

Friday 5th November 2021

St Nicholas CE Primary Academy

Weekly Newsletter

Headteacher: Christopher Dale



Dear Parents and Carers,

Words. I wonder how often we stop to think about their importance and power?

It is so easy for words to slip out thoughtlessly. Words can be sent off quickly in texts and emails, without reading them through before pressing the send button; and words can be spoken off the top of our heads on the phone without thinking through how they may be received.

This year anti bullying week takes place on 15th to 19th November. No one likes the thought of bullying occurring, yet it is a challenge that every school has to face. Whether bullying focuses on a characteristic such as race, sexuality, disability, nationality, faith or if there is no particular characteristic at all, we should all find it unacceptable. Of course, all good schools and educators challenge bullying wherever and whenever they see it.

This year the theme is **One Kind Word**. Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of people around us.

As St Nicholas, we will be using Anti-Bullying Week to look at the importance of the words we use and ensure the children are taught that derogatory language of any kind, especially terms which are racist, sexist and homophobic, have no part in our school or society and the way we behave and speak is not just something we do for one week but is a choice in the way we live. This is one of the reasons, that 'One Kind Word' has been chosen as the theme of this year's Anti-Bullying Week.

I hope you all have a safe firework weekend.

Yours sincerely
Christopher Dale
Headteacher



Harvest Donations

Thank you for joining our Harvest Celebrations. I am sure you will agree that our pupil's performances, prayers of thanks and wonderful readings all contributed to a very enjoyable service focused on thankfulness and community.

Thank you also for the vast amount of donations which this year we have passed to the Romney Marsh Day Care Centre, where those who are in need will receive the food parcels delivered. Thank you.



Dates for your diary

November

Tues 9th

Year 6 - swimming (week 5 of 8)

Year R - Tri Golf

Fri 12th

Year 3 - Group 2 skiing

Mon 15th – Fri 19th

Anti-Bullying Week 2021

Mon 15th

Odd Socks Day

Tues 16th

Year 6 swimming (week 6 of 8)

Year 1 Tri Golf

Fri 19th

BBC Children in Need Day – details to follow

Year 3 Group 3 skiing

Tues 23rd

Year 6 swimming (week 7 of 8)

Wed 24th

Attendance Tea Party

Fri 26th

School closed to children

Tues 30th

Year 4 Advent Service

Year 6 swimming (week 8 of 8)

December

Wed 1st

Parent /Teacher consultations 3:30pm – 8:00pm

Mon 6th

Year 5 Victorian Christmas at Kent Life museum

St Nicholas Day service at Church



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:
COMMUNITY

Our whole-school attendance this week was **96.9%**.

Class attendance rates this week			
Hedgehog	97.3%	Chestnut	98.9%
Squirrel	97.3%	Birch	95.5%
Badger	95.4%	Beech	97.6%
Otter	95.6%	Maple	97%
Fox	95.8%	Willow	99.2%
Hare	95.4%	Oak	97.5%
Rowan	97.5%	Elm	96.6%

Well done this week to

- Hedgehog & Squirrel
- Willow

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



Star of the Week goes to:

Hedgehog: Jaxon C, **Badger:** CJ S, **Fox:** Joey W, **Rowan:** Ernest P,
Beech: Matthew M, **Maple:** Harley D, **Elm:** Thomas W

Reading Awards go to:

Squirrel: Olly I, **Otter:** Jacob W, **Hare:** Gracie J, **Chestnut:** Livvy B,
Birch: Ronnie H, **Willow:** Aiden M, **Oak:** Eva J

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

Odd Socks Day – Monday 15th November

Odd Socks Day is held to kick off Anti-Bullying Week. This day helps us to recognise that everyone is unique and different, and that we all need kindness and respect. The Anti-Bullying Alliance patron, CBBC and CBeebies star Andy Day, will also be releasing a song to celebrate 'Odd Socks Day' with his band Andy and the Odd Socks on the day. You can find out more [here](#).



Parent Teacher Consultations – Wednesday 1st December 2021

Parent Teacher Consultations will take place on Wednesday 1st December. Bookings must be made through ParentMail and will open on Monday 22nd November at 10am.

Starting School - Reception 2022?

We will be holding a series of open sessions for parents looking for a Reception place for September 2022.

This is an opportunity to meet the Headteacher, tour the school and see Reception classes in action.

Visits to the school can be booked on:

Monday 15th November at 9:45am & 1:30pm
Wednesday 17th November at 9:45am & 6:00pm
Monday 22nd November at 1:30pm
Wednesday 12th January 2022 at 9:45am

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Is your child starting school in
September 2022?

Parents and families are welcome to visit our school and wonderful grounds by appointment.

See our website for a video of the school in action

www.st-nicholas-newromney.kent.sch.uk

Contact: office @st-nicholas-newromney.kent.sch.uk or
Tel: 01797 361906

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"The school's work to promote pupils' personal development, welfare and behaviour is **outstanding**" - OFSTED



Poppy Appeal

From Monday 8th November we will have items for sale in aid of the Poppy Appeal during school hours. Pupils may bring money into school during the week in an envelope marked with their name.

"Learning, loving and encouraging through Christ"

HAVING A CELEBRATION?



HALL

HIRE

Available

ST NICHOLAS CE PRIMARY ACADEMY

Fairfield Road, New Romney, Kent, TN28 8BP

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OFFICE FOR MORE DETAILS - 01797 361906