



# Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022

## St Nicholas CE Primary Academy

### Weekly Newsletter

Headteacher: Christopher Dale

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a lovely week at St Nicholas on our return to school after half term. Children across the school have already had a number of fantastic events which they have been part of. I particularly enjoyed seeing the children join in the Tiempo Dance yesterday and join the Year R families who joined us for Stay and Read sessions which have started again. See the photos below



This week parents will have had shared with them the topic planners of the activities the children will be learning about at school. This is an excellent way in supporting your child with learning at school. It's a perfect opportunity to research and find out more from books in the local library to inspire your child in their learning. We have also sent home KIRF – Key Instant Recall Facts, these are aimed at supporting you to support your child with the Key Maths Facts they will learn about this term. Do take the time to review them and think about how you can help your child. Have a great weekend everyone.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale  
Headteacher

### Easyfundraising

We have registered with easyfundraising and you could help us to raise funds for the school at no extra cost to yourself.

This is a great opportunity to keep raising much needed funds for the school which will be used to develop our school library. When you shop online with over 4,100 of your favourite retailers, including Amazon, eBay, notonthehighstreet, you will raise FREE donations for our school.

If you're not already signed up, it only takes a few minutes, then you can begin using the easyfundraising website or app straightaway - simply shop online as normal. This will be an enormous help to the school, at no extra cost to yourself. Visit our easyfundraising page [here](#) to get started.



## Dates for your diary

### February

#### Mon 28<sup>th</sup>

Start of Book Week – see Class Dojo post from Mrs Lilly for activities during Book Week.

### March

#### Tues 1<sup>st</sup>

Book week book swap

Y5 Swimming (6 of 8)

KS2 Parent meeting – Spellings & TTRS at 2.15pm (refreshments provided)

#### Wed 2<sup>nd</sup>

9:30am Y5 Ash  
Wednesday Service

Talk from a local author to KS2 & whole school talk from New Romney Library.

2pm Attendance Tea Party

Y4 JAM after school choir 3-4pm

PTA meeting at 6pm

#### Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup>

WORLD BOOK DAY  
dress as your favourite book character - prizes for the best costume

6pm come in your PJ's for a story and a hot chocolate

#### Fri 4<sup>th</sup>

8:30am Inclusion Coffee Morning – all welcome

#### Tues 8<sup>th</sup>

Y5 Swimming (7 of 8)

#### Wed 9<sup>th</sup>

Y3 Roman Workshop

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## Birthday's, Star of the Week & Reading Awards



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

**Hedgehog:** Victoria D, **Otter:** Alan S, **Fox:** Sophie M, **Chestnut:** Summer A,  
**Birch:** Grace E, **Willow:** Ethan E, **Oak:** Joshua R



**Reading Awards went to:**

**Hedgehog:** Archie W, **Squirrel:** Teddy S, **Badger:** Theo S, **Hare:** Alexis S,  
**Rowan:** Charlie B, **Beech:** Riley T, **Maple:** Samuel R, **Elm:** Carmela Q



**A happy birthday this week to the following pupils;**

George E, Emily L, and Harry D - our best wishes to you all!

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## Nicholas Bear was awarded to ELM for their wonderful work this week – well done!

### Meeting members of the St Nicholas Team – Mrs Lisa Baker, Family Liaison Officer (FLO)



I am here to support you as parents and children at this fantastic school in a range of different ways. You can contact me through the school office or, should you see me on the school playground, please do approach me personally.

Sometimes the stresses of everyday life can be quite overwhelming. If you need to talk these through, or need support please feel free to talk to me. You may need help with social and emotional wellbeing including friendship issues, grief & loss, parental separation, housing, parenting, absence and lateness, behaviour, etc.

Part of my role is to work closely with all staff, outside agencies and other organisations to improve opportunities for our children and their families, and to signpost you accordingly. You would be supported as much as possible during this process.

My main duties are to provide a link between families and school.

- To keep parents and carers informed about services available, helping them to access support and opportunities.
- To work with the wider school community in the best interests of the child.
- To help, support and advise families in order to enable their children to thrive socially, emotionally and educationally.

As a member of the Wellbeing Team, I want to ensure that our families have access to any additional support that may be required; If you feel that you need any help with the emotional wellbeing or mental health of yourself or your child/children please do contact me on the FLO school mobile - 07530 113107 or email: [flo@st-nicholas-newromney.kent.sch.uk](mailto:flo@st-nicholas-newromney.kent.sch.uk)



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## Parental Engagement Sessions

This term we are delighted to be able to start opening the school up to parents again. We would like to get parents back into school to see what learning is taking place across the school as a way of helping **you** to support your child's learning.

We do hope you will be able to join us for one of the many dates we have on offer below.

Focus	Date	Time	Details
Reception	Thursday's	8:30am – 9:00am	Stay and Read
KS2	Tuesday 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 <sup>th</sup> April to 24 <sup>th</sup> May	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 <sup>th</sup> June to 12 <sup>th</sup> July	12:45pm to 2:45pm	Autism Awareness
Adult Education	9 <sup>th</sup> June to 7 <sup>th</sup> July	12:45pm to 2:45pm	Cooking on a Budget

All Adult Education courses have limited places and can be booked by contacting Lisa Baker our Family Liaison Officer.

## Come and join our Team

We are looking for an enthusiastic and friendly Teaching Assistant to work with our children in Key Stage 2, for 16.25 hours per week, term time only. This is an exciting opportunity for a suitably qualified person with a warm and positive approach, who is passionate about supporting children, and willing to make a full contribution to the life of our expanding academy. The role may also be suitable for an ambitious graduate, excited by the challenge and looking to pursue a career in teaching.



### We are looking for an applicant who:

- Is able to develop positive relationships with all our young children
- Is enthusiastic and committed to working as part of a team
- Is able to be flexible with regard to other classroom work
- Has Maths and English GCSE at grade C or above
- Has NVQ 3 in teaching Support or a related subject

### We can offer you:

- Continuous professional development
- A supportive and approachable team
- An exciting chance to assist in the progression and development of our young children

**Application Closing Date: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

**Interviews: Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

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## Messy Church



We are delighted to be able to welcome our families to take part in Messy Church.

Starting on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**, we would like to welcome families to join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> week of each month starting at 3.00pm and finishing at 4.15pm where collectively we enjoy craft, worship, singing and fun.

To start we would like to open Messy Church to those families with children in Years 2, 3 and 4 with parents who will also need to attend. Find out more about Messy Church here - <https://www.messychurch.org.uk/>

Future dates: 24<sup>th</sup> March, 28<sup>th</sup> April, 19<sup>th</sup> May, 16<sup>th</sup> June, 7<sup>th</sup> July

**We look forward to welcoming you.**

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## School Lunches

Please can I remind parents/carers that school lunches **MUST** be paid for in advance and not on the day. For example - if your child/children only have lunch on a Friday the payment **MUST** be made on the Monday of that week. Thank you.

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## Herald Cup

Each year the Shepway Schools Football Association runs the Herald Cup football competition for primary schools in the area. I am pleased to say that the competition is running again following the COVID pandemic and we are once again taking part. Yesterday the Herald Cup team played against Palmarsh Primary School and won their first match 7-1. Well done!

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