



Friday 26th March 2021
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Weekly Newsletter

Headteacher: Christopher Dale

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's strange to be talking about Easter holidays when it seems the children have only just returned to school, but we hope that over the Easter break you can relax for some well-earned rest, while we also start to reconnect with our families and friends once again.

I think we can all feel that summer is on its way. It was lovely to see our children playing in the sunshine on the yard and school field this week. Please remember that although everyone is now back in school, COVID-19 has not gone away. We ALL need to follow the rules, continue to create space, wear masks and wash hands as much as possible.

Please do not gather at the school gates and please do not stop for a chat with friends – keep moving and keep your distance. By now, we all probably know people who have been affected by COVID and understand that it can affect people in different ways – some may not show any symptoms while others are severely affected. We need to continue to work together to ensure we do not see a rise in cases.

A huge thank you to all our parents who are supporting us and their children in making sure you read with you child for just 10 minutes a day. We can already see the difference it's making – please persevere with this over the Easter holiday.

As there will be no newsletter next week, I would like to wish you all a happy and restful Easter.

Best wishes
Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Reporting Absences

Please can parents note the details below for reporting an absence from school: Call 01797 361906 option 1 and leave a voicemail stating your child's name, class and reason for absence or via ParentMail, click on the the Absence tab.

Changes in Contact Details

Please remember to inform the school in any changes in contact information (telephone numbers, email address, home addresses) as soon as possible. You can inform the School Office on 01797 361906 option 3 or email office@st-nicholas-newromney.kent.sch.uk with new or updated details.

COVID - Lockdown Guidance

Over the Easter period we will be provided with further information on the Government's response to the lockdown recovery roadmap. If there are any significant changes we will inform parents via Class Dojo.

Clocks go forward

On Sunday 28th March we will move to British Summer Time (BST) – at 1am, to be precise. The clocks will move forward an hour.



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

Term Ends

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 **96.1%**.

Class attendance rates this week			
Hedgehog	97.1%	Chestnut	94%
Squirrel	95.5%	Birch	92.9%
Badger	97.4%	Beech	94.5%
Otter	92.5%	Maple	95.8%
Fox	96.9%	Willow	91.2%
Hare	95.2%	Oak	99.3%
Rowan	98.2%	Elm	93.7%

Well done this week to

- **Badger**
- **Oak**

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

Easter Fun



Thank you to everyone who has booked their Easter Breakfast. This event will take place on the last day of term, **Thursday 1st April**. Breakfast will be a hot cross bun and a hot chocolate. Our thanks to **Sainsburys of Hythe** for replying to the Year 6 letters requesting support and sponsoring this even for us.

The breakfast will be held in year group bubbles and the children will be fully supervised by members of staff from their year group bubble. We will open the gates at **7:55am** and **close them at 8:05am** so that children have time to eat their breakfast before we reopen the gates at the normal time for the other pupils.

Thursday 1st April will also be the last day to buy Easter Egg Raffle tickets at 20 pence each. The raffle will be drawn in class that afternoon



Star of the Week & Reading Awards

Congratulations to all our Star of the Week and Reading Award winners this week.

Star of the Week goes to:

Squirrel: Xinyi L, **Hedgehog:** Arthur P, **Otter:** Oliver M, **Badger:** Vinnie T, **Fox:** Boey D, **Willow:** Keelie M, **Maple:** Chloe R, **Oak:** Zac K, **Elm:** Lily-May S.

Reading Awards go to:

Squirrel: Jude W, **Hedgehog:** Nellie R, **Otter:** Joshua B, **Badger:** Lola S, **Fox:** Oliver A, **Hare:** Alphie J, **Chestnut:** Mason L, **Rowan:** Lilly C, **Beech:** Archie R, **Birch:** Lucy H, **Willow:** Alex H, **Maple:** Neil S, **Oak:** Zac K, **Elm:** Devan W

Well done to Otter class with 71% of the class reading 4x a week and well done to Birch class with 80% of the class reading 4x a week.

Reading Plus Leader board – Willow Class 77%

Bushcraft Residential – Year 6 families

The staff held a brief meeting yesterday to discuss the Year 6 Bushcraft residential in May. While we must await the announcements from the government on its recovery road map, it looks more and more likely the residential will take place. Next week we will send out further detail such as kit lists, an itinerary and consent forms which will need to be completed ASAP. Please watch out for all these details from next week and be ready to return important paperwork in a timely manner. Thank you in advance for your help with this.