



Friday 24th September 2020
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Newsletter

Headteacher: Christopher Dale

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all our parents and carers who have worked with us over the course of the past week as we introduce our additional measures to keep you and your children safe while on our site. The way in which the changes have been managed by the St Nicholas team has been exceptional and I would like to offer my continued thanks to everyone for making things work so smoothly.

Since Wednesday this week the following measures have been enforced:

- No more than one adult per family will be allowed onto the school site to drop off or collect their child.
- Parents must leave the school site **promptly** and not wait in the school grounds.
- Children **must not** play on the equipment in the grounds at home time
- No secondary school age children will be allowed onto the school site unless they are collecting a sibling.
- Families **MUST** adhere to the drop off and collection times for their child. Teachers will be asked to monitor this situation more closely moving forward.

This week I've been looking at the progress tests undertaken by many of the older children to see what additional measures we are able to introduce to support our pupils for the time they were not at school over the lockdown period.

It will come as no surprise that some of the initiatives we would like to put in place will involve you as parents. Normally we would ask parents to come into school and share our ideas on how you can support your child. Obviously, we are not in a position to do this, so we will be writing to parents with ideas on supporting homework along with videos placed on the website. Please watch out for information on supporting your child with RWI Phonics, reading and our Talk 4 Writing over the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Year 6 Parents - Applying for a secondary school place.

If your child is in Year 6 you need to apply for a secondary school place. Secondary school applications opened on 1st Sept 2020 and **close midnight on 2nd November 2020.**

<https://kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/secondary-school-places#tab-2>

Follow the link above to complete your online application. If you need any help or assistance with this please speak to a member of staff.

Data Collection Sheets

Every child will be coming home today with a brown envelope containing a data collection sheet. Please check the details, if needed make any changes, sign and return the data collection sheet to the class teacher.

Dates for your diary

October

Tues 13th

Individual pupil photos – all day

Wed 14th

Governors meeting 5pm – 7pm

Thurs 15th

The Kent Test (11+)

Week beginning 19th

Maths Week – whole school

Thurs 22nd

Virtual Harvest Festival

Parent Teacher consultations 3:30pm to 8pm – This will be strictly by appointment only

Fri 23rd

End of term

November

Mon 2nd

Children return to school

The Immunisation team will be attending for the FLU nasal sprays.

Year 6 Parents - secondary school applications for your child to start secondary school in 2021 close at 23.59hrs.

Mon 9th

Blue Monday – start of Anti-bullying week

Fri 13th

Children in Need Day – watch out for more details

For all of our most up to date information on term dates please see the school website

www.st-nicholas-newromney.kent.sch.uk



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 many additional interventions are also scheduled for this time, which may include your child as part of our 'catch-up' programme.



This term's collective worship focus is:
AMBITION

Our whole-school attendance this week was 96.4%.

| Class attendance rates this week | | | |
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| Hedgehog | 95.6% | Chestnut | 95.5% |
| Squirrel | 100% | Birch | 92.3% |
| Badger | 100% | Beech | 97.6% |
| Otter | 94.9% | Maple | 94.8% |
| Fox | 99.2% | Willow | 97.3% |
| Hare | 98% | Oak | 96.3% |
| Rowan | 95% | Elm | 96% |

Well done this week to

- Squirrel & Badger
- Beech

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

Safeguarding statement

At St Nicholas our core responsibility is for the safety and well-being of the children in our care. As such we take our responsibility for safeguarding including our statutory responsibilities, very seriously. Only if children are safe and happy are they able to fulfil their potential in their learning.

We achieve this objective by:

- Establishing a safe environment in which children can learn and develop.
- Supporting pupils who have been abused in accordance with his/her agreed child protection plan.
- Raising awareness of child protection issues and equipping children with the skills needed to keep them safe. Pupils are taught about safeguarding as a part of the national curriculum through PSHE, SRE and Religious Education.
- Developing and then implementing procedures for identifying and reporting cases, or suspected cases, of abuse.
- Ensuring we practise safe recruitment in checking the suitability of staff and volunteers to work with children.
- Staff development and learning to recognise children in need of protection.

Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility

In order to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, the school will act in accordance with the following guidance:

Keeping Children Safe in Education 2020

We have a number of policies in place that contribute to our safeguarding commitment including our Child Protection and Online Safety policies. All our policies can be viewed in the Policies section of the school website. We take the safety of our children very seriously, both in the real world and online. You can find out more about E-Safety in the Online Safety section of our website.

What is Safeguarding and Child Protection?

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is defined as protecting children from maltreatment; preventing impairment of children's health or development; ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care; and taking action to enable all children have the best outcome.

Child protection is the protection of children identified as either suffering, or likely to suffer, significant harm as a result of abuse or neglect.

Designated Persons

Our Designated Safeguarding & Online Safety Lead is: Christopher Dale (Headteacher)

Our Deputy Designated Safeguarding leads are: Victoria Turner (Deputy Headteacher), Julie Lilly (Lower KS2 Leader) Amy Pursey (EYFS KS1 Leader) & Antoinette Starmer-Smith (Head of Inclusion)