

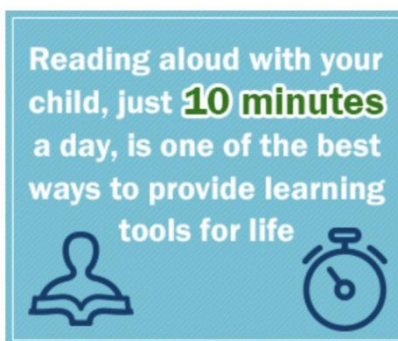


Friday 7th May 2021
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Weekly Newsletter
Headteacher: Christopher Dale

Dear parents and carers,

Well even though we have had a shorter week there has been so much going on around the school. Today we have visitors into our school to review the way we teach and set our phonics. While it is good to have visitors like this, I feel confident they will be pleased with the progress our children have made since returning to school.

One of the things I have asked parents to help us with, is for support in reading regularly with your child. This will ensure they will be able to develop their fluency and speed in their reading. In school we have guided reading sessions every day and the adults in the school are working hard to ensure that all children are heard read daily on top of this teaching. We have already seen great improvements but if we want this to be really successful we do need your support. Thank you.



Over the next week we will be provided with further updates on the government's plans to come out of lock down. If any of these plans have an impact on our procedures at school we will of course let you know

Have a lovely weekend.

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Kabloom seedbombs

New Romney Town Council have supplied Kabloom seedbombs for every family and these will be going home with your child today. The pots contain seeds of flowers specially designed for bees.

Put a little bit of water inside, shake and then throw this bomb where you want to grow some flowers. While the bomb biodegrades, the seeds inside bloom and flourish into a marvellous collection of wildflowers. These types of flowers that grow are ones that are full of tasty nectar; perfect for bumblebees and honey bees.

Seeds included are; Cornflower, Vipers, Bugloss, Wild Marjoram, Red Clover, Borage, Phacelia.



Our School Values.

This terms value is RESPECT. Respect describes what we most want for our community - having respect for ourselves, others and our environment. How we show acceptance and tolerance towards others – celebrating difference and diversity as well as what draws us together as human beings. We recognise how much better we all feel when we live with respect for each other and the world around us.

Dates for your diary

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

May

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 3 Tennis

Mon 24th

Start of Arts Week

Wed 26th

Year 5 Group 3 Windsurfing

Year 4 Tri Golf

Fri 28th

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

End of Term

Year 3 Tennis

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 **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 **96.2%**.

Class attendance rates this week			
Hedgehog	96.1%	Chestnut	97.2%
Squirrel	94.8%	Birch	95.7%
Badger	98.9%	Beech	100%
Otter	92.7%	Maple	98%
Fox	92%	Willow	94.4%
Hare	100%	Oak	95.4%
Rowan	97.7%	Elm	93.7%

Well done this week to

- Hare
- Beech

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

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 often embarrassment to your child.



SODA - Start Of Day Activities.



Please remember **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.**

Parent/teacher consultations will take place on **Thursday 1st July 2021**

- Year 1-6 from 3:30pm to 8:00pm
- Year R from 9:30am to 8:00pm

We will of course maintain social distancing at this event. Please place the date in your diary.

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: Jacob W, **Hedgehog:** Ethan M, **Otter:** Maia J, **Badger:** Oman R, **Fox:** Skye E,
Hare: Aurora M, **Chestnut:** Eric K, **Rowan:** Harley J, **Beech:** Ella J, **Birch:** Jasmine C
Willow: Archie B, **Maple:** Tilly C, **Oak:** Douglas J, **Elm:** Lola B

Reading Awards go to:

Squirrel: Teddy D, **Hedgehog:** Lilly B, **Otter:** Darcie H, **Badger:** Frankie B, **Fox:** Connie P,
Hare: Tommy W, **Chestnut:** Ella I, **Rowan:** Rylee B, **Beech:** Frankie C, **Birch:** Ines B,
Willow: Aiden R, **Maple:** Fraser D, **Oak:** Sophie L, **Elm:** Holly S

After School Clubs

After school clubs begin on Monday 10th May. Please make sure you have made payment for the clubs your child is due to attend through ParentMail. If your child is unable to attend their club please let the School Office know.