



Friday 24th February 2023
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Newsletter

Headteacher: Christopher Dale

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back

Welcome back to what has already seen a very busy start to term 4. This week the children have started to settle into their new topics of learning. Senior leaders have received visits from Governors this week, carrying out a review of core teaching areas across the school. Year 5 and 6 have attended Church to start the season of Lent with their Ash Wednesday service. Remember you can catch up with the learning of your child by following the class page on Class Dojo.

Staffing update

At the end of this term we will say goodbye to our Business Manager, Mrs Andrews, who will start early retirement. Mrs Andrews has worked at St Nicholas for the last 20 years and is one of those members of staff who is not seen on a daily basis by our parent community, but has had a massive impact on the day to day running and organisation of the school. I for one will be sorry to say goodbye but would like to wish Mrs Andrews well in her new adventures.

With the moving on of every member of staff we also welcome others to new roles. This term, Clair Seiver, known by many of you as our Learning Mentor, takes over as the school's Senior Administrator. This means you will see less of Clair on the gate and in her role with children, as she settles into her new post. We have also been appointed Miss Wagland to our HLTA team. She now joins staff in the SRP as we continue to expand in this area of the school.

I would also like to welcome three new members of staff to our school. Miss Chloe Long, she joins our office team. Mrs Abigail Gallagher and Mrs Angela Jell both join our EYFS team, we hope everyone enjoys their new role at St Nicholas.

Teachers Industrial Action

Earlier this week I outlined to parents, via Class Dojo, that the NEU have further dates of industrial action planned, the next being 2/3/23. I will of course continue to review the situation as we approach each individual date of planned action and keep parents informed as far as I am able on this matter.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

February

Mon 27th

Reading Week

Y4/5 Author visit –
Catherine Cooper

2pm Whole school Book Swap

Tues 28th

9:30am Squirrel Fun Day at Marsh Academy

Y2 to Y6, Author visit –
Alex Ballos

March

Wed 1st

8:30am The FLO's Breakfast Bonanza in Infant Hall – all welcome

9am KS1 Author visit –
Holly Ryan

Y1 Martial Arts

Thurs 2nd

World Book Day - The children to come to school dressed as a book character or something related to reading

6-7pm PJ and story evening

Fri 3rd

10am-3pm Year 5/6 Football at Three Hills

1pm Y3 Handball

Tues 7th

12:30pm Y1/2 5-aside football competition

Wed 8th

Y2 Martial arts and stranger danger workshop

4pm Y3/4 Cross Country
5pm Y5/6 Cross Country

Thurs 9th

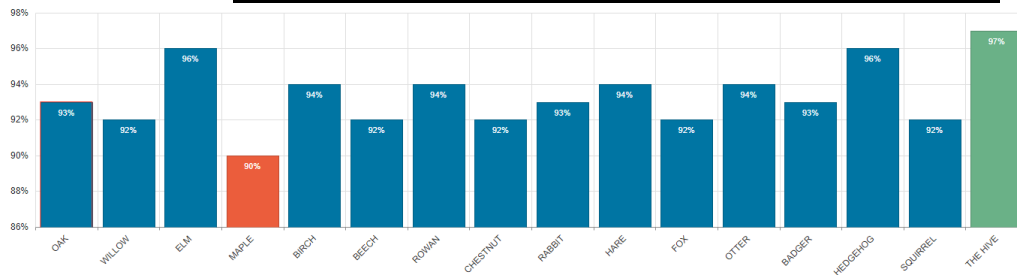
1pm Y1 Mini Rugby



Attendance – Every Day Counts

Thank you to everyone who has been sending their children to school every day. We are aiming for 96% attendance. Our whole school attendance for this point in the year is: **93.1%**. This has been the highest our attendance rate has been for some weeks.

Well done to all these classes have attendance of 94% or above



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

FRIENDSHIP

“
A friend is someone who
understands your past,
believes in your future, and
accepts you just the way you are.

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Attendance update

This week, I met with a number of families concerning their child's attendance rate. I would like to thank all those who have taken part in these meetings.

The [Summary table of responsibilities for school attendance](#) from the DfE, makes it clear that while some pupils find it harder than others to attend school, it is the parents responsibility to ensure their child attends every day on time.



Attendance Matters



Awards



Star of the Week Awards went to:

Squirrel: Freddie T, **Badger:** Luke L, **Rabbit:** Reggie A, **Chestnut:** Imaad A, **Beech:** Emily L, **Willow:** Isabel D, **Elm:** Millie-Grace S



Reader of the Week Awards went to:

Hedgehog: Cal C, **Otter:** Frankie W, **Hare:** Brooke R, **Fox:** Evie M, **Rowan:** Mia G, **Birch:** Bella N, **Maple:** Sienna M, **Oak:** Ava A



This week's birthdays: George E & Emily L – many happy returns to you both!

Whole school reading week – Monday 27th February to Friday 3rd March

An overview of the activities taking place in reading week can be seen here

Monday 27 th February	Tuesday 28 th February	Wednesday 1 st March	Thursday 2 nd March-£1 voluntary donation from parents	Friday 3 rd March
<p>Virtual author visit for Years 4/5 (Catherine Cooper) https://www.pengridion.co.uk/ There will be the opportunity to purchase Catherine's books at a discount price.</p> <p>Book Swap 2.30- between classes Children can bring in a book or books that they no longer want and swap these with someone else.</p>	<p>Alex Ballos Author Visit all day specifically Year 2 and above - http://www.alexbellos.com/footballschool1</p>  <p>Alex will be selling signed copies of his book at the end of the day</p>	<p>9.00 KS1 Virtual with author (Holly Ryan) https://hollyryanchildreauthor.co.uk/</p> <p>We will have the opportunity to purchase Holly's books at a discounted price.</p>	<p>World Book Day - off timetable The children will come in to school today dressed as a book character or something relating to reading</p> <p>6.00-7.00 PJ and story night This was a huge success last year. The children are invited back in to school in the PJs to share stories. Hot chocolate and biscuits will be available.</p>	<p>Celebration assembly and feedback from all classes regarding their week</p> <p>Winners of potato contest announced.</p>

All week – Decorate a Potato Competition

We would like the children to decorate a potato in the style of a book character. These will be judged in school as:- KS1 Winner – most like the book character, KS1 Winner – most creative, KS2 Winner – most like the book character, KS2 Winner – most creative

We hope you all take part.

Advanced notice – please put this date in your diary!

Open Classes and Parent Teacher Consultations
Open classes will take place on **Monday 27th March from 3:15pm**. This will give parents an opportunity to review their child's work prior to the Parent Teacher Consultations, which are scheduled to take place on **Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th March 2023**. You will be able to book your appointment on MCAS from Monday 13th March.

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Could offer time to help at PTA events?

If so we would love to hear from you. Please pass on your details to the school office. It would be great to have more parents who would be willing to support us at events and functions. We look forward to hearing from you.

Future events from the PTA include:

- **Saturday 25th March – Community Breakfast from 8:30am onwards** – Tickets can be bought in advance from the school office.
- **Friday 28th April – Spring Bingo – Eyes down at 7pm** (this is a parent only event) People are welcome to book tables and bring their own food and drink for this event. More details to follow.
- **Summer Car Boot – June 2023** watch out for more details soon.
- **School Summer Fair – Saturday 8th July 11:00am onwards** - If you would like to help support us with these events we would love to hear from you.



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