



**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021**  
**St Nicholas CE Primary Academy**  
**Weekly Newsletter**

**Headteacher: Christopher Dale**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well it's been another fantastic week of learning at St Nicholas. This week I have had the pleasure of reviewing all the English books across KS2 and I must say how impressed I have been with the children's handwriting, content and presentation of their work. I have invited an inspector in to review our work in the coming weeks and feel the standard set for the start of the year is very good indeed.

In Key Stage 1 Read, Write, Inc has started and is firmly embedded in the daily teaching. At St Nicholas this is a consistent, rigorous and dynamic literacy programme to teach EVERY child to read with fluency by the age of six. Using synthetic phonics, children quickly learn to blend letter sounds together following a fun and effective programme. The RWI programme has been proven to be a very successful method of teaching every child to read and write using phonics. Evidence of this can be found in the Ofsted Report, Reading by six: how the best schools do it. I do hope that parents/carers, especially those in KS1 will attend our Reading Workshop next week on how you can help support the learning of phonics and reading at home.

Lastly and unfortunately, I have had to speak to some parents this week about using inappropriate language on the school site. I will not allow this type of language to be used on the school site. As adults we are the role model for our children and as such they will copy and repeat the words we use. It is incumbent upon us to ensure we are careful about the words we use. I'm sure the majority of you will agree.

Wishing you all a restful weekend

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale  
**Headteacher**

**READING WORKSHOP**

On **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September** at 9:00am and again at 6:00pm, Mrs Lilly and Miss Reynolds will be holding a **How to help with Reading and Phonics session for parents/carers.**



The aims of the session are to explain our approach to reading at St Nicholas and also to guide and support you with the phonics scheme we use. Parents of children in Year R will have a RWInc pack provided to them – for FREE and there will be some useful tips on how to use the pack and support your child to be an able and confident reader, which is the foundation of our learning.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE**

**Dates for your diary**

**Sept**

**Mon 27<sup>th</sup>**

Year 4 Kench Hill Residential

**Tues 28<sup>th</sup>**

Year 4 Kench Hill Residential

**Oct**

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup>**

Clubs begin

**Tues 5<sup>th</sup>**

Year 6 swimming begins

**Tues 12<sup>th</sup>**

Individual pupil school photos

Year 1 topic walk to the Old School

Year 6 Swimming (week 2 of 8)

**Mon 18<sup>th</sup>**

Year 3 & 4 KIC Theatre in school workshop

For all of our most up to date information on term dates please see the school website

[www.st-nicholas-newromney.kent.sch.uk](http://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 **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 93.5%.

Class attendance rates this week			
Hedgehog	93.6%	Chestnut	92.0%
Squirrel	92.7%	Birch	96.1%
Badger	92.8%	Beech	96.3%
Otter	94.2%	Maple	97.4%
Fox	96.2%	Willow	92.3%
Hare	87.1%	Oak	91%
Rowan	96.1%	Elm	92.1%

## Well done this week to

- Fox
- Maple

As a school we are dedicated to becoming an Outstanding school, this can only be achieved through the ongoing support of parents. Therefore I would ask parents to assist us by ensuring that children attend school as regularly as possible.

For a child to be successful in their education they must be at school!

Our target for attendance is 96% across the school year. Anything less than 95% will have a serious impact on achievement and children will do less well than they should as a result.

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

## School Lunches

As you will be aware from issues shown on the news there have been a number of issues with regards to delivery of goods. The school is not without its own difficulties in this situation but it has meant in recent days we have had to substitute some items on the menu due to items availability. This has meant we have had to make minor adjustments such as peas instead of sweetcorn. I would like to reassure parents that substitutions will always be sensible alternatives in such circumstances. We can guarantee that Wednesdays will always be 'Roast days' and Fridays 'Chip days'!

## 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:

**Otter:** George W, **Hare:** Archie T, **Rowan:** Evie H, **Birch:** Ronnie H,  
**Willow:** Harley B, **Oak:** Keelie M



Reading Awards go to:

**Badger:** Jacob H, **Fox:** Jack O, **Chestnut:** Logan P, **Beech:** David H, **Maple:** Henry B,  
**Elm:** Damien H

## PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND IN YOUR PRINTER CARTRIDGES

The school has joined forces with Recycle4Charity to raise funds for the 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.

## Old School House – OPEN DAY

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October 10am to 1pm the Old School House will be celebrating its belated 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Teas and coffees will be available. There will also be displays of Victorian toys and what life was like when the Old School was in use – It should prove to be a lovely day out for the family.

## St Nicholas Parent's Netball

Come along and play netball every Monday from 7:30–8:30pm at the Marsh Academy Leisure Centre. You don't need to be able to play, we have fun and get fit. Please contact Miss Arnold if you would like to attend or for more information.