



**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021**  
**St Nicholas CE Primary Academy**  
**Weekly Newsletter**  
**Headteacher: Christopher Dale**

Dear Parents and Carers,

At the start of this week the government announced a 4-week pause to the Step 3 lockdown restrictions. As a result, the Step 3 restrictions remain in place, including the COVID-19 operational guidance for schools and nurseries.

As you will see this means we have had to remove some planned events from the school's diary.

One of the most disappointing cancellations has been the induction for our new Year R pupils who will start in September, but as those who are already with us will know, this is now the second time we have had to make alternative arrangement due to COVID guidance.

Sadly, our Year 6 leaver events will now also have to be cancelled. However, we do have a number of 'in-school' events which will continue to take place and allow them to have good closure as they prepare to leave St Nicholas. Further details will be sent out shortly.

Thankfully the Schools Reading Week and Parent will be able to take place as planned. Our Parent Teacher Consultations will take place on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July as planned as we are able to observe the rule of 6 guidance which means we can have a teacher and 2 parents (wearing facemasks) in a well-ventilated room. Details on how to book and the COVID measures that will be in place will be sent out to all our families soon.

This has been without doubt, one of the strangest times to be a headteacher, however it has always been our desire to work with the guidance and to keep the children and adults at the school as safe as possible. Have a lovely weekend & take care.

Christopher Dale  
**Headteacher**

**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:** George W, **Hedgehog:** Bonnie M, **Otter:** Sofia A,  
**Badger:** Vinnie T, **Fox:** Darcie E, **Hare:** Logan P, **Chestnut:** Sienna M,  
**Rowan:** Ellie M, **Beech:** Frankie C, **Birch:** Aarna P, **Willow:** Elise B, **Maple:** Daisy-May F, **Oak:** Jack A, **Elm:** Caleb A

Reading Awards go to:

**Squirrel:** Pixie G, **Hedgehog:** Luna S, **Otter:** Alexis H, **Badger:** Kenzie B,  
**Fox:** Brihanna B, **Hare:** Callum R, **Chestnut:** Alfie B, **Rowan:** Layton S,  
**Beech:** Freddie S, **Birch:** Lilly M, **Willow:** Jack J, **Maple:** Mason C, **Oak:** Billie-Jo P, **Elm:** Ruby L



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**Dates for your diary**

**JUNE**

**Wed 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Y6 Group 2 Windsurfing

Y3 Tri Golf

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

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>**

Y4 Tennis

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

Reading week – Whole school Author visit today & Picnic Lunch with a Book

**Wed 30<sup>th</sup>**

Y6 Group 3 Windsurfing

**JULY**

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

Reading week Pyjama Day – Whole school

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

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

St Peters House (yellow) – Non Uniform Day

Y4 Tennis

**Wed 7<sup>th</sup>**

Y6 Group 4 Windsurfing

**Fri 9<sup>th</sup>**

Y4 Tennis

**Mon 12<sup>th</sup>**

KS2 JAM on the Marsh

**Wed 14<sup>th</sup>**

KS1 JAM on the Marsh

**Fri 16<sup>th</sup>**

**END OF TERM**



## 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.



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

Our whole-school attendance this week was **96.5%**.

Class attendance rates this week			
Hedgehog	97.4%	Chestnut	93.7%
Squirrel	97.1%	Birch	98.2%
Badger	89.6%	Beech	97.7%
Otter	94.2%	Maple	98.1%
Fox	96.7%	Willow	95.7%
Hare	98%	Oak	100%
Rowan	96.8%	Elm	97.8%

## Well done this week to

- Hare
- Oak

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

## Well-being survey

As a school, we recognise the value of well-being and supporting mental health and are always looking for ways to monitor and improve what we offer. We are going to apply for a well-being award which will recognise the work that we do so we will be sending out a survey next week which we would appreciate parents completing, to help us identify what we are doing well and how we could improve further.

## Reading Week

'Reading Week' will be taking place from **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**. The information below tells you what will be happening in school on each day.

Please make a note of the author book sales after school on Monday. Come to school in your PJs on Thursday and the Sponsored Read. See Class Dojo for the sponsor form information.

Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Sponsored Read Begins Author Visit and Workshops - <b>Ian MacDonald</b> is a recommended <b>author</b> on the School Library Association's Boys into Booklisting. He writes for several well-known educational publishers including OUP's Project Xseries and Rocket Phonics for Rising Stars. His stories are peopled with marauding mummies, strange aliens and skateboarding grannies! Picnic Lunch and Sharing a Story Ian will be available after school on the KS2 playground with copies of his book for sale.
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Follow up activities in school relating to the focus book of the week Teachers will move between classes within their phase to read a book/chapter of a book to the children
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Continue reading week activities in school
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2021	PJ Day – the children will coming into school in pjs and will have the chance to read in groups (drinks and biscuits will be provided) The children will be choosing their favourite books to read to each other or parts of a favourite book
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2021	Final day for sponsored read Class celebrations in school to share their week

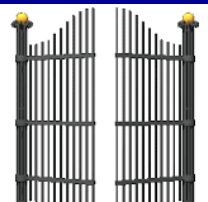
## Reading Week Sponsor Forms

Sponsorship forms will be coming home with your child on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June. Money raised should be returned to your class teacher with your sponsorship form by **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July** at the latest, thank you.

## CLUBS Reminder - next week is the last week of after school clubs.

## 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.



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

We have been fortunate to secure 2 courses 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.

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### **Reminders**

#### **Year 3 Parents**

On **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 3pm** there is a meeting for Year 3 parents regarding the proposed Year 4 residential to Kench Hill, Tenterden.

#### **Year 5 Parents**

On **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm** there is a meeting for Year 5 parents regarding the proposed Year 6 Bushcraft residential

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### **Kent Test – Reminder for parents of children in Year 5**

You can register for the Kent Test (11+) between **1 June 2021 and 1 July 2021**.

If you are entering the Kent Test you should also register for the Shepway Test – please see the respective grammar school websites.

- **The Harvey Grammar** - <http://www.harveygs.kent.sch.uk/admissions/>
  - **Folkestone Girls Grammar** - <https://www.folkestonegirls.kent.sch.uk/index.php/information/theshepwaytest>
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