



Friday 17th June 2022
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Newsletter

Headteacher: Christopher Dale

Dear Parents and Carers,

I started this term as I do most, by reviewing our school values with the children. This term we focus on our value of Trust. The dictionary describes Trust as "... *firm belief in the reliability, truth, or ability of someone or something.*" This week I have been fortunate to see this in action in so many ways in everyone's day to day learning.

I've seen the way Bishop Rose reacted to our children and her faith in us as a Church school when she visited this week. I've visited the Year 6 children at their residential. The Trust of the parents involved in trusting us to look after the children. The Trust of children supporting each other in tasks designed to challenge them and encourage them to grow in character as a person, while watching the joy of the adults in seeing the children succeed. The trust the Year 5 children placed in the adults in their visit to Rye. Also, Year R looking for minibeasts around the school – the sense of awe and wonder was wonderful to see.

I often say to the children, "*after time - trust is the most precious thing we can give to anyone.*" This week at school I asked the question how are we standing up for others so they know they can Trust us. I was overwhelmed by the response of the children. Next week, I will be sending out the arrangements for next year's classes. I wonder how many will have trust in us as a school to do what is needed to promote the best outcomes for all children at St Nicholas?

Have a lovely weekend

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

A Special Visit by Bishop Rose

On Wednesday 15th June we were visited by Bishop Rose, The Bishop of Dover who was making a special visit to all the schools on the Romney Marsh. Bishop Rose joined us for our worship sessions at school and met with our Worship Leaders who asked her some questions about her role as a Bishop. We also saw Bishop Rose in the evening for the licensing of Rev Jacky Darling as a Priest in The Romney Marsh Benefice. We would like to wish Rev Jacky all our love and best wishes in her new role.



Dates for your diary

June

Tues 21st

Autism Awareness Course 12:45pm - 2:45pm
 New Intake 'Stay & Play' session, 1:45pm (Group A week 3 of 4)

Y6 Kayak Group 2

Y4 Swimming 8/8

Y5 Parents - Y6 residential meeting at 3pm

Wed 22nd

Y4 - JAM festival rehearsal after school

Thurs 23rd

12:45 –2:45pm Cooking on a Budget course
 New Intake 'Stay & Play' session, 1:45pm (Group B week 3 of 4)

Fri 24th

SDD - School closed to pupils

Tues 28th

ST PETER HOUSE non-uniform day

Y6 Kayaking – Group 3

Y6 Additional swimming lessons 12:45pm - 2:45pm

Autism Awareness New Intake 'Stay & Play' session, 1:45pm (Group A week 4 of 4)

Wed 29th

YR & Y1 to Church for St Peter and St Paul Service



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Birthdays this week



A happy birthday to the following pupils:

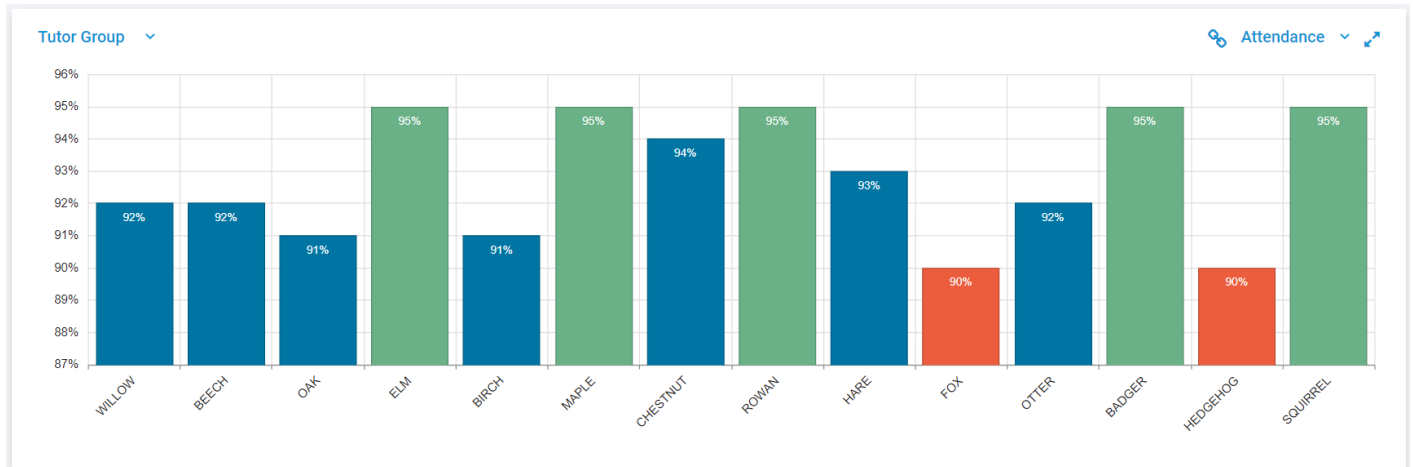
Darcy-Rose C, Fraser D, Summer H, Arthur R, Vinnie T, Jaxon C, Arthur P & Robyn P – many happy returns to you all.

Nicholas Bear was awarded to FOX CLASS for their wonderful work this week – well done!

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.

The graph below shows the attendance level for each class across the school – The national minimum standard for schools is 95% attendance. Currently most classes DO NOT meet the governments national minimum standard and this impacts negatively on children.



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



Sports Day

Advanced notice - Sports Day for KS1 and KS2 will take place on different days and parents and family will be welcome to join us, of course this will be weather dependant.

Dates are as follows;

Key Stage 2 will take place on Monday 4th July at 1:00pm

Key Stage 1 and Early Years will take place on Tuesday 5th July at 1pm

We do hope that you will be able to join us.

WHOLE SCHOOL TRIP

We are pleased to announce that an application made to Kent County Council Reconnect Programme has been successful. Reconnect is a KCC led, community based programme designed to get Kent's children and young people thriving following the pandemic.

Our application spoke about giving the children as a whole school to undertake an activity for an educational out which would benefit all our children.

With this aim in mind we have decided to take the whole school to Rochester, where the children will see the Castle, Cathedral and Guildhall Museum with activities throughout the day to keep the children busy.

This trip will take place on **Thursday 21st July** – the itinerary for such a trip is complex but the opportunities are great and we are all looking forward to this wonderful day out.



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SUMMER FAYRE – we would be most grateful to hear from **anyone** who would be able to help us run / look after a stall for the summer fair on **SATURDAY 9TH JULY** – Please pass on your details to the school office if you would be able to help – we would be happy to receive support even if it was only for an hour or two.

ALSO

To advertise our Summer Fayre in the local community **Andrew & Co** have agreed that we can use their boards. If you are happy to have a board put up on your property advertising the Fayre please print or collect a form and return it to the School Office by Monday 20th June.



Bromcom & My Child At School

Within the school we have begun using a new Management Information System.

This system will shortly be replacing ParentMail in regards to communication, consent forms, dinner money and paying for school trips and clubs.

The roll out of the new system to parents/carers will begin in the coming weeks with the dinner money payments being moved over to the new system first. If your child currently has a credit on their dinner account this will be added to the new system.

You will still be able to pay for upcoming trips and current clubs using ParentMail until the end of July. From September onwards we will no longer be using ParentMail.

In the next few weeks you will receive an email invitation to the My Child at School app which eventually will replace ParentMail and be the new communication system for St Nicholas and other schools across the Trust. We will however continue to use Class Dojo within the school community.



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