



Friday 15th October 2021

St Nicholas CE Primary Academy

Weekly Newsletter

Headteacher: Christopher Dale

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have been in touch with Mrs Hall a few times over the past two weeks and she is making good progress, albeit slowly. On Wednesday she was able to take her first few steps since being taken into hospital with the use of walking aids. While it will be some time before she is able to walk unaided, this was such positive news. She asked me to thank everyone for the kind messages of support, cards and pupil's art work which has helped in lifting her spirits and she send her heartfelt love and wishes to you all.

Last week we were fortunate to be joined by Paralympic athlete Millie Knight who worked with children as a result of the school taking part in the Reconnect programme. The programme aims to get more children fit post lockdown. To see what the children were up to visit the KMTV site here: <https://www.kentonline.co.uk/kmtv/video/kent-school-games-launch-campaign-to-get-more-youngsters-fit-post-lockdown-36006/>

On the back of this I would like to congratulate our Y5/6 Cross Country team for coming 3rd and a well done to both Ines and Freya for coming 3rd in the Cross-Country individual races. We were invited along with 8 other local primary schools to take over the fields of Folkestone Academy in an event in which over 100 pupils took part. Well done to everyone who took part (including the parents who took the children) and continued to fly the flag of success for St Nicholas.



Wishing you all a lovely weekend.
Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating Harvest Festival on **Wednesday 20th October** and would like to invite parents, carers and extended family to **join us at St Nicholas Church for our Harvest Service at 9:30am.**

This year as in the past we will be supporting both the needy and elderly of the parish. We would be grateful for your support to ensure we are able to help all those in our local community. We would be pleased to accept donations of non-perishable foods, tins or packet foods. We would appreciate all donations being made before Wednesday.

Donations will then be divided and prepared for distribution by children in the same afternoon in celebration of Harvest Festival. Please do let us know of anyone who you feel would benefit from the harvest gifts. We hope you will agree that this is a very worthwhile cause supporting people in the local community.



Dates for your diary

October

Mon 18th

Year 3 & 4 KIC
Theatre workshop in school

5pm Governing Body Meeting

Tues 19th

Maths workshop day
YR, Y1 & Y2

Year 6 Swimming
(week 3 of 8)

Wed 20th

Harvest Service at St Nicholas Church
9:30am - all welcome

Maths workshop day
Y3 & Y4

SRP Public
Consultation from
3:00pm to 5:00pm

Thurs 21st

Individual pupil school photos

Year 6 - 11+ results published

Fri 22nd

Sponsored Bounce
Maths dress up day – see newsletter for info

End of Term

November

Mon 1st

Children return to school

Year 6 secondary school applications close

Child Flu Vaccinations
Year R to Year 6



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:
AMBITION

Our whole-school attendance this week was 94.6%.

Class attendance rates this week			
Hedgehog	95%	Chestnut	98.6%
Squirrel	94.8%	Birch	92.6%
Badger	96.3%	Beech	96.1%
Otter	96.6%	Maple	90.1%
Fox	85.1%	Willow	95.7%
Hare	96.3%	Oak	97.1%
Rowan	92.7%	Elm	96.3%

Well done this week to

- Otter
- Chestnut

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

Star of the Week Awards & Reading Awards



Star of the Week goes to:

Badger: Brooke R, **Fox:** Sophie M, **Chestnut:** Skye D, **Beech:** Lilly C, **Maple:** Ella J, **Elm:** Jacob R

Reading Awards go to:

Otter: Bruno S, **Hare:** Aleaha B, **Rowan:** Jessie H, **Birch:** Jack C, **Willow:** Aiden L, **Oak:** Stevie P

Congratulations to all our Star of the Week & Reading Award winners this week.

Nicholas Bear was awarded to Year 1 – well done!

School Photographer

The photographer will be in school next week on **Thursday 21st October** for pupil's individual photos. We would appreciate all children being in the correct school uniform. If you would like a photograph of your child with a younger pre-school/older sibling please go to the Library located in the KS1 area from 3pm onwards.

Year 6 - Secondary Transfer September 2022 Admissions

If your child is currently in Year 6 they are due to transfer from primary to secondary school in September 2022. You need to apply for a secondary school place **NOW**. The deadline for submitting applications is **Monday 1st November 2021** at www.kent.gov.uk/ola

If you do not make your application on time the Local Authority will decide which school your child will attend.

Reading

A child's reading skills are important to their success in school as they will allow them to access the breadth of the curriculum and improve their communication and language skills. In addition, reading can be a fun and imaginative time for children, which opens doors to all kinds of new worlds for them.

Why is reading so important?

Studies show that reading for pleasure makes a big difference to children's educational performance. Also, children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests than those who do not, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures.

What difference can I make as a parent?

You can make a huge difference! Parents are the most important educators in a child's life – even more important than their teachers – and it is never too early to start reading together.

Please spend at least 10 minutes a day reading with your child

Child Flu Vaccinations

The Immunisation team will be in school on Monday 1st November 2021, to give the FLU nasal spray vaccination. The online consent portal is available online at <https://childconsent.co.uk/kchft/consent/search>

Don't forget to record your consent or refusal for your child's FLU vaccination before midnight on (27/10/2021). Please use your child's NHS number or legal surname/date of birth/post code to access the form.

If you have any questions or need further information please contact the Immunisation Team on 0300 123 5205.

Maths week – w/b 18th October 2021

There are many exciting activities taking place next week during our scheduled Maths Week they are as follows;

Monday 18th October: Natwest KS2 Money sense workshop (Y2 & Y3 Smoothie Workshop & Y4 – Y6 Save our pennies, save our planet workshop)
Tuesday 19th October: Maths Workshops for Years R, 1 and 2 with Subject Revolution
Wednesday 20th October: Maths Workshops for Years 3 and 4 with Subject Revolution
Thursday 21st October: Happy Puzzle Company workshops
Friday 22nd October: Sponsored Bounce & Maths Dress Up Day

Ideas for dress up day include:



Or check this out for other ideas...<https://www.theschoolrun.com/no-sew-mathematical-costumes-for-maths-week>

Healthy snacks

At St Nicholas we have a healthy snack policy for break times. Therefore, the children are not allowed biscuits or sweets/chocolate as snacks; they may bring in fruit, chopped vegetables, breadsticks or crackers. The children in Year R, 1 and 2 are provided with a piece of fruit as part of the national healthy fruit scheme but you are welcome to provide an additional snack as outlined above. Also, please send a named water bottle in for your child, which should only be filled with water. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this. ***We would also like to remind our families we are a nut free school so please do not send your child into school with any nut based products.***



CONSULTATION: St. Nicholas Church of England Primary Academy, New Romney

The Governing Body of St Nicholas Church of England Primary Academy in conjunction with Kent County Council and the Trustees of Aquila Academy Trust would like to hear your views on a proposal to open a Specialist Resource Provision (SRP) for children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) from September 2022.

The proposal is that KCC will commission up to 14 places within the SRP for primary aged children with an Education and Health Care Plan for ASD. Initially, the commissioned number of places for 2022/23 will be around 4. These places will be in addition to the Published Admissions Number, so will not impact on the number of pupils admitted to the mainstream school.

If you wish to find out more, please follow the link here:

<https://letstalk.kent.gov.uk/st-nicholas-ce-primary-academy>

A public drop in meeting will be held at the school on **Wednesday 20 October 2021 between 3pm and 5pm.**
