



Friday 17th September 2021
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Weekly Newsletter

Headteacher: Christopher Dale

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back after the summer holiday, I hope that you all had a wonderful time. A special welcome goes out to our new families and children; I do hope that you will become actively involved in the life of the school. Our new Year R children have completed their first full week and have settled beautifully.

We hope you are all looking forward to the new year as much as we are! The playground is full of excited chatter; the children are full of news about their holidays and are obviously happy to be back with their classmates. They have settled quickly back into the classroom and do look really smart in their school clothing. Please do ensure that all clothing is clearly labelled – first name, surname and year group is best!

For those of you that are new to St Nicholas Academy, newsletters usually come out every Friday, please do look out for them in your ParentMail inbox, on the school website (www.st-nicholas-newromney.kent.sch.uk). We are trying to be as 'paper-free' as possible; if we do not have your email address, please contact the school office as soon as possible. If for some reason you are not receiving emails, contact us immediately so that we can try to remedy the situation. We also have an active school Class Dojo account which everyone is invited to. If you have not received your invite please see your child's class-teacher. We also keep the wider community up to date with our activities, events and photos of the work happening via our Twitter account **@St_Nicholas_CEP** - which is regularly updated. Please join & follow us.

Finally, please do try to come in to help with classroom activities (grandparents are welcome too!) particularly with our younger children. Please speak to your child's teacher as soon as possible if you can help; enthusiasm is the only qualification! All volunteers will be asked to complete a reference & DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) form for child protection purposes; this is a simple procedure.

Parents have not had the opportunity to be involved in the life of your child's school for nearly two years I hope to see as many of you as possible at future events and seeing you all during the term. Do get in touch with any suggestions you might have.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Sept

Mon 20th

Year 6 Bikeability begins

Thurs 23rd

Choir begins

Fri 24th

European Day of Languages – Whole School

Mon 27th

Year 4 Kench Hill Residential

Tues 28th

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Oct

Mon 4th

Clubs begin (more information to follow)

Tues 5th

Year 6 swimming begins

Tues 12th

Individual school photos

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 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:
AMBITION

Our whole-school attendance this week was 96.1%.

Class attendance rates this week			
Hedgehog	97.7%	Chestnut	93.2%
Squirrel	98.7%	Birch	93.9%
Badger	98.6%	Beech	96.7%
Otter	96.8%	Maple	98.8%
Fox	91.3%	Willow	97.6%
Hare	98.3%	Oak	92.8%
Rowan	99.1%	Elm	97.1%

Well done this week to

- Squirrel
- Rowan

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

Our School Values

Each half-term we explore one Christian Value in depth – see our values at the bottom of the news letter. This term our focus is on the value **ambition**. For us, **ambition** is where we do not settle for the ordinary. We ask challenging questions and are prepared to take risks. By making the right choices, we can be anything we want to be.



We show **ambition** by:

- Believing in ourselves and having an “I can” attitude
- Aiming high
- Showing perseverance in working towards our goals
- Not limiting ourselves

St Pauls said in his letter to the Colossians 3:23 *Whatever you do, do it enthusiastically, as something done for the Lord...*

Perhaps you could ask your child how they might show *ambition* in their learning this term.

School Lunches

As parents are aware we have our own ‘in house’ catering provision. The quality and standard of the meals is exceptionally high and we spend more on the food provision than any of the main catering suppliers.

Last week we served on average 248 meals a day, which is mind blowing. A big well done to Mrs Lucas our Catering Manager and her team and now have our own ‘in-house’ provision.

The charge for a pupil meal remains at **£2.25 per day**. All meals must be paid for in advance on a Monday. This can be paid weekly, monthly, half termly or termly in advance. Payments can be made online through your ParentMail account select Payments > Shop > St Nicholas School Lunch. If a pupil misses meals then any credits will be carried forward. We are a cashless Academy, so we are unable to take any cash payments. **Remember** - if your child has packed lunches you can book for our popular food days on Wednesdays; roast day and Friday; fish and chip day.

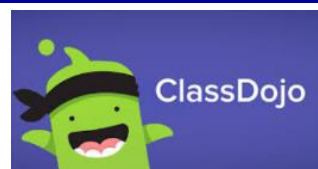
Class Dojo

At St Nicholas we use Class Dojo to keep in touch with you about school events, send reminders and send celebratory messages about learning and community activities.

Some of the features include;

- Class Story - general class news and celebrations, reminders and updates.
- School Story - news from across the school, on the day it happens, informing you about whole school events and other whole school information and updates.

Now the new school year has started many parents will need to log back in to their Dojo Account to be able to see their child's new class. If you have not already done this we suggest you log out and then sign back in, that way the system will find your child's new class.



House Captains

Children have now voted for their Year 6 House Captains. Amongst various responsibilities of showing guests around the school and meeting with Governors, the children will also collect and collate House Points on a weekly basis. House Points are awarded for excellent learning and effort but also for manners and demonstrating the St Nicholas way.



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:

Badger: Beau W, **Fox:** Olivia-Jay D, **Chestnut:** Frankie W, **Beech:** Brooke N,
Maple: Summer-Rae K,



Reading Awards go to:

Otter: Georgia I, **Hare:** Kenzie B, **Rowan:** Darcie E, **Birch:** Riley B, **Willow:** Cayla S

Nicholas Bear was awarded to YEAR 6 – Well done!

Treasure Hunt



St Nicholas has joined forces with Recycle4Charity to raise funds for our school. We are asking all our families to please find used empty printer cartridges and bring them into school. They will be used for recycling and the school will receive money for them – up to £2 per cartridge. **YOU** will be helping the environment with your recycling!

<https://www.recycle4charity.co.uk/>

IMPORTANT

It is vital that we are informed as soon as you know that your child will be absent from school. Please ensure that you leave a message on the **ABSENCE LINE** before 9:30am on the day of any absence (**01797 361906 OPTION 1**) or via the ParentMail app. We need this information for your child's protection so we know that they are safe. In addition, parents or other adults bringing in children late or taking children out of school early are asked to use the School Office so that our signing in/out books are completed as a safeguarding procedure.

And Finally....

We are delighted that at the start of the term we were recognised for all our hard work in developing reading across the school. Today we were presented with the Reading for Pleasure Award for 2021/22 from The Society of Authors. It makes everyone's hard work so worthwhile.
