

Friday 15th September 2023
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Newsletter

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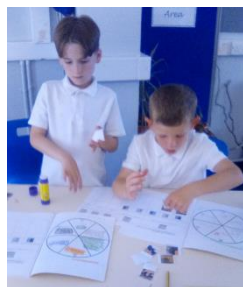
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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a busy week at St Nicholas. The children have had a wonderful week of learning and I know the teachers have been sharing this on Class Dojo with parents. If you are not yet signed up and there are only a few of you, please speak to your child's class teacher, as this is the way we keep parents up to date with many of the day to day activities taking place at school. We also keep the wider community up to date with our activities, events and photos of the work happening via our Twitter account **@St_Nicholas_CEP** - which is regularly updated. Please join & follow us.

As a result of the better weather, the children have had their Collective Worship outside in our prayer spaces, started their history topics, such as The Tudors and Great Fire of London and visited the library.



It's been great to see the children enjoying their new classes and all the exciting learning taking place across the school.

Have a lovely weekend

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale

Headteacher

Breakfast Bonanza Coffee Morning – Tues 19th Sept 8:30 – 10:30am

Next Tuesday will be our first Breakfast Bonanza Coffee Morning of the year. It takes place from 8.30am until 10.30am - stay as long as you want. This would be a perfect opportunity for all our new families to meet up and get to know other staff members, Mrs Starmer-Smith, SENDCo; Lisa FLO and Heidi from the Children's Centre.

We will also be raising funds on the day for MacMillan Cancer

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR PRINTER CARTRIDGES

The school has joined forces with Recycle4Charity to raise funds for the school.

We are asking all our families to please find used empty printer cartridges and bring them into school. They will be used for recycling and the school will receive money for them – up to £2 per cartridge.



Dates for your diary

September

Tues 19th

Breakfast Bonanza & McMillan Coffee Morning
– 8.30am to 10.30am

Wed 20th

Water Sports Y6 G2

Tues 26th

Whole School -
European Day of
Languages

Wed 27th

Water Sports Y6 G3

Sat 30th

Y6 – Marsh Academy
Open Day from 10am to
12noon.

October

Wed 4th

Water Sports Y6 G4

Wed 11th

Water Sports Y6 G5

Thurs 12th & 13th
Y4 KENCH HILL

Mon 16th

KS2 Parent Teacher
Consultations

Thurs 19th

KS1 Parent Teacher
Consultations

Fri 20th

LAST DAY OF TERM

Advanced Notice

School Development
Day

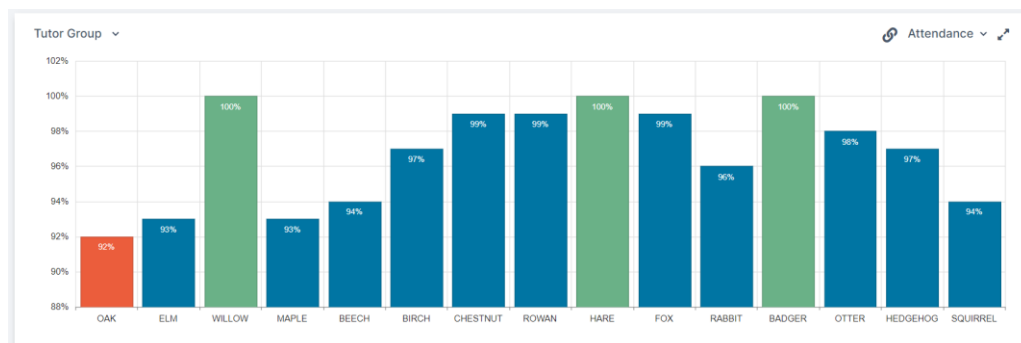
Friday 24th November
school closed to pupils



*"Learning, loving and
encouraging through Christ."*

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, **this may include your child!**



*Congratulations to **Badger, Hare and Willow** with 100% attendance this week and the 7 classes with attendance above 96%*

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



Birthdays This Week

Eloise B, Aser R, Oscar J, Jasper B, Eli B, Boey D, Evie M, Jessie J, Ethan M – many happy returns to you all!

Community Food Cupboard Appeal

Our food cupboard in school has been really successful and has provided a lifeline to many of our families who are struggling especially over the summer.

We now need to urgently re-stock it after the break so that we can continue to support our families. Unfortunately, we cannot accept fresh food but really need tinned and dried foods. If you are able to donate a tin or two or a bag of pasta, that would be fabulous; anything you give really does make a huge difference. You can either leave donations with staff on the gate or with the class teacher. Thank you in advance for your support.

Year 6 Parents – Secondary School Applications Information

Applications for transfer to secondary school for September 2024 close at midnight on **Tuesday 31 October 2023**. If you have not already done so your child's application must be completed by this date.

For those whose children sat the 11+ - The 11+ assessment decision will be sent to you by Wednesday 18 October 2023. Results will be sent by email after 4pm to parents who applied providing an email address, and letters will be posted first class to all other parents.

Online applicants can view their child's assessment and test scores after 5pm on results day by logging back into their online application.

Normally at this time of the year many of the secondary schools will have Open Days/Evenings for parents to visit with their children. As we are made aware of these we will pass this information on. However, if you are interested in a particular school please check that school's website for more information on open events

- **Marsh Academy** Open Day takes place on Saturday 30th September from 10am to 12noon.

Flu Vaccinations – Advanced Warning

The School Health Team will be in school on **Monday 27th November** to deliver the nasal flu immunisations to pupils in Years R to 6. Please watch out for more information via MCAS.

St Nicholas PTA – we need your help.

The PTA stands for the **Parents Teachers Association**. It is made up of just that; parents and teachers of the school, who all give some of their time, expertise and skills to raise money for the school, organise and run events that the children and the local community can enjoy and benefit from.



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

COMMUNITY

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another"

HEBREWS 10, 24 - 25

For the last two years the PTA has been chaired by Mrs Zoe Gill, now her family have left the school and moved on to secondary and due to other commitments, she is no longer able to be part of our group. On behalf of everyone at the school I would like to thank her for the time, commitment and all her hard work and support towards the school during her time as chair.

In our PTA at St Nicholas, we work together to raise money to support the school in being able to provide the children with additional life experiences and opportunities otherwise not funded by central government.

Events we have supported and organised include; The Summer Fayre, Christmas Market, Bingo Nights, Disco's, The Community Breakfast and many more.

These events have raised additional funding for enrichment activities and school equipment including equipping the planned sports pavilion, outdoor play equipment, visiting theatre groups, library books, wet play activities, Christmas dinner decorations, sports day refreshments and musical instruments to name just a few.

None of this would have been as successful without the cooperation of the committee members, teaching staff and parents who volunteer to help run/organise these.

We welcome family members who would like to volunteer to help with the events and parents who would like to join the committee. If you have any ideas for fundraising or would like to be involved with any aspects of the School or PTA Events please do get in contact with anyone on the Committee for more information. Thank you

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