachers came together to look at our schools learning in the Humanities (geography, history and R.E.) as a group of five schools we each shared examples of our children's books with one another. Parents have an opportunity to share in these learning events via class assemblies when the children finish their topic work.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Reminders

Changes...

If you are unexpectedly unable to collect your child from school at home time and arrange for someone different to collect them, please contact the school office for our safeguarding purposes.

PE KITS

PE kits should include a white t-shirt, navy blue shorts/ tracksuit bottoms and black plimsoles/ trainers.

- **Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3:** bring in on the first day of half term and take home at half term holiday to wash.
- **Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6:** bring in on a Monday and take home on a Friday to be washed.

Dates for your diary

February

Mon 10th

Internet Safety Workshop for parents in Junior Hall at 2:15pm
Open classes 3-3:45pm

Tues 11th

Safer Internet Day
Year 4 - Tennis

Wed 12th

Year 3/4 Football at Greatstone Primary School 12:30 – 2:30pm (two teams)

Year 5 - American Football

Year 4 - Tri Golf

Thurs 13th

KS2 Squash Crazy

Year 5 – Hockey

Parent/Teacher Consultations

Fri 14th

Year 2 - Kent Life trip

LAST DAY OF TERM

Mon 24th

Children return to school

Tues 25th

Year 6 Safety In Action at Three Hills

Thurs 27th

Year 6 WW2 Presentation to parents

March

Mon 2nd

Secondary School offers released 4pm

Thurs 5th

World Book Day



Attendance – Every Day Counts

It is extremely important that children are on time for school so that they have a settled and productive start to their morning. When children are frequently late for school this adds up to lost learning time.

Arriving 5 mins late every day adds up to over three days lost each year

Arriving 15 minutes late every day adds up to two weeks absence a year

Arriving 30 minutes late every adds up to nineteen days absence a year

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.

Please be in school on time - lateness affects everyone's learning.



This term's collective worship focus is:

PERSEVERANCE

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Galatians 6:9

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

Star Awards



Star of the week awards went to:

Squirrel: Freddie A, **Otter:** Millie-Mae L, **Hare:** Joseph H, **Chestnut:** Maddie H, **Birch:** Logan O, **Willow:** Emily O, **Oak:** Oscar W

Nicholas Bear was awarded to CHESTNUT CLASS – well done!

Maths Timestables

Our focus on timestables across the schools continues in order to ensure that children have rapid recall of these key facts. We use manipulatives, resources and engaging games to support children's understanding. In Year 4 as parents are able to see from their class DoJo pages, the children have been working hard this term to build their knowledge of multiplication facts and working. Please encourage your children to log in and use Timestables Rock Stars regularly.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING.

Please make a note of the following dates for your diaries;

- **Open Classes – MONDAY 10th FEBRUARY** – this is a chance for parents to review childrens books.
- **Parent/Teacher Consultations – THURSDAY 13th FEBRUARY** – meet with the teacher to see how your child is progressing.

Science week – March 2020

When the children return after the half term break we have planned an exciting science week for the children. The theme of the week will be 'Our diverse planet'. We have lots of activities planned to get the children excited and engaged about science but we need your help!

For the week to run smoothly we need lots of recyclable resources. If you could collect the following over the half term break to send in with your child we would be most grateful.

Items needed are:

Empty (clean) bottles, kitchen roll tubes, cereal boxes, elastic bands, newspapers, tin foil, pieces of fabric – all different types, corrugated card, balloons.

Please watch out for more details on the events and competitions set to take place across the school.

If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals please apply for your child on the KCC website:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals>
