



Monday 4th October 2021
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Weekly Newsletter
Headteacher: Christopher Dale

Dear Parents and Carers,

After a difficult week for us all at St Nicholas, I am pleased to pass on the good news that Mrs Hall has been returned to Kent & Canterbury Hospital. While she is nearer home, it will be a long time before we see Mrs Hall back at school fit and well. She will need a lot of therapy and support to ensure she gets back to full strength. That said, you cannot imagine the joy I felt at the end of last week when I was able to speak with her. The first thing she asked was that I pass on 'all her love to you all.' It's a shame it takes events such as these for us to realise how precious all those around us are. We continue to keep Mrs Hall in our thoughts and prayers in the recovery she will face in the weeks and months ahead.

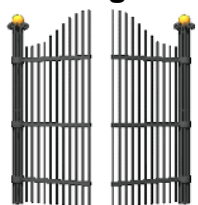
Another reason for joy last week. It was great to see parents back in school joining us for the 'How to support your child with Phonics and reading at home' sessions. We have forgotten what its like to have parents back in school and we will be adding more sessions to help parents as the term progresses. Parents in Year R will all be provided with a Read Write Inc reading pack to help support their child with their learning at home. There is also a link below to show parents and carers how we teach children to read and write with Read Write Inc. Phonics. The films will help you and your child practise together at home.
<https://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/parents-copy-2/>

Last week details were sent on the consultation for future development at St Nicholas CE Primary Academy for the development of an ASD Specialist Resource Provision to be built at our school. We hope that parents take the time to review the consultation and send in their views on the proposal.

Wishing you all a good week

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Morning Gates



The gates in the morning are **open at 8:30am and close again at 8:45am** The register is taken in class at 8.45am Please do your best to get your child to school during this 15 minute window as lateness causes disruption to the class and often embarrassment for your child arriving late.

Old School House – Open Day

On Saturday 9th October 10am to 1pm the Old School House will be celebrating its belated 200th 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.

Dates for your diary

October

Mon 4th
Clubs begin

Tues 5th
Year 6 swimming begins

Sat 9th
Old School House Open Day 10am – 1pm

Mon 11th
Year R church service at St Nicholas Church 9.30am

Tues 12th
Year 1 topic walk to the Old School
Year 6 Swimming (week 2 of 8)

Mon 18th
Year 3 & 4 KIC Theatre in school workshop
5pm Governing Body Meeting

Tues 19th
Maths Workshops

Wed 20th
9:30am Harvest Service at St Nicholas Church – all welcome

Maths Workshops
SRP Public Consultation from 3.00pm to 5.00pm

Thurs 21st
CHANGE OF DATE - Individual pupil school photos

Year 6 11+ results published

Fri 22nd
Sponsored Bounce



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 **92.7%**.

Class attendance rates this week			
Hedgehog	91.9%	Chestnut	88.5%
Squirrel	92.3%	Birch	92%
Badger	98.5%	Beech	84.8%
Otter	95.8%	Maple	97%
Fox	93%	Willow	93%
Hare	93.6%	Oak	86.3%
Rowan	94.7%	Elm	95.6%

Well done this week to

- **Badger**
- **Maple**

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

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 20th October 2021 between 3pm and 5pm.**

Mental Health

We are very aware that mental health is something that many people both children and adults, struggled with over the lockdowns and we are also aware that just because things are beginning to return to normal that many people are still feeling anxious. Please remember that there is guidance and support to be found on the school website and that if you feel you need help and advice Lisa Baker, our Family Liaison Officer is more than happy to assist in any way she can.

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: Rupert R, **Fox:** Joshua B, **Chestnut:** David A, **Beech:** Harley P, **Maple:** Kain R, **Elm:** Neil S

Reading Awards go to:

Otter: Teddy D, **Hare:** Vinnie T, **Rowan:** Oliver A, **Birch:** Ella I, **Willow:** Ines B, **Oak:** Frankie P

Nicholas Bear was awarded to HARE CLASS – well done!