



Friday 20th January 2023
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Newsletter

Headteacher: Christopher Dale

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure you will be aware from the media that members of the National Education Union (NEU), who represent staff in schools and early years settings, have declared strike action to take place on Wednesday 1st February 2023 with additional dates planned on;

- Thursday 2nd March (schools in London, South East & South West)
- Wednesday 15th March (schools in both England and Wales)
- Thursday 16th March (schools in both England and Wales)

As Headteacher, I have to consider the safe supervision of children given the potential for reduced staffing levels within the school.

I am conscious that school closures inconvenience parents and carers and disrupt learners' education and as such, the following arrangements will be put in place if the strike goes ahead:

- Where staff are not taking part in strike action, classes will remain open and they will continue to operate normally;
- Where staffing levels are significantly impacted, I will inform parents and carers which classes will have to close to pupils due to a lack of staff;
- I will outline our arrangements to parents as soon as I am able, however parents should be aware that I may not know the school's position until the day of industrial action as those taking part in the strike do not have to inform school leaders of their decision until the day.

I appreciate the industrial action will cause significant disruption to the learning of our children and that families will have to make alternative arrangements for childcare during these days. I am sorry for the inconvenience this will cause.

I will endeavour to keep parents as fully informed as possible through the school website and the Class Dojo pages.

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

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

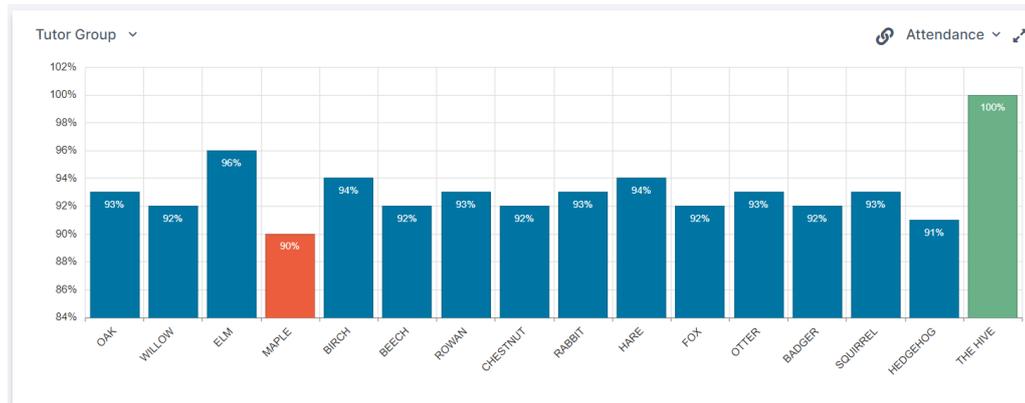
Mon 20th

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.**



Well done to **The HIVE & ELM** being at **96%+** this week

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

Awards



Star of the Week Awards went to:

Squirrel: Ralph M, **Badger:** Teddy S, **Chestnut:** Jack O, **Beech:** Rocco F,
Willow: Rylee B & Harry H



This week's birthdays: Albie G, Aurora K, Hiram-James W, Oscar G, Layla D & Omar R
– many happy returns to you all!

Year 4

Year 4 are looking for your help.

Next term they are having a go at carving out their own sculptures using bars of soap. As a new skill they will need a few bars to experiment with so if you have any unused bars of soap ideally unscented at home Year 4 would love to have them. Or if you are out shopping and fancy donating a few bars of soap they would be most grateful. Many thanks from the Year 4 team.



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