



Friday 30th April 2021
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Weekly Newsletter
Headteacher: Christopher Dale

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we lead into a Bank Holiday weekend I reflect on the last two weeks of school and can see the children have now settled into their return to school, especially as many of our routines gather pace in line with government restrictions being eased. With this in mind we must continue to follow the restrictions and act with caution 'as life returns to normal.'

This term will see the re-launch of our after-school clubs and by now you should have all received a letter outlining the choices available. We have also started our wider sport activities in school and have seen the return of our water sports with Years 4 paddle boarding and Year 5 soon to begin windsurfing. We have tennis activities and will soon have the younger KS2 groups taking part in golf.

Over the last two weeks we have also moved to phase groups bubbles for outdoor play and lunchtimes. This has been really successful and has meant the children have the opportunity to meet and play with friends they have not seen for some time at school. We continue to maintain year group bubbles indoors and follow the government guidance with regards to maintaining space and washing hands.

All of this shows how we are moving slowly and successfully to a more normal way of working and as a result we will over the coming weeks build up our expectations to reflect a return to normal routines such as uniform, attendance and punctuality.

Have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend – I've never been so excited to have people visit me in my garden!

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Morning Gates



The gates in the morning are **open at 8:30am and will close again 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 often embarrassment for your child arriving late.

SODA - No, not the drinks kind but Start Of Day Activities.



The aim of SODA is to provide children with 20 minutes in the morning, each day, before school starts with additional learning activities. This gives the child 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. 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.**

Dates for your diary

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

April

Fri 30th

Year 2 Tennis

May

Mon 3rd

**BANK HOLIDAY –
SCHOOL CLOSED**

Wed 5th

Year 4 Group 3 Stand
Up Paddle Boarding

Fri 7th

Year 2 Tennis

Tues 11th

Year R Vision screening
& National Child
Measurement
Programme

Wed 12th

Year 5 Group 1
Windsurfing

Fri 14th

Year 2 Tennis

Mon 17th

Year 6 Bushcraft
Residential all week

Wed 19th

Year 5 Group 2
Windsurfing

Fri 21st

Year 2 Tennis

Mon 24th

Start of Arts Week

Wed 26th

Year 5 Group 3
Windsurfing

Year 4 Tri Golf

Fri 28th

End of Term

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



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%**.

Class attendance rates this week			
Hedgehog	98.8%	Chestnut	95.6%
Squirrel	95%	Birch	97%
Badger	97.4%	Beech	95.3%
Otter	93.8%	Maple	95.8%
Fox	97.6%	Willow	97%
Hare	95.2%	Oak	99.3%
Rowan	93.5%	Elm	95.2%

Well done this week to

- Hedgehog
- Oak

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

Advanced Notice - date for your diary

As highlighted last week's newsletter we made parents aware of our intention to hold a face to face parent/teacher consultations. This is set to take place on **Thursday 1st July – Year 1-6 from 3:30pm to 8:00pm Year R from 9:30am to 8:00pm.**

This will be in line with the government roadmap taking us out of lock down which will mean by that time we will be able to hold the consultations indoors. We will of course maintain social distancing at this event. Please place the date in your diary now.

AGHHH! The least welcome part about our return to school is the dreaded NIT!



Head lice and nits are very common in young children and their families. They do not have anything to do with dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact. As a preventative measure it is always a good idea for pupils with long hair to tie their hair back.

Treatment can be via a medicated substance, which requires the whole family to do if the process is to be successful. You can also use an inexpensive conditioner to help keep the blighters at bay!

Late Gate

Starting from next week the school gates will close at 8:45am – this means parents will need to accompany their child to the main office where a member of the school's leadership team will sign them in using the late book.

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: Scarlett P, **Hedgehog:** Bonnie M, **Otter:** Faith K, **Badger:** Ruby-Mae S, **Fox:** Jayden B, **Hare:** Molly S, **Chestnut:** Lenny V, **Rowan:** Matthew M, **Beech:** Freddie S, **Birch:** Lucy H, **Willow:** Elise B, **Maple:** Hollie A, **Oak:** Sam M, **Elm:** Athena M.

Reading Awards go to:

Squirrel: Lucas P, **Hedgehog:** Zahra C, **Otter:** Archie A, **Badger:** Gracie J, **Fox:** Autumc C, **Hare:** Reggie P, **Chestnut:** Jack C, **Rowan:** Bailey M, **Beech:** Tobella F, **Birch:** Ethan E, **Willow:** Brylie H, **Maple:** Ronnie F, **Oak:** Eva A, **Elm:** Lex W.

Well done to BADGER class with 74% of the class reading 4x a week and well done to CHESTNUT class with 100% of the class reading 4x a week. What an amazing achievement!

After School Clubs

Our after-school clubs will be starting from Monday 10th May. Confirmation of clubs letters will be coming home with children today. Please ensure payments are made via ParentMail by Friday 7th May for your child to attend.