Friday 25th March 2022 St Nicholas CE Primary Academy Newsletter Headteacher: Christopher Dale



Dear Parents and Carers,

This time of year often proves to the be the busiest for schools. While we continue to support KS1 and 2 pupils with the SATs tasks on the horizon, we are at the same time pushing all the other children very hard in their learning. This week we were reminded that children entered the first National lockdown exactly two years ago this week and for many pupils this year has been the first year in which they have been at school full time for over 2 years. I find this staggering. None-the-less, we know we must all continue to work hard to support our children with the learning lost to them.

This term we have been lucky to continue to have news on how our Specialist Resource Provision continues to make good progress. I am also pleased to let parents know that the school is working hard to ensure we have a sports pavilion built on the sports field adjacent to Rolfe Lane in the coming year. This is quite an accomplishment for a school our size and I am proud that we will be able to offer these facilities to our children in the very near future.

Our PTA is also working very hard to organise valuable fund-raising events to enable us to provide the children the very best opportunities we can. I would like to thank everyone involved with the PTA and remember its not too late to get involved with them. If you think you would like to be involved with the committee, get in touch with the school and we will pass on your details.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale Headteacher



Clocks go forward this weekend

Don't forget - The clocks change on 27th March at 1.00am, moving forward by one hour.

There may still be a chill in the air but this marks the beginning of British Summer Time (BST).

PTA Cake Sale

The PTA will be holding a Cake Sale on the last Friday of term - **FRIDAY 1st APRIL** Cakes will be available to children **at the cost of 50pence per cake**.

We would be grateful to receive a donation of cakes from parents to help us support the PTA in raising valuable funds for the school Sport Pavilion Project.



EASTER BAKE SALE

Friday 1st April



Sun 27th Mother's Day Service at St Nicholas Church at 10:30am

Mon 28th Book Fair 3pm Open Classes 3pm

Tues 29th Book Fair 3pm Herald Cup vs Greatstone 4pm KO

Wed 30th Parent Teacher Consultations 3:30pm

Thurs 31st Class photos Jam performance at St Nicholas Church

<u>April</u>

Fri 1st Easter Breakfast YR Balanceability PTA Raffle and Cakes LAST DAY OF TERM

Tues 19th BACK TO SCHOOL



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Star Awards

Star of the week awards went to:



Squirrel: Ollie B, Badger: Zahra, Hare: Frankie B, Chestnut: Logan, Beech: Harley J-S, Maple: Caelan, Elm: Aaliyah

Reading Awards



Reading Awards went to:

Hedgehog: Jude, Squirrel: Luna, Otter: Darcy, Fox: Maia, Rowan: Evie, Birch: Joseph, Willow: Ines. Oak: Elise

Birthdays this week

A happy birthday this week to the following pupils:

Mason H, Jude W-S, Logan A, Harley B, Frankie W-R, Summer A and Eva J-W - many happy returns to you all!

Nicholas Bear was awarded to Oak & Elm for their wonderful SATs work this week - Well Done

PTA RAFFLE – To be drawn on Friday 1st April



If you have not already had an opportunity to purchase your **EASTER RAFFLE TICKET** – They will be on sale all next week. Tickets are £1.00 each and will be used to support furnishing and providing equipment to the schools new Sports Pavilion. If you have tickets please return them as soons as possible. If you would like more tickets they are avaiable from the school office.

Our fantastic array of prizes include:

- The Plough meal deal for two plus a bottle of wine
- Sainsburys Easter egg hamper
- Cinque Ports wine hamper
- Balance Bar £30 voucher
- Ruzzo £30 voucher
- New Romney Brewery gift pack
- Captain Howey carvery for one plus a bottle of wine
- The Ship Hotel Sunday roast for two
- SPAR New Romney donated a £30 voucher
- XIX Club (Littlestone Golf Club) A meal for 2
- GJB Autos Full MOT worth £50
- The Warren Inn box of Roses
- Avon hamper
- Littlestone Golf Club junior lesson •

Open Classes and Parent Teacher Consultations

On **Monday 28th March, from 3.00pm** we have our open classes, this is a perfect opportunity for parents and carers to see their child's work in readiness for the Parent Teacher consultation which will be taking place on Wednesday in the same week – we do hope parents will be able to attend this event which helps prepare for Parent Teacher consultations.

Parent Teacher Consultations are being held on Wednesday 30th March from 3:30pm. Parents will be able to arrive at school via the main entrance to meet their child's teacher.

Appointments are available to book and amend through Parentmail





Herald Cup

Fantastic performance from our football team on Thursday. Winning 11-0 against Dymchurch. Lovely sportsmanship from the team and lots of support from parents and members of staff. Well Done

Next game is on Tuesday 29th March at 4pm against Greatstone.

Spelling of High Frequency Words in KS1

This week your child will bring home a letter with the spellings they will learn during their learning journey in Year R, Year 1 or Year 2. It is really important that the children learn how to read these words at speed as they will make up a large proportion of the words they will be reading in everyday texts. They also need to learn to spell these words as they will find they will need to use them a great deal in their writing.

In school each week, we will assess their knowledge of their high frequency words and will then send home words for the children to learn and spell. Once they have secured the reading and spelling of such words, new words will be sent home to learn in order to grow their vocabulary and improve fluency within their reading and spelling. Make this time enjoyable and relaxing as our aim is to ensure reading for pleasure is encouraged and reading is a positive experience for the children both at home and school.

We thank you for your continued support with this,

Mrs Pursey

EYFS + KS1 Lead

We have joined forces with Recycle4Charity



Or find us on Facebook

We are asking families to send in used empty printer cartridges to school. They will be used for recycling & we will receive up to £2 per cartridge. YOU will be helping the environment with your recycling

while also supporting our school! <u>http://recycle4charity.co.uk</u>

Easyfundraising

Thank you for your support - For up to date notifications of what's on at school, please follow us St Nicholas CE Primary Academy - @St Nicholas CEP

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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 <u>here</u> to get started & PLEASE REGISTER.

Currently 18 people out of 370 families have signed up to help us with our cause.







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