



**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

**St Nicholas CE Primary Academy**

**Weekly Newsletter**

**Headteacher: Christopher Dale**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Earlier this week the Prime Minister announced that the country will move to Step 3 of the roadmap for the easing of lockdown from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

As a result, from Monday, the following changes will be made to the school's risk assessment.

- Parents will no longer have to wear face masks when dropping off and collecting children. We would however appreciate it if you would continue to support us with social distancing measures as not all adult age groups will have been able to have received their first or second vaccination.
- Face coverings will no longer be recommended for staff in classrooms. However, following government guidance, we will continue to recommend that face coverings should be worn by staff and visitors in situations outside of classrooms where social distancing is not possible.
- Windows and doors will continue to remain open to promote good air flow in shared spaces.
- Good hand hygiene will continue to be promoted to all within the school community.
- Lateral Flow Testing for all staff will continue
- Despite the announcement that schools can now have educational visits, we will not have any school trips other than the outdoor residential for Year 6. – While the government has acknowledged trips can take place, the processes we have to follow are far too burdensome at this time for us to consider any trips to be practical. I do realise this may be disappointing for some of you, but when I consider we are one of a very few schools in our district not to have bubbles collapse I feel we have the correct approach.

As a school we have always worked hard to ensure we do what is safest and appropriate for all in our community when following the guidance and I would like to thank everyone for their hard work in our desire to remain a Covid safe environment.

Have a lovely weekend.

Christopher Dale

**Headteacher**

### **Morning Gates Reminder**

The gates in the morning are open at 8:30am and **close at 8:45am**. The register is taken in class at 8:45am Please do your best to get your child to school in this 15 minute window as lateness causes disruption to the class and embarrassment to your child.



### **Dates for your diary**

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

#### **Mon 17<sup>th</sup>**

Year 6 Bushcraft  
Residential all week

#### **Wed 19<sup>th</sup>**

Year 5 Group 2  
Windsurfing

#### **Thurs 20<sup>th</sup>**

Year 6 return from  
Bushcraft

#### **Wed 26<sup>th</sup>**

Year 5 Group 3  
Windsurfing

#### **Fri 28<sup>th</sup>**

Rev John in school to  
bless the new Worship  
Garden

**St Augustine's House**  
**(Blue)** non-uniform day  
End of Term

### **June**

#### **Mon 7<sup>th</sup>**

Children return to school  
Start of 'Arts' Fortnight -  
Children to link with  
Folkestone Arts Triennial

#### **Fri 11<sup>th</sup>**

Kent Challenger Games  
at the Julie Rose  
Stadium

#### **Mon 14<sup>th</sup>**

Rev John & Governors  
to meet Worship  
Leaders

#### **Thurs 24<sup>th</sup>**

**3pm Current Y3**  
**meeting for parents**  
regarding proposed  
residential to Kench Hill  
in Y4

**6pm Current Y5**  
**meeting for parents**  
regarding proposed  
Bushcraft visit in Y6

## Attendance – Every Day Counts

It is essential that your child comes to school on time every day. Learning begins immediately with **SODA – Start Of Day Activities** 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:  
**RESPECT**

Our whole-school attendance this week was 96.5%.

Class attendance rates this week			
Hedgehog	96.2%	Chestnut	98.5%
Squirrel	97.5%	Birch	97.8%
Badger	95.7%	Beech	96.2%
Otter	95.4%	Maple	95.6%
Fox	95.2%	Willow	95.9%
Hare	94.6%	Oak	99.6%
Rowan	95.5%	Elm	97.9%

Well done this week to

- Squirrel
- Oak

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

## SODA - Start Of Day Activities.



**SODA** provides children with 20 minutes additional learning in the morning, each day, before school starts with focussed learning activities.

This gives children the opportunity to have an additional 1 hour and 40 minutes learning added to their working week in a bid to help support them with lost learning as a result of the pandemic.

During this time children will focus on activities such as; Mental maths, reading, 1:1 spelling, handwriting and possibly some 1:1 tuition. **Please arrive at 8:30am for this additional support in your child's learning and give them that extra chance to catch up in a relaxed environment.**

## 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:** Felicity S, **Hedgehog:** Luna S, **Otter:** Lily C, **Badger:** Ricco Q, **Fox:** Darcie H, **Hare:** Reggie P, **Chestnut:** Sienna M, **Rowan:** Robyn P, **Beech:** Ryan S, **Birch:** Lily P, **Willow:** Aiden M, **Maple:** Sophie B, **Oak:** Natasha B, **Elm:** Janani S

Reading Awards go to:

**Squirrel:** Isabella O, **Hedgehog:** Rose B, **Otter:** Disney J, **Badger:** Jaiton F, **Fox:** Mollie-J L, **Hare:** Amelia P, **Chestnut:** Grace E, **Rowan:** David H, **Beech:** Millie-Grace S, **Birch:** Lehel K, **Willow:** Keira H, **Maple:** Mercy W, **Oak:** Oliver M, **Elm:** Scarlett G

## Year 6 – Bushcraft reminder

Children attending Bushcraft are to arrive at school with their kit at 7:30am. The Year 6 gate will be open and children must go straight to class for registration. Parents are to hand over any forms and medication to the class teacher. The coach will leave at 8:00am.

If your child is not attending Bushcraft they are expected in school as normal.