# Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023 St Nicholas CE Primary Academy Newsletter



Dear parents and carers,

Headteacher: Christopher Dale

Here we are at the end of term 5 which has gone so quickly. Our attention now turns to term 6 which is packed with sports days, trips, reports, transition to new year groups and of course the Year 6 production. This week has seen lots going on at school – today we finally manged to have the 10pence challenge take place. The class with the winning amount of 10pences was Rowan – with a total of over £800 raised. Thank you to all those who helped with our charitable fundraising cause.

#### Notable dates for parents in the term ahead:

- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June Year 1 Phonics screen check all week
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June Year 6 Residential starts
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June Year 6 Marsh Transition coffee morning here from 8:30am
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June KS1 Sports Day start at 9:30am
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June KS2 Sports Day start at 9:30am
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June Year R & 1 Church Service at St Nicholas Church at 9:15am
- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June SDD school closed
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July Whole school meet the new teacher
- Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> and Fri 7<sup>th</sup> July Marsh Academy Year 6 taster days
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July Reports out to parents
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July Year 6 performances at 9:30am and 6:00pm
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July Year 6 Leavers service at St Nicholas at 9:30am

#### Year 5 Parents – PESE & Grammar school registration.

If your child is currently in Year 5 and you intend to apply to a Kent Grammar school, please register online at <u>kent.gov.uk/kenttest</u> Registration opens on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023 and closes at midnight on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023.

#### Who is the Kent Test (11+) for?

The Kent Test is for those who wish to apply for a Kent Grammar school place for September 2024. The Kent Test will take place for Kent Schools on Thursday 7th September 2023.

#### School open evening events we have been made aware of are;

- The Harvey Grammar School Tues 4<sup>th</sup> July 6:15pm to 8:30pm
- Brockhill Park School Wed 5<sup>th</sup> July 5:00pm to 8:00pm

I would like to wish all our families an enjoyable Bank Holiday weekend and half term break. Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale Headteacher

Dates for your diary

#### <u>June</u> Thurs 1<sup>st</sup>

Year 5 - Kent Grammar school applications open **Mon 5**<sup>th</sup>

Children return to school **Year 4** national testing in Multiplication tasks starts

Wed 7<sup>th</sup>

Y6 G3 water sports 2:00pm Attendance tea party

Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> KS2 Corpus Christi service at St Nicholas Church at 9:15am

5:00pm PTA meeting - all welcome

**Fri 9<sup>th</sup>** Kent Challenger Games at the Julie Rose stadium

Sun 11<sup>th</sup> 10:30am St Barnabas Day Service at St Nicholas Church

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Year 1 Phonics Screening all week

**Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Year 6** Residential – Pupils to Bushcraft

Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Year 6 return from Bushcraft from 5:30pm

Mon 19<sup>th</sup>

French exchange teacher to join us for one week and Mrs Lee to go to France to teach.

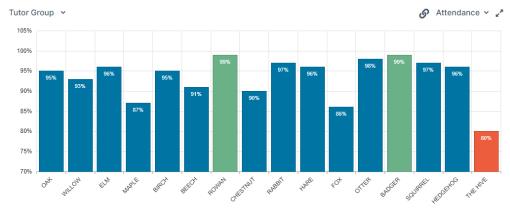


**Community Friendship Perseverance Ambition Respect Trust** 

#### 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: 93.2%.

This week the class attendances were





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Well done to Rowan and Badger with 99%, Rabbit and Squirrel with 97%, Elm, Hare and Hedgehog with 96%, Oak and Birch with 95%

#### Attendance update. Attendance Matters

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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 - and on time.

#### Star Award



#### Star of the Week awards went to:

Hedgehog: Joshua B, Badger: Delilah-Rae G, Rabbit: Isabella O, Chestnut: Vince B, Beech: Kallie C, Maple: Riley A, Oak: Jasmine C



#### Reader of the Week awards went to:

Squirrel: Jasmine M, Otter: Archie W, Fox: Georgia I, Hare: Darnia F, Rowan: Ruby-Mae S, Beech: Aurora M, Willow: Shyanna V, Elm: Zach F



#### This week's birthdays:

Tommy S, Teddy S, Jack O, Lola S, Darcey B, Rosie L and Charlie B – many happy returns to you all!

### Nicholas Bear was awarded to Maple Class congratulations to them!

## **TERM DATES for 2023/2024** Term 1

Start: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 Finish: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023 **SDD** - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023

#### Term 2

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023 Start: Finish: Friday 15th December 2023 SDD - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023

#### Term 3

Start: Wednesday 3rd January 2024 Finish: Friday 9th February 2024 SDD - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024

Term 4 Start: Monday 19th February 2024 Finish: Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024 Term 5 Start: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 Finish: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024 Bank Holiday - Monday 6th May 2024 Term 6 Start: Monday 3rd June 2024 **Finish:** Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024 SDD - Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024 SDD - Tuesday 23rd July 2024

SDD - Staff Development Day - school closed to children.

#### Kent County Council Clean Air Campaign.

Leaving engines idling while cars are stationary has a huge impact on our health.

Help keep your children and their classmates safe and healthy by turning off your car if you are waiting for more than one minute during school pick up times.

## PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Can you help support the PTA summer fayre on Sat 8<sup>th</sup> July? If so, we would love to hear from you - please pass your details to the school office.

It would be great to have more parents willing to support us for this major fundraising event.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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