



Friday 4th November 2022
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Newsletter

Headteacher: Christopher Dale

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back I do hope all our families have had a good half term. The dry weather of the holiday already seems like a distant event. After a busy start of term with Open Classes and the Parent Teacher Consultations this week there is much to celebrate in terms of pupil's success.

This week I have also been meeting with teachers to review the progress of pupils across the school. One area in which we continue to need support from parents in making sure children are regularly read with. Research shows that children who are supported in their reading do far better than those who are not.

With the return to school this week parents should be able to find a copy of their child's topic maps and KIRFS – Key Instant Recall Facts that will enable parents to support their child with learning at home. Please do take the time to look at your child's class page on our website and see many of the activities that will be taking place at school this term.

Have a lovely weekend
 Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

PTA – Non-uniform day, bring a bottle event

On **Friday 11th November** the PTA will be holding a Non-uniform day bring a bottle event.



As part of our Raffle events at the Community Breakfast and Ladies Pamper evening we would be grateful if parents would send in a bottle with their child on this date in exchange for the opportunity for them to wear non-uniform. This could be a bottle of shampoo, conditioner, wine or shower gel. All donations will be gratefully received.

Anti-Bullying Week 2022

Anti-Bullying Week 2022 will take place at St Nicholas from Monday 14th - Friday 18th November with the theme Reach Out.



The theme of Reach Out came about following consultation with teachers and pupils by the Anti-Bullying Alliance which coordinates Anti-Bullying Week every year in England and Wales. Teachers and children wanted a theme that empowered them to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes.

Dates for your diary

November

Sat 5th
 Children's confirmation service at St Nicholas at 4pm with Bishop Rose – All Welcome

Tues 8th
 Hedgehog class – Reception Fun Day at Marsh Academy 9:30 – 11:30am

Wed 9th
 Light up New Romney – Year 4 Workshop 1pm

Thurs 10th
 Attendance tea party 5.30pm PTA meeting ALL Welcome

Fri 11th
 Remembrance Day PTA - Non-Uniform Bring a Bottle Day

Y6 classes American Football in afternoon

Year R - Going on a Bear Hunt walk

Mon 14th
 Anti-Bullying Week New Intake (Sept 2023) meeting at 9:45am & 1:30pm

Wed 16th
 Light up New Romney – Year 4 Workshop 1pm

New Intake (Sept 2023) meeting at 9:45am & 6pm

Fri 18th
 Children in Need Day

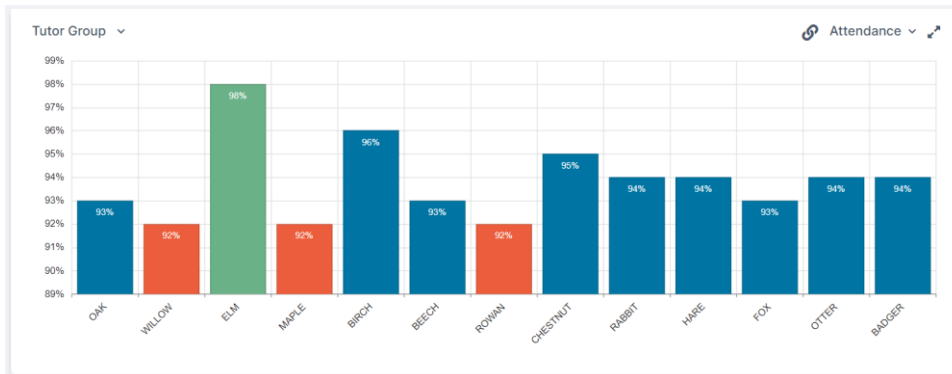
Internet Legends Presentation to KS2 children

Sat 19th PTA Community Breakfast 8:30 – 11:30am



Attendance – Every Day Counts

It is essential that your child comes to school **on time** every day. **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.**



Only two classes in the school have attendance ABOVE 96%.

Thank you for realising the importance of sending your child to school every day.



This term's collective worship focus is on our value:
COMMUNITY

“Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.”

1 Peter 4:8

Awards



Star of the week awards went to:

Hedgehog: Jaxon B, **Badger:** Olive A, **Hare:** Rupert R, **Fox:** Alan S, **Chestnut:** Harlan R, **Birch:** Daisy-Mae P, **Maple:** Lacey-Lou R, **Elm:** Freddie S

Reader of the Week awards went to:

Squirrel: Everly A, **Otter:** Elouise G, **Rabbit:** Zahra C, **Rowan:** Jack N, **Beech:** Buddy L, **Oak:** Alfred D

This week's birthdays:

Lola R, Olivia B, Bailey B, Ronnie H, Felicity S, James B, Pixie G, Logan S, Mason F & Isabel H – many happy returns to you all!



Poppy Sales

Poppies will be on sale in school all next week. We also have a small number of wristbands, reflectors, zip pulls and snap bands on sale for the Poppy Appeal. All donations welcome.

PTA EVENTS – Your support, supports your child!

Once again the PTA will be holding its **Community Breakfast event on Saturday 19th November** from 8:30am to 11:30am – we do hope that as many as possible will be able to join us after the success of the last event. Tickets can be bought on the day or in advance through the school, payment is cash only.



Also, there will be a **New Romney Ladies Pamper Evening, on Friday 2nd December**. Tickets £8 in advance or £10 on the night. Entry to the event will include a complimentary glass of wine. Treatments to include: nails, facials, hand, neck, Indian head massages, eyebrow waxing/threading, tanning demos and lots more. This should also provide the perfect opportunity for purchasing gifts for the Christmas period.

If you, or anyone you know would like to have a therapy stall at this event, please contact the school who will be pleased to take your details.

Sponsored Bounce



A huge thank you to everyone who took part in the Sponsored Bounce event. Now all the sponsor forms and monies have been returned, **we are delighted to inform families that we raised a fantastic £2133.49. Thank you for your support!**

Learning with Parents – Parents of Children in Years 1 to 4

Congratulations to Mrs Gallagher who won the family ticket for 4 to LEGOLAND Windsor Resort for attending the 'Learning with Parents' workshop last term.



Homophobic Language

Over the past week, we have had an issue with a small number of pupils openly using homophobic language. When challenged, pupils believe they are having fun at the expense of others, and they believe that it is just banter! This is not banter and has no place in our school, nor society.

This unacceptable behaviour is also outlined in the governments Keeping Children Safe in Education (September 2022) guidance, it is part of every school Safeguarding Policy, and that involves protecting pupils from physical harm, but also includes harm to their mental health and protecting pupils from discriminatory bullying etc.

The impact of “banter” or the deliberate use of discriminatory language/behaviour on our pupils and society can be catastrophic and have lifelong effects.

I would be grateful if parents would discuss these issues with your child/ren - challenge “banter” or the use of inappropriate discriminatory language/behaviour.

If you would like to discuss the content of this notice further, please do not hesitate to contact school.

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