



Friday 12th March 2021
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Weekly Newsletter

Headteacher: Christopher Dale

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was so lovely to see all the children return to school this week. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff at St Nicholas for all their hard work and also to thank you for supporting them while working from home during lock down.

I have been pleased with the way in which our systems have worked in welcoming the children back to school. I am most grateful to parents for adhering to our request for wearing masks and maintaining good social distancing. I have had one or two parents however, express concern in the way this has not been adhered to outside the school gates. While this is not in my jurisdiction I feel it is my responsibility to remind parents that we all have a responsibility to work together to keep each other safe and ensure we are not blocking pathways or putting others at risk due to our own actions. Please remember the government guidance: HANDS, FACE, SPACE!



This evening I have sent home a letter requesting all families to support us with home learning. I know this seems a bit much after the remote learning that has happened at home but I hope when you read the letter you will understand the sentiment by which I have asked for your help and support. As a school we have a lot to respond to in ensuring the children do not fall behind in their learning and we do need your help to achieve this.

Wishing you all a safe weekend
Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Star of the Week & Reading Awards

Star of the Week goes to:

Squirrel: Willow U, **Hedgehog:** Ajay C, **Otter:** Vince B,
Badger: Jessica S, **Fox:** Millie-Mae L, **Hare:** Teddy J, **Chestnut:** Violet W,
Rowan: Rylee B, **Beech:** Jude B, **Birch:** Holly W, **Willow:** Eva J, **Maple:** Riley O, **Oak:** Lottie L, **Elm:** Scarlett G

Reading Awards go to:

Squirrel: Isabella O, **Hedgehog:** Theo S, **Otter:** Gracie D,
Badger: Olivia E, **Fox:** Keiran P, **Hare:** Amelia P, **Chestnut:** Mia B,
Rowan: Isla L, **Beech:** Neve F, **Birch:** Reggie R, **Willow:** whole class,
Maple: Chloe R, **Oak:** Maya M, **Elm:** Lucy B

Well done to Otter class with 69% of the class reading 4x a week and well done to Willow class with 62% of the class reading 4x a week.



Find us on Twitter & follow us! check out @St_Nicholas_CEP and see our sporting achievements on @cep_sport

Dates for your diary

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

March

Mon 29th

Start of Holy Week – Rev John will be in school each day this week for services.

April

Thurs 1st

Whole school Easter Breakfast

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April

Mon 19th

Children return to school

Wed 21st

Whole school class photographs

Year 4 Group 1 Stand Up Paddle Boarding

Fri 23rd

St George's House – non-uniform day

26th April to 30th April
Science Week

Wed 28th

Year 4 Group 2 Stand Up Paddle Boarding

May

Mon 3rd

Bank holiday – school closed

Wed 5th

Year 4 Group 3 Stand Up Paddle Boarding

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:
FRIENDSHIP

Our whole-school attendance this week was 98.8%.

Class attendance rates this week			
Hedgehog	98.8%	Chestnut	100%
Squirrel	96.6%	Birch	98.6%
Badger	98.3%	Beech	98.6%
Otter	97.5%	Maple	99.2%
Fox	98.1%	Willow	100%
Hare	98.8%	Oak	99.3%
Rowan	97.8%	Elm	98.1%

Well done this week to:

- Hedgehog & Hare
- Chestnut & Willow

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

Easter Egg Raffle



Don't forget your 20p for the Easter Egg raffle.

Each class has an exciting display of eggs which have been donated. The raffle will be drawn on the last day of term (Thursday 1st April).

The money raised will go towards The Quiet Garden Trust and creating a sensory garden at our school.

Watch out for news on our Whole School Easter Breakfast on Thursday 1st April.

Please find below a list of all the themed weeks set to take place at school.

Science Week – all sorts of science 26th April to 30th April

Topic Week - Geography / Gistory/ IT focus 10th May to 21st May

Arts Week – Art, Drama and Music focus 7th June to 18th June

Healthy Schools Week – A PE focus 21st June to 2nd July

Bastille Day – French language day 14th July

COVID19 Testing – see accompanying leaflet

If you are a member of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of staff or a pupil you can now get a twice-weekly COVID test.

Get a test through your employer. Your workplace may offer rapid lateral flow testing to you. Contact your employer to find out more.

Take a test at a rapid lateral flow test site. You can take a rapid lateral flow test at a local site. Testing at these sites is assisted, which means you will swab yourself under the supervision of a trained operator. You may need to book an appointment.

[Find your nearest rapid lateral flow test site.](#)

Order home test kits online. If you cannot get tested at your workplace or are unable to go to a test site or collect test kits, you can order a home test kit online. Do not order online if you can get a test through other methods. This frees up home delivery for those who need it most.

[Order rapid lateral flow home test kits](#)

Collect test kits. You can collect 2 packs of home test kits at a local collection point. Each pack contains 7 tests. Anyone 18 or over can collect.

Most collection points are open from 1:30pm to 7pm. You can check online if the location is open or busy before you go. You do not need to make an appointment. Do not visit a collection point outside opening hours, as it may be used to test people with coronavirus symptoms outside these times. [Find your nearest home test kit collection point.](#)

Includes Us 2

“Zoom Time” groups for parents & carers of children with a disability or SEN living in Ashford, Shepway & Dover. Providing a relaxed and informal space for parents & carers of children with a disability or SEN to get together “virtually” and access support.

Speakers are regularly invited to these sessions to provide information.

“Zoom Time” virtual meeting dates - March meetings 10am-12pm on Friday 12th and Monday 15th

To log into meetings please use the following Zoom code:

Meeting ID: 965 565 7908

Passcode: 8KxrrE

Meetings will be facilitated by Nicola, The Beacon Family Support Officer. For further information please call 07525 589321.



Ask for ANI

If you are experiencing domestic abuse and need immediate help, ask for ‘ANI’ in a participating pharmacy. ‘ANI’ stands for Action Needed Immediately but also phonetically sounds like the name Annie. If a pharmacy has the ‘Ask for ANI’ logo on display, it means they’re ready to help. They will offer you a private space, provide a phone and ask if you need support from the police or other domestic abuse support services

ParentMail Consent Forms

This year pupils in Years 4,5 & 6 have the opportunity to take part in a free 2-hour water sports taster session at Rye Water Sports. If your child/children are in Year 4, 5 or 6 you have been a sent a consent form via ParentMail. Please complete the consent form by Friday 26th March 2021.

School House’s

All pupils are allocated School House’s, they are: **St Augustine**, **St George**, **St Nicholas** and **St Peter**.

You will have been sent an email this morning via ParentMail to confirm which house your child is in. Own clothes days will be on the “dates for your diary” section of the newsletter and you will receive a reminder email before the day.
