



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023  
**St Nicholas CE Primary Academy**  
**Newsletter**

Headteacher: Christopher Dale

Dear Parents and Carers

**Happy New Year!** Welcome back to a new start of term, I hope you had an enjoyable Christmas holiday and found the opportunity to have time with family and friends.

This term our core value is *perseverance*. This of course is always a good value to have at the start of a New Year and one which I have already discussed with children on the first day back to school. I reminded the children that to be successful in our New Year resolutions, we need to have the right attitude. Not just in those things which we want to do well at - but also the things which take us out of our comfort zone. I am pleased to say in the first week back to school I have already seen lots of children with the right attitude in their learning, either with their writing, using reading plus or in maths. With the help of parents, I hope this is something we can continue to encourage in all the children at St Nicholas.

### PTA – Fundraising

I would like to thank parents for the support of the PTA last year. In the three PTA events which took place over the Christmas period we raised over £1000 which is a super, given some events had to be changed late on. Parents will have no doubt noticed that the equipment on the KS2 playground has been fenced off as it is no longer safe to be used. There are plans to remove / replace this equipment. The PTA has agreed to support the school in replacing the play equipment which will cost over £10,000 to replace. Given the size of the sum this will take a while and as a school we will match fund the fundraising. All our events this year will go towards making this happen.

Parents will also be pleased to learn the school has received the first copy of the plans for the new sports pavilion on the school field off Rolfe Lane – The PTA worked hard last year to raise funds to equip the new pavilion and I look forward to sharing these with parents as soon as they have been agreed by planners. If you are interested in supporting the PTA or have ideas for fund raising join them at the next meeting on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January at 5:00pm.**

### Parking outside school

Unfortunately, I continue to have some concerns regarding parking outside the school gate. Outside our school, like many schools, we have yellow zig zags and double yellow lines in specific areas. There should be no stopping or parking in any of these areas, regardless of the weather conditions. Please show the children good examples by obeying all the rules.

### And finally...

We have some information going home tonight about an exciting new reading pilot we are taking part in. The letter from Mrs Lilly, our reading leader, outlines what parents need to do - I do hope you will all take part. Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely

**Christopher Dale**  
Headteacher

## Dates for your diary

### January 2023

#### Mon 9<sup>th</sup>

9:45am - New Intake meeting for prospective families of children due to start school in Sept 2023

2:00pm Attendance Tea Party

3:30pm Wildcats girls' football, here at St Nicholas – see info in newsletter

#### Thurs 12<sup>th</sup>

9:30am Fun Factory

9:45am - New Intake meeting for prospective families of children due to start school in Sept 2023

3:30pm **Couch to 5K School event for parents** every week. See information on the school newsletter

#### Fri 13<sup>th</sup>

Year 2 Mini Rugby (2/6)

#### Wed 18<sup>th</sup>

5:00pm PTA Meeting  
ALL WELCOME to attend.

#### Thurs 19<sup>th</sup>

9:30 Fun Factory

#### Mon 23<sup>rd</sup>

Choir to attend Young Voices at London O2 Arena

### February

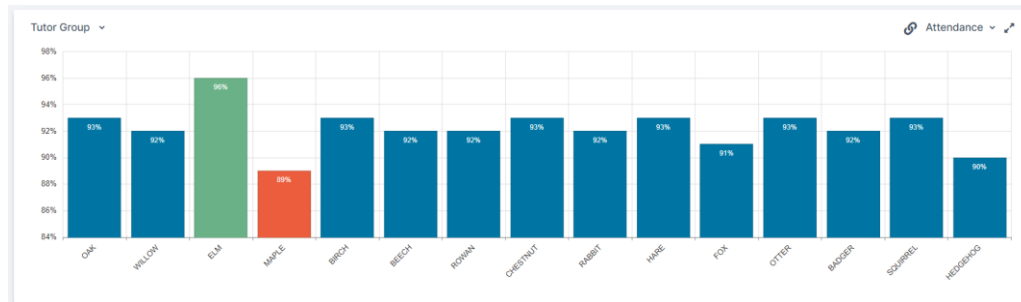
#### Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup>

KS2 Candlemass Eucharist at St Nicholas Church



## 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 one class in the school has 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:**

**Squirrel:** Summer V, **Badger:** Jaxon C, **Rabbit:** Cj S, **Chestnut:** Blake C, **Beech:** Danny W, **Willow:** Robyn P



**Reader of the Week Awards went to:**

**Hedgehog:** Katie H, **Otter:** Charlie C, **Fox:** Georgia I, **Rowan:** Lily C, **Birch:** Alexa-Grace M, **Maple:** Joseph H



**This week's birthdays:** Zahra C, Phoebe W, Gracie L, Joshua T, Willow U & Poppy J - many happy returns to you all!

## Sports Events

**Year 5** will have Hockey every Thursday 1:00 – 3:00pm until the end of the current term delivered by sports instructor Liam Friend. Mouth guards will be provided by the school. Please make sure the children have them with their sports kit.

**Year 2** will have Mini Rugby every Friday 1:00 – 3:00pm 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



We are delighted to be able to offer our parents the chance to take part in a couch to 5K event every Thursday starting on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January – meet on the school playground.**

This event will be 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. This is aimed at parents with less running experience, but all are welcome.

Couch to 5k is a very easy and a gradual build-up of running, it's not hardcore running! It's walking and a gentle jog that gradually builds to running nonstop.

Running trainers are a must and lightweight layers for running, so things can be taken off - it's amazing how hot you get!

It's such a great way to get fit & meet new people and have a goal to aim for. **COME & JOIN US.**



## PTA EVENT – Advanced Notice

Once again the PTA will be holding its **Community Breakfast Event on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March** 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.



This event has continued to grow in its success. It would be great if you could join us or help with the setting up / running of the event as we continue to grow.

## WILDCATS GIRLS FOOTBALL

Would your daughter like to take part in girls' football and join in on the back of the Lionesses success in the Euros earlier this year?

This club is open to all girls in all schools across the Romney Marsh. If any parents would like their daughter at St Nicholas to take part, please contact Alex on the mobile number provided.

**Have Fun!**

**WildCATS**  
GIRLS FOOTBALL

The perfect way for girls aged 5-11 to get involved with football

TIME AND DATE	LOCATION
Mondays 3.30pm – 4.15pm (9.1.23)	St Nicholas CE Primary Academy, New Romney

**WHO WE ARE**  
WILDCATS – GRASSHOPPERS JFC

**NEXT STEPS**  
head to [www.EnglandFootball.com/WeetabixWildcats](http://www.EnglandFootball.com/WeetabixWildcats) to book your first session, or contact us to find out more **ALEX: 07879991426**

ENGLAND FOOTBALL

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