

Friday 13th October 2023
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Newsletter

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Dear Parents & Carers,

I cannot believe how quickly the term has gone with only one more week before the half term break. The children have already achieved so much in a short space of time. Last night I was pleased to be able to join the Year 4 children on their residential at Kench Hill. It was clear the children were having a wonderful time with so many of them being away from home for the first time.

On Monday and Thursday next week, we will have the first of our Parent, Teacher Consultations with others taking place after the half term holiday. Parents' evening is a time for you to be informed of how your child is doing at school and it will cover:

- How your child has settled into their new class/year including routines and friendships;
- How they are doing in the core subjects - English and Maths - and our expectations for their learning this year;
- Any additional support they may be receiving, including what you can do at home to support learning at school.
- To prepare for these meetings it is usually a good idea to write down any questions you might have and bring these to the meeting.

We look forward to seeing you at these important meetings for your child. The meetings will take place in the Main Hall from 3:30pm onwards.

On **Tuesday 17th October** we are celebrating our Harvest Festival at St Nicholas Church and will have time in our Harvest service to be thankful for all we have to eat while thinking of those less fortunate. Therefore, we would like to once again support the local community with our food collection. If you are able to donate some food for our Harvest celebrations please send it in with your child before Tuesday 17th October, see the details in this newsletter as to how you may be able to support us.

On **Thursday 19th October** we have individual photos. Please can all children be in full school uniform and our Y6 pupils wearing their ties.

The PTA will be meeting after the half term holiday on **Monday 6th November at 14:15pm**. We would like to welcome as many parents to this event to help us plan future fund-raising events for the academy. We would be delighted to see as many parents as possible at this event.

Have a lovely weekend
Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

October

Mon 16th

KS2 Parent teacher Consultation

Tues 17th

Whole school **HARVEST FESTIVAL** at St Nicholas Church 9:15am
Y4 Swimming
Y6 PESE info event 6pm

Wed 18th

11+ results emailed to parents
Y6 Water sports

Thurs 19th

Pupils individual photographs
KS1 Parent Teacher Consultation

Fri 20th

End of term

Mon 30th

Children return to school
KS1 Parent Teacher Consultation

Tues 31st

Y4 Swimming
Y6 Secondary school applications close

November

Thurs 2nd

KS2 Parent Teacher Consultation

Mon 6th

PTA meeting - 14:15pm

Tues 7th

Y6 Cathedral Schools Day at Canterbury

Sun 12th

Remembrance Day service at St Nicholas Church. 10:30am

Mon 13th

Start of Anti Bully Awareness week across all schools nationally.

Tues 14th

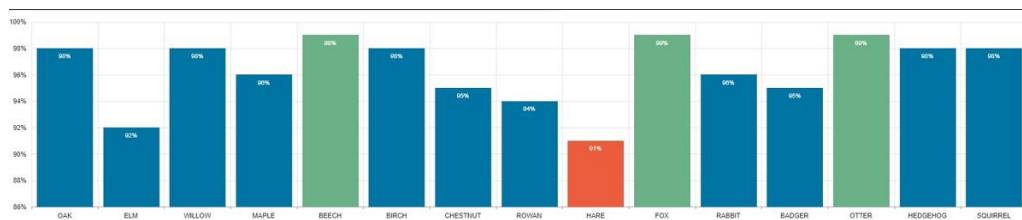
Attendance Tea Party



"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 Beech, Fox and Otter for 99% attendance this week!



This term's worship focus is on our value:

COMMUNITY

"We must become bigger than we have been: more courageous, greater in spirit, larger in outlook. We must overcome petty prejudice, owing our allegiance not to nations but to people in our community."

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

Star Award



Star of the week awards went to:

Squirrel: Iris B **Otter:** Charlie N **Fox:** Elouise G **Rowan:** Theo S
Willow: Autumn C **Elm:** Mason L



This week's Birthdays:

Lilly C, Sarah A, Bruno S, Billy B, Elliot B, Isabella O, Ollie E, Wolf F and Riley O – many happy returns to you all!

Harvest Festival



Please join the whole school for our Harvest Festival Service at St Nicholas Church on **Tuesday 17th October at 9:15 am.** We do hope as many of you as possible are able to attend.

This year we would like to continue to support the needy and elderly within our parish by contributing a Harvest collection.

We would be extremely grateful if your child could bring a food item to school on Monday or Tuesday next week.

If possible, tinned or dry food with at least 4-6 months left on their use-by date.

The following items would be very much appreciated:

- Pasta shapes, spaghetti, rice, flour;
- Tinned fruit and vegetables;
- Tinned meat and fish such as ham, tuna or sardines;
- Meat and fish pastes, sandwich spreads, jam;
- Biscuits (sweet and savoury), simple cakes;
- Cooking sauces, mayonnaise, ketchup and any other condiments;
- Sugar, coffee, tea, milk powder, cooking oil;
- Instant potato, tinned or packet soups;
- Soap, disinfectant, washing powder, toothpaste;

These would be ideal, however, we will gratefully accept any other food and will distribute it to other local causes including the local day centres for the elderly.

Thank you in advance for your support.

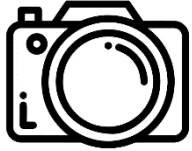
Community Friendship Perseverance Ambition Respect Trust

Confirmation Service



A reminder to parents that all children currently undertaking confirmation classes with Rev Chris, that the service with Bishop Rose will take place on **Monday 20th November at 1:00pm at St Nicholas Church.**

Pupil Individual Photographs.



Pupils will have their individual photographs taken on **Thursday 19th October**. We would be grateful if you would send your child to school in the correct uniform for this occasion.

The children from the younger year groups will have their photos taken early on in the day in a bid that they look their smartest.

Year 6 Parents PESE Information evening

Year 6 Parents are invited to attend a PESE information evening on **Tuesday 17th October at 6:00pm** on how to complete the online secondary schools admissions form. Details will also be posted on Class Dojo. Applications for transfer to secondary school in September 2024 will close at midnight on **Tuesday 31st October 2023**. If you do not make your application on time, the Local Authority will decide which school your child will attend. Applications can be completed online at: <https://kent.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/Synergy/Admissions.aspx>

Jewellery at school

Just a reminder that children should not wear jewellery for school except small stud earrings and a watch. If your child wears earrings they must either be able to remove them for PE or not wear them for school. As stated in the national guidance teachers are not to tape up earrings for PE. This must be able to be done by the child. Please bear this in mind when getting your child's ears pierced. Children are not allowed to wear nail varnish in school.



Pencil cases

A polite reminder that pupils **do not** need to bring pencil cases into school. Pupils are provided with all the equipment they need when at school.

HEAD LICE

As many of you are aware, headlice can cause problems both at home or in school. Please try to check your child's hair regularly and if you see any headlice then treat both them and the whole family.

To find out more about this then please follow the link below.

<http://www.onceaweektakeapeek.com>



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