



Friday 27th November 2020
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Newsletter

Headteacher: Christopher Dale

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another great week at St Nicholas with lots of fantastic learning happening across the school. I am pleased to say you will see many of the children's success in this week's newsletter.

This week brings a change in national restrictions and the knowledge that Kent will move into Tier 3 at the end of the second lockdown. Please be aware the school remains open and children should attend as normal. We believe it is vitally important that children receive the education they are entitled to and are pleased the school will continue to remain open.

As always, we will continue to work with parents and the community to keep everyone as safe as possible. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Huge congratulations to all the children who took part in the different Shepway Sports events. We had 144 children take part in the Year R, Year 1 and Year 2 Multi-Skills sports competition. It was the first time our Reception children had competed in an event and the feedback was really positive. We also had 193 children take part in the Shepway Schools basketball competition. The children really enjoyed taking part.

Our Congratulations to Jaiton and Faith who will be representing St Nicholas in the Y1 Folkestone School Games Multi-Skills Festival. Good luck to you both!

Wishing you all a safe weekend

Christopher Dale

Headteacher

Star of the week awards

Congratulations to all our Stars of the Week winners this week.

Squirrel: Alan S, **Hedgehog:** Luna S

Badger: Kenzie B, **Otter:** Darcie H

Fox: Lola H, **Hare:** Sophia D

Chestnut: Riley B, **Rowan:** Isla L

Beech: Tobella F, **Birch:** Lillian D

Maple: Riley O, **Willow:** Joshua R

Oak: Sam M, **Elm:** Indiana D



Find us on twitter - check out **@St_Nicholas_CEP** and see our sporting achievements on **@cep_sport** & Follow us!

Dates for your diary

Below are key dates for your diary which have been set as reminders via the Class Dojo Events pages;

Friday 4th Dec

9:30am virtual coffee morning

St Nicholas House - non-uniform day. Children in St Nicholas House can come to school wearing something **GREEN** - their House colour

Mon 7th Dec

St Nicholas Day Lunch

Mon 14th & 15th Dec

Christmas around the world celebrations at school

Tues 15th Dec

Rotary Club Father Christmas visit

Thurs 17th Dec

Year Group Christmas Parties

Friday 18th Dec

Christmas Jumper & Christmas dinner day.

End of Term

Mon 4th Jan 2021

Children return to school

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.

Our whole-school attendance this week was 96.1%.



This term's collective worship focus is:
COMMUNITY

Class attendance rates this week			
Hedgehog	95.9%	Chestnut	97.7%
Squirrel	96.2%	Birch	97.2%
Badger	87.1%	Beech	95.5%
Otter	96.8%	Maple	98.1%
Fox	92.4%	Willow	97.2%
Hare	97.2%	Oak	98.5%
Rowan	97%	Elm	98.5%

Well done this week to

- Hare
- Oak & Elm

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

Christmas Cards



Sadly due to COVID rules we are unable to have a whole school Christmas post box as we have in the past.

Instead we will have year group post boxes which will mean children will only be able to deliver cards in their Year group bubble post box. All cards, in line with our risk assessment, will have to be set aside for 72 hours before being handed out. As a result, our **last posting day** for Christmas cards will be **MONDAY 14th DECEMBER.**

Please remember to include first & last name and class on the envelope to ensure we deliver the cards to the right people.

Reverse Advent Collection



This week, families received a copy of the Reverse Advent collection letter for the month ahead.

As a school one of our core values is that of **community**. The idea of community comes from the sense of responsibility we have for each other. In the Bible, God encourages us to take care of our neighbours. We remember the importance of maintaining our relationships with those around us. At this time of year it seems more important than ever that we think of those who will undoubtedly have less than us this year.

Items for our reverse advent calendar can be brought to school from Tuesday 1st December until Monday 14th 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 for the collection day for each class.

