



**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022**  
**St Nicholas CE Primary Academy**  
**Weekly Newsletter**

**Headteacher: Christopher Dale**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As always it has been an exciting week of learning across the school and the children have been thoroughly engaged with their learning activities in class. Children across the school have been working on a range of writing projects using different media to support them, such as drama and technology. Year 3 have been learning about the Romans and have produced some wonderful writing on Romulus and Remus. Year 4 are learning about Sound in Science and in their History, they have been learning about Howard Carter and found out what it is like to do some detecting themselves.



Year R also had a go at using chopsticks as they learned more about the Lunar New Year. Next week I'm looking forward to seeing the work produced by Years 5 & 6 when they have a drama workshop to support their understanding of a character's feelings in their WWII work and that of Alex Rider from the Stormbreaker novels.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Yours sincerely  
**Christopher Dale**  
**Headteacher**

**Free School Meals**

Although children in Year R, 1 and 2 receive Universal Free School Meals, the school receives additional funding for children eligible for Free School Meals.

Your child may be able to get Free School Meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance,
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support Under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190).
- Universal credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

You can apply here: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-schoolmeals/kent>

Please do speak to the FLO/Office if you would like support with this or more information. If your child is already eligible, you do not need to reapply.



**Dates for your diary**

**February**

- Mon 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Y5 & Y6 Drama workshops
- Tues 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Y5 Swimming (4 of 8)  
Y1 Tag rugby
- Wed 9<sup>th</sup>**  
Year 4 JAM after school choir 3-4pm
- Fri 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Year 6 WWII day  
**LAST DAY OF TERM**
- Mon 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Children return to school
- Tues 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
Y5 Swimming (5 of 8)
- Wed 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
Year 4 JAM after school choir 3-4pm
- March**
- Tues 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Y5 Swimming (6 of 8)
- Wed 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
Y5 Ash Wednesday Service  
Year 4 JAM after school choir 3-4pm
- Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
World Book Day
- Tues 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Y5 Swimming (7 of 8)
- Wed 9<sup>th</sup>**  
Year 3 Roman Workshop Day

## Star of the Week & Reading Awards



**Star of the week awards went to:**

**Hedgehog:** Jackson B, **Otter:** Bruno S, **Fox:** Jack O, **Rowan:** Tilley J, **Beech:** Eva P,  
**Willow:** Jasmine C, **Elm:** Mason C

**Reading Awards went to:**

**Hedgehog:** George E, **Squirrel:** Olivia B, **Badger:** Jacob R, **Hare:** Archie T, **Chestnut:** Callum R,  
**Birch:** Rylie W, **Maple:** Teddy V, **Oak:** Honor F

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### Meeting a members of the St Nicholas Team – Mrs Lee Upper KS2 Phase Lead.



I am a Year 6 teacher and Upper Key Stage 2 Phase Lead. I have been teaching at St Nicholas for nearly 6 years now and I am really proud of how the school has gone from strength to strength in recent years. In addition to being a class teacher, I am also responsible for leading Mathematics across the school. Maths is something that I am extremely passionate about and it fills me with great joy when the children stop me to tell me about what they have been learning about. As someone who found

Maths difficult at primary school myself, I am keen to ensure that every child is able to find success and increase their confidence within the subject. I look forward to working alongside parents in the future to further develop links in Maths between home and school. Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) are another passion of mine and I cannot wait to share all of the exciting plans that we have with our link school in France. As always, if you have any questions for me, please do not hesitate in contacting me. [hlee@st-nicholas-newromney.kent.sch.uk](mailto:hlee@st-nicholas-newromney.kent.sch.uk)

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### Parental Engagement Sessions

After half term we will start opening the school up to parents again while continuing to be mindful of the government guidance at the time. We would like to get parents back into school see what learning is taking place across the school as a way of helping **you** to support your child's learning.

We would like to start by inviting our Year R parents back with weekly 'Stay and Read' sessions every Thursday morning starting after half term.

Focus	Date	Time	Details
Reception	Thursday's	8.30am – 9.00am	Stay and read
KS2	Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> March	2.15pm – 3.00pm	Spellings & TTRS
Inclusion	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	8.45am – 9.30am	Coffee Morning
Adult Education	26/4 to 24/5/22	12.45pm to 2.45pm	Managing Children's Behaviour
Adult Education	12 <sup>th</sup> 19 <sup>th</sup> 26 <sup>th</sup> May	12.45pm to 2.45pm	First Aid for Families
Adult Education	14/6 to 12/7/22	12.45pm to 2.45pm	Autism Awareness

All Adult Education courses have limited places and can be booked by contacting Lisa Baker our FLO – Find her number on our Class Dojo page.

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### St Nicholas Parent Teacher Association – PTA

We are pleased to announce that the new PTA at St Nicholas met on Wednesday this week and has elected its committee:

Zoe Gill – **Chair person**

Nina Dale – **Secretary**

Sandra Ailwood – **Treasurer**

Stacey Nye – **Publicity**

**Other committee members** – Rebecca King, Rachel Paice, Sam Powell, Cherié Spencer-Rogers, Harriet Warwick, Sarah Webb, Chantell Wenham-Spencer & Christopher Dale

**We look forward to sharing some of the exciting things we have already started to plan – find out more [here](#)**

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## Shepway Autism Support group – Monthly Coffee Mornings.



For parents and carers of children / young people on the autism spectrum.

Come along for a coffee and a chat with other parents. All welcome, whether you have a child with a diagnosis, are waiting for a diagnosis or just want to learn more about autistic spectrum condition.

**Monday 7 February 2022 from 10.00am - 12.00noon** @ Conference room, The Beacon, Park Farm Road, Folkestone CT19 5DN

**Future dates:** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March, Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022\* (\*Please note no meeting in April and May) Any questions? Call on 07773 708321



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