



Friday 13th January 2023
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Newsletter

Headteacher: Christopher Dale

Dear Parents and Carers

It's been another very busy week here at St Nicholas. We have had two events showing parents around the school before applications for starting school in September close this weekend. If you have a child due to start school in September and you have siblings at the school you must complete and submit the application by midnight tonight.

We have had a number of sporting activities for children take place this week and I am sure Class Dojo pages have been very busy with the different activities taking place.

Attendance

I am sure there are times when parents think all I am concerned about is attendance. That said it is very important for your child to be in school every day and on time, as this has a significant impact on learning if children are not in or late. It is also a key feature of any school inspection and OfSTED will review the school's processes to see how robust they are. The obvious measure for this is the attendance percentage. A present our whole school is attendance rate is 92.4% and the government expectation is for 96%.

Holiday Requests

Parents will often request that I authorise their request for holiday. The government removed the Headteacher's ability to authorise leave of absence for a family holiday in September 2014 and as such made the rule that all leave requests in term time would be unauthorised apart from 'exceptional circumstances' and this can only be agreed in advance of the leave. Unfortunately, despite many requests for me to look at their holiday request as a special exception, I am not able to do so. If a holiday is then taken a penalty notice request is made and a fine is issued by the local authority. The school has no recourse to overturn this action.

School Car Park

Please may I take this opportunity to remind all parents that our car park is not for public use at the start and end of day collections. We have had a number of incidents this week where children have been meeting parents in the car park. Our risk assessment is clear - parents' cars and pupils should NOT be in the car park for any length of time. This is to ensure the safety of your children!

PTA

The PTA have a meeting after school on Wednesday 18th January. If you would like to help support the PTA or have some ideas for future fundraising then please do come along and support us. Our attentions will soon turn to the Summer Fair and we would also like to build on the success of last year's event and we would love for more parents to join us.

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely
Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

January 2023

Wed 18th

5.00pm PTA Meeting
ALL WELCOME to attend.

Thurs 19th

9:30am Fun Factory
1-3pm Y5 Hockey (week 3/6)

Fri 20th

1-3pm Y2 Mini Rugby
(week 3/6)

Mon 23rd

Choir to attend Young Voices at London O2 Arena

Thurs 26th

1-3pm Y5 Hockey (week 4/6)

Thurs 26th

KS2 Candlemass Service (in school)

Fri 27th

Y2 Mini Rugby (week 4/6)

February

Thurs 2nd

1-3pm Y5 Hockey (week 5/6)

Fri 3rd

Y2 Mini Rugby (week 5/6)

Thurs 9th

1-3pm Y5 Hockey (week 6/6)

Fri 10th

Y2 Mini Rugby (week 6/6)

LAST DAY OF TERM

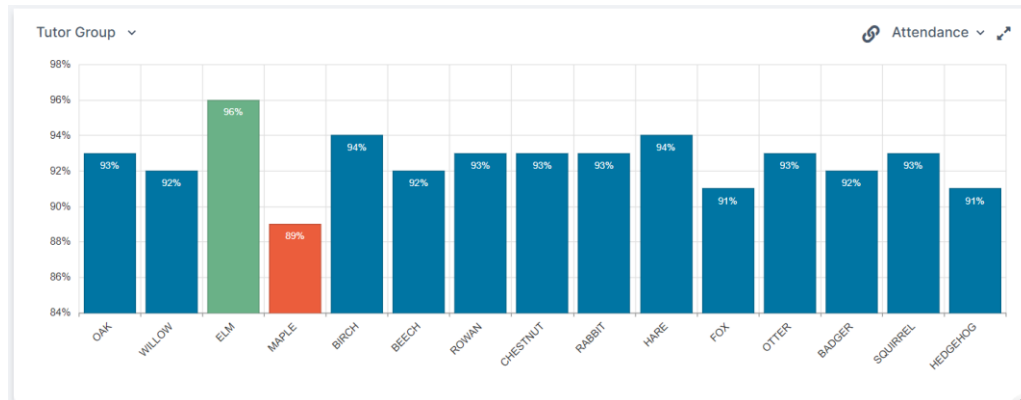
Mon 20th

Pupils return to school



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.**



Still only one class in the school with 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:
PERSEVERANCE

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap our reward, if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9

Awards



Star of the Week Awards went to:

Hedgehog: Aser R, **Otter:** Amelia C, **Fox:** Luna S, **Hare:** Darnia F, **Rowan:** Jaiton F, **Birch:** Billy R, **Maple:** Georgie B & Alfie B, **Elm:** Oscar G



Reader of the Week Awards went to:

Hedgehog: Maggie P, **Squirrel:** Joshua S, **Badger:** Lucas L, **Rabbit:** Pixie G, **Beech:** Emily L, **Willow:** Piper K, **Oak:** Lilly M



This week's birthdays: Frankie B, Joshua B, Freddie C, Connor P, Lillian D & Freya I – many happy returns to you all!

Sports Events

Year 5 will have Hockey every Thursday 1–3pm until the end of the current term delivered by sports instructor Liam Friend. Mouth guards have been provided by the school. Please make sure the children have them with their sports kit.

Year 2 will have Mini Rugby every Friday 1–3pm until the end of the current term and this will be delivered by sports instructor Mark Hinton.

CALLING ALL PARENTS – NEW YEAR NEW YOU IN 2023



It was lovely to see the 4 adults who took on this challenge this week, there is still a chance to take part in the couch to 5K event on Thursdays

Feedback from some parents was that the start time was too soon at the end of the school day so we have pushed the start time back by 15 mins to start at 3.45pm. This event is led by a qualified instructor from Shepway Sports and will support all our parents in getting them up to running 5K by the end of the programme.

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