Date	Class
Tues 1 st	Elm
Wed 2 nd	Rowan & Chestnut
Thurs 3 rd	Fox & Hare
Fri 4 th	Hedgehog & Squirrel
Mon 7 th	Otter & Badger
Tues 8 th	Willow
Wed 9 th	Maple
Thurs 10 th	Oak
Fri 11 th	Beech & Birch

- Shampoo • Toothpaste • Toothbrushes • Hair brushes • Bubble Bath/ Shower Gel • Hand Soap • Christmas Crackers • Table Napkins • Tea/Coffee • Sugar • Bread Sauce Mix/Gravy Mix • Stuffing • Tins of Fruit • Tins of Chicken in Sauce • Tinned meat/meat pies • Pringles/Crisps • Marmalade/Jam • Christmas Pudding

Many thanks in advance for your support.

Star Readers

We are always looking at how we can improve all children's attitudes towards reading. At home your child needs to read a minimum of 4 times a week.

Reading Plus in Year 4, 5 & 6 will count as 1 read. If they read 4 times a week they will be entered into a prize draw to win a range of different books. This will be drawn before each half term. The class teacher will keep a tally and will also award badges and certificates in class.

Badger: Nieve M, **Otter:** Oliver M, **Fox:** Kieran P, **Hare:** Alexa-Grace M, **Chestnut:** whole class, **Rowan:** whole class, **Beech:** Harley D, **Birch:** Aiden L, **Maple:** Damien H, **Willow:** Harry G, **Oak:** Maya M, **Elm:** Edward M

THE POPPY APPEAL

we would like to thank all our parents for their wonderful support for the Poppy Appeal this year.

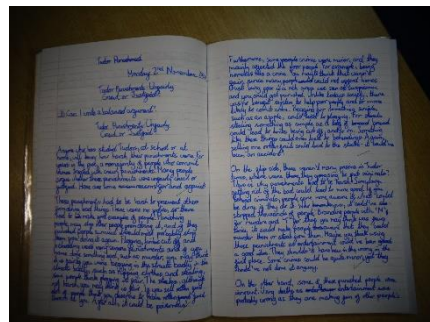
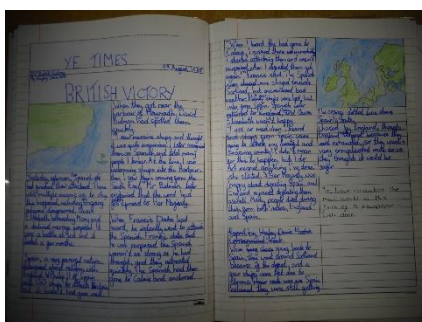
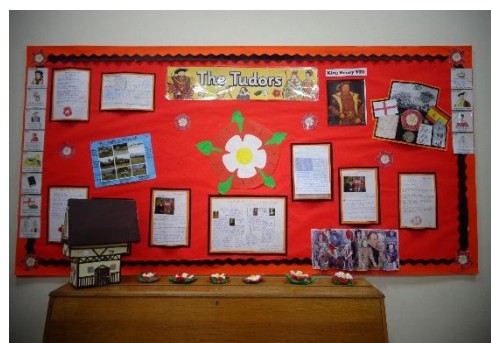
As a school we raised **£416.23** for this year's Poppy Appeal. A truly remarkable effort. On behalf of The Royal British Legion, thank you for such a wonderful effort. Yet again our community has been so giving to those in need. Thank you.

THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION



Year Group Focus

This week we are sharing the topic work completed by Year 6 in their work on the Tudors. I am sure you will agree with me there are some super examples of writing, art and clay work on display from the children in this topic.



Virtual Coffee Morning

9.30-10.30am

Friday 4th December



All Welcome – but please sign up to get an

email invitation, as places are limited

Lisa FLO & Heidi from the Children's Centre –
So grab yourself a cuppa click on your invitation link – and sit



back on the sofa with us for a fun informal chat

To Book a space, please call or text Lisa on 07530 113107 or Heidi on 07970812481

St Nicholas Sporting Success

Y2 taking part in
the Folkestone
School Games
Multi-skills



Year R having a great time using the Balance Bikes!



Well done to all 48 of our Year 1 children that
competed in the Folkestone School Games
Multi-Skills Festival.

Boys Results:

1st Jaiton, 2nd Vinnie, 3rd Charlie and Vince

Girls Results:

1st Faith, 2nd Eva and Mia, 3rd Jessica