



**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021**  
**St Nicholas CE Primary Academy**  
**Weekly Newsletter**  
**Headteacher: Christopher Dale**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school. It's been a very busy first week back and as I write someone has already reminded me that there are only 25 school days left in the year. I find that frightening when I consider how much we have planned for the children and I try to work out how we are going to fit it all in.

This week I have seen an extraordinary amount of art work taking place across the school as a result of our 'Arts Week.' It is my hope that you will also be able to share this with us when you attend the Parent Teacher Consultations which are scheduled for Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July, although we will be subject to government guidance with regards to lockdown easing and this looks less certain at the moment. As always, we will keep you posted as to how this impacts us here at St Nicholas.

I have had a number of parents since we have returned from the half term break ask if there is any chance of trips or activities for the children before the end of the school year. In short, the answer is no. This is due to the reasons regarding government lockdown procedures and the requirements that remain in place for schools until the end of the academic year. Some parents have said other schools are doing events but with respect to those other schools, I have worked hard to protect all the children and staff throughout this pandemic and I am not prepared to drop our guard at this stage.

That said, we will continue to do our sport day events and share the photos and outcomes of all these events via Class Dojo and the newsletter. I do hope you understand my sincere reasons for this.

Have a good weekend.

Christopher Dale  
**Headteacher**

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**Star of the Week & Reading Awards**

[Congratulations to all our Star of the Week & Reading Award winners this week.](#)

Star of the Week goes to:

**Squirrel:** Alan S, **Hedgehog:** Brooke R, **Otter:** Bailey B, **Badger:** Lola S, **Fox:** Boey D, **Hare:** Chase R, **Chestnut:** Freddie T, **Rowan:** Eva P, **Beech:** George G, **Birch:** Ava A, **Willow:** Taylor N, **Maple:** Ronnie F, **Oak:** Lottie L, **Elm:** India P

Reading Awards go to:

**Squirrel:** Jude W, **Hedgehog:** Jacob H, **Otter:** Archie A, **Badger:** Willow B, **Fox:** Skye E, **Hare:** Sophia D, **Chestnut:** Ella R, **Rowan:** Albert C, **Beech:** Archie R, **Birch:** Holly W, Jayme C & Rose R, **Willow:** Frankie W, **Maple:** Damien H, **Oak:** Joshua P, **Elm:** Ruby L



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**Dates for your diary**

**JUNE**

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

Rev John & Governors to meet Worship Leaders

**Wed 16<sup>th</sup>**

Y6 Group 1 Windsurfing

**Tues 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Week 1 Stay and Play session 1:45pm – 2:45pm for New Intake

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

Week 1 Stay and Play session 1:45pm – 2:45pm for New Intake

3pm Y3 parents meeting re: proposed residential to Kench Hill in Y4

6pm Y5 parents meeting re: proposed Bushcraft visit in Y6

**Fri 25<sup>th</sup>**

Coffee Morning for all parents with Mrs Starmer-Smith SENCO & Lisa Baker FLO from 8:30am – 9:30am

**Mon 28<sup>th</sup>**

Reading Week – whole school Author visit & Reading Picnic Lunch

**Tues 29<sup>th</sup>**

Week 2 Stay and Play session 1:45pm – 2:45pm for New Intake

**JULY**

**Thurs 1<sup>st</sup>**

Reading Week Pyjama Day – whole school

Week 2 Stay and Play session 1:45pm – 2:45pm for New Intake

3:30pm – 8:00pm Parent Teacher Consultations

**Fri 2<sup>nd</sup>**

St Peters House (yellow) – 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 Work when many additional interventions are also scheduled for this time, which may include your child as part of our 'catch-up' programme.

Our whole-school attendance this week was 96.6%.

Class attendance rates this week			
Hedgehog	98.9%	Chestnut	98.5%
Squirrel	95.8%	Birch	98.3%
Badger	94.3%	Beech	95%
Otter	95.4%	Maple	93.7%
Fox	95.4%	Willow	96.1%
Hare	99.2%	Oak	99.3%
Rowan	95.5%	Elm	98.2%



This term's collective worship focus is:  
**TRUST**

## Well done this week to

- Hare
- Oak

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

## Reminders

### Year 3 Parents

On **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 3pm** there is a meeting for Y3 parents regarding the proposed Y4 residential to Kench Hill.

### Year 5 Parents

On **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm** there is a meeting for Y5 parents regarding the proposed Y6 Bushcraft residential

## Kent Test – Reminder for parents of children in Y5

You can register for the Kent Test (11+) between **1 June 2021 and 1 July 2021**. You can also register now as well for the Shepway Test – please see the respective grammar school websites.

For more information please see the presentation slides produced by Mr Dale on the Year 5 Class Dojo pages from the meeting earlier this week.

## STEPPING UP INTO SECONDARY SCHOOL – An information course for Year 6 Parents

We have been fortunate to secure 2 course from Kent Adult Education on helping parents understand their child's transition into secondary school.

The aim of the course is to help parents

- Know what to expect when their child gets there
- Learn how to help your child get ready &
- Help your child to be happy and settled.



Courses will be offered via Zoom on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> July 9.30am to 11:30am**. If you are interested in attending on one of these dates please contact Lisa the FLO on the number via the Class Dojo Page or by contacting the school office.

## 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.



## Year 1 Sporting success

Well done to these two Otters, showing our school values during our sports events at the end of last term.

Harlan was awarded his medal for excellent perseverance and for always trying his best!

Vince has demonstrated excellent skills in sports recently, always celebrating others' achievements. It's been lovely to see this!

Great job, super stars!



### **Year R - WE CAN SAVE THE SEA!**

This week 4 turtles visited Year R & taught them how to help save the ocean. They learnt about all the rubbish that can end up in the ocean. The children made posters and wrote about how to help save the ocean.

### **Science club**

This week at Science club we carried out the 'panicked pepper' experiment, made patterns with Skittles and looked at how coco powder is scared of water.



### **Summer weather**

As the weather has thankfully become warmer please make sure your child has a named sunhat with them as well as a full water bottle. If you send in sun cream in please make sure your child is able to apply the sun cream themselves as we are not able to do this for them.

Thank you.

### **School Water Bottles**

We have refillable school water bottles available to buy through ParentMail. They are priced at £2 each and you can choose from either a blue top or a red top. Once purchased your child will receive the bottle in school to bring home.



### **PE Kit Reminder**

As the weather improves and we are able to participate in more events and sports, please can all children have their PE kit in school. This week there were a surprising number of children with no PE kit.