

Friday 1st March 2024

St Nicholas CE Primary Academy

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week saw the introduction of our 'Suave word.' Thank you to all the parents who helped us by going over the word at home. We will introduce our next new word on Monday. This week's word – **ample** - was on display around the school and it was great to see and hear so many children using this word in their speaking and written work.

Next Thursday – **World Book Day** (7th March) Mrs Lilly has arranged a second-hand book sale at school. Please send in your book donations from Monday and remember to send your child to school with 10 pence to enable them to purchase a new (old) book. We would love to see everyone being able to support this event.

On **Sunday 10th March, 10:30am** at St Nicholas Church, we will be holding our Mother's Day service. The children have been working really hard to learn their songs and poems for all the mothers. It is always a lovely service and all the children have a part so it will be lovely to see as many mothers there as possible. There will be tea and biscuits in the church afterwards. Hopefully you will be able to spot the portrait your child has drawn and while in church and read their poems or prayers. Children do not have to wear uniform at this event.

Attendance has had a big part to play in the news this week. Education Secretary, Gillian Keegan announced that fines for persistent absence will increase to £80 per parent rising to £160 if the fine is not paid within 3 weeks. Heads have also been informed that powers to authorise absence will be further streamlined.

Attendance at school is vital. I have written before about the significant correlation between absence and pupil outcomes. Put simply, pupils who miss school regularly reduce their lifetime earning potential because they achieve worse exam results than their peers, and develop poor habits to take to the work place where high levels of absence, poor punctuality, or an indifferent attitude to responsibility can result in dismissal. Positive attendance behaviours need to be embedded at primary school to avoid this.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

MARCH

Fri 1st

Y6 Parents informed of Secondary schools

Tues 5th

Attendance tea party

Wed 6th

Y4 pop lacrosse

Thurs 7th

World book day,

- Bring & buy book sale
- Come dressed as your favourite book character
- 6pm to 7pm hot chocolate book night

Fri 8th

Governing Body, parent nomination forms to be returned

Sun 10th

Mothering Sunday Church service – St Nicholas Church @ 10:30am

Mon 11th

Whole school Science Week

Wed 13th

Y4 pop lacrosse

Fri 15th

Comic Relief Day

Tues 19th

Y5 Ancient Greece Day

Tues 26th

KS1 Road Safety Presentation

Thurs 28th

Easter Breakfast – more information to follow

END OF TERM



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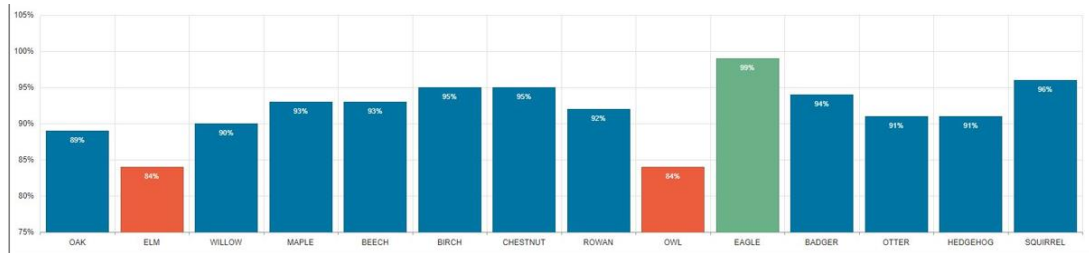
Attendance every day counts.

It is essential that your child comes to school on time every day. **Learning starts when the class doors open at 8:30am with SODA** (Start of Day Activities), some interventions start at this time and this WILL include your child at some point!

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

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Top attenders are:		
Year	Class	%
2	Eagle	99%
R	Squirrel	96%



Congratulations to all the classes above with their super attendance

Awards



Star of the week awards went to:

Squirrel: Jayden W **Badger:** Charlie W **Eagle:** Charlie C
Chestnut: Amber-Rose C **Beech:** Lexi S
Willow: Grace C **Elm:** Phoebe W



This week's birthdays:

William R, Riley J and Alfie N – many happy returns to you all!



This term's worship focus is on our value:

RESPECT

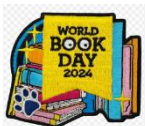
Romans 12:10

"Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honouring each other."

This verse shows us respect is demonstrated through our love and consideration for others

World Book Day - Thursday 7th March.

We will be dressing up as a book character to celebrate the world of books.



As part of our World Book Day celebrations, we will be holding a competition to create a 'Reading Mascot'. The mascot will then be part of the school family moving forward.



We will ask for these to be in school for judging **by Thursday 7th March** which is World Book Day.

We will give out prizes for KS1 and KS2. You can present these through pictures, drawings, a junk model or other 3D model or this can be designed on computer and then printed off. Good Luck

WANTED – A Parent Governor



We are inviting parents to consider standing for election as a parent governor at our academy.

Parent governors play a vital role on governing bodies, holding the unique position of having a parental viewpoint of the school. Through the children, they have a first hand experience of the delivery of the curriculum, and how the school is perceived from the 'consumers' point of view. This enables parent governors to bring a different perspective to the strategic management of the school.

If you are interested in this role please see the [letter sent out to all parents](#).

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Safeguarding at St Nicholas – it's everyone's responsibility.

Safeguarding is the action that is taken to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm.

