



Friday 29th April 2022

St Nicholas CE Primary Academy

Newsletter

Headteacher: Christopher Dale

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy week it has been at St Nicholas. This week we have had other schools visit us to look at some of our practice in supporting SEN, Mrs Turner and I have been visiting candidates in their own school setting for the SRP interviews which also took place this week. I will share more of these developments with parents in the near future.

This evening, as highlighted in last week's newsletter, parent will receive a consultation letter on the format of our school day. As part of the government white paper, schools are being asked to ensure their week is at least 32.5 hours. We would be grateful if as many parents as possible will offer feedback on the proposal to enable the Governing Body to make an informed decision on different stakeholder's preferences.

Have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend - we will see you all on Tuesday 3rd May.

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

PTA Community Breakfast – advanced notice

The PTA are planning to hold a community breakfast on **Saturday 21st May from 8:30am to 11:30am**
ALL ARE WELCOME

A full English breakfast will cost £6 for an adult and £3 for a child (under 12) and a Continental breakfast (cereal, toast, cossant etc) will cost £4 an adult and £2 per child.

Families will be able to place their orders via ParentMail soon - watch this space!



Another PTA date to hold for your diary is **Saturday 9th July for the School Summer Fayre** – If you would like to help at any of these events please do get in touch.

Congratulations

A really big well done to the St Nicholas football team who played in the semi-finals on Tuesday this week and ran out eventual 4-0 winners.

We wait now to find out details of the final. We do hope as many of our school community as possible will be able to support us at the final.



Dates for your diary

May

Mon 2nd

Bank Holiday – school closed

Tues 3rd

Y4 Swimming (2/8)

Y5 Katananu group 1

Wed 4th

Y4 Stand up paddle boarding group 1

Fri 6th

YR Balanceability

Mon 9th

Year 6 SATs week starts

Tues 10th

Y4 Swimming (3/8)

Y5 Katananu group 2

Wed 11th

Y4 stand up paddle boarding group 2

Thurs 12th

Adult Education Family First Aid Course

Fri 13th

YR Balanceability

Tues 17th

Y4 Swimming (4/8)

Y5 Katananu group 3

Wed 18th

Y4 stand up paddle boarding group 3

Thurs 19th

Family First Aid

Tues 24th

Y4 Swimming (5/8)

Y5 Katananu group 4

Wed 25th

Y4 Stand Up Paddle Boarding group 4

Awards & Birthday's



Star of the Week Awards went to:

Hedgehog: Brooke F, **Otter:** Ellie N, **Fox:** Hiram-James W, **Chestnut:** Buddy L, **Birch:** Violet W, **Willow:** Cayla S, **Oak:** Aiden M



Reading Awards went to:

Hedgehog: William R, **Badger:** Bonnie M, **Hare:** Gracie J, **Rowan:** Lola H, **Beech:** Riley A, **Maple:** Tobella F, **Elm:** Daisy-May F

Birthday's this week:



A happy birthday this week to the following pupils:

Levie A, Harley C, Bonnie M, Chase R, Harry A, Violet W, Dolly D, Luna U, Teddy J & Lily P - many happy returns to you all!

Attendance – Every Day Counts

It is extremely important that children are on time for school so that they have a settled and productive start to their morning. When children are frequently late for school this adds up to lost learning time.

Arriving 5 mins late every day adds up to over three days lost each year

Arriving 15 minutes late every day adds up to two weeks absence a year

Arriving 30 minutes late every adds up to nineteen days absence a year

At St Nicholas learning begins immediately with SODA – Start of Day Activities when the class doors open at 8:30am, when many additional interventions are also scheduled for this time, which may include your child.

Please be in school on time - lateness affects everyone's learning

When your child is late please accompany them to the school office, some adults are not doing this and leaving their children to enter school alone, so as not to have to explain the reason for being late rather than having the conversation with us. This is not acceptable; a child should not be doing this for the adult.

Andrew & Co Easter Colouring Competition

We were pleased to welcome Alison from Andrew & Co New Romney who delivered the prizes and certificates for the winners of their Easter Colouring Competition. Congratulations to Freddie A and Rose R!



Year 5 Parents – Information on transfer to secondary education. Advanced notice.

The process for registration for the Kent Test (11+) for children due to start secondary school in September 2023 will **open on Wednesday 1st June** and close on Friday 1st July 2022.

Assessment is normally done through testing during the autumn term. The proposed date for testing for pupils in Kent schools is Thursday 8th September 2022.

Applications for choosing secondary schools will open on Thursday 1st September 2022 and close on Monday 31st October 2022.

We will write to parents nearer these dates to invite you to an information session at the school to answer any questions you may have about the secondary school process.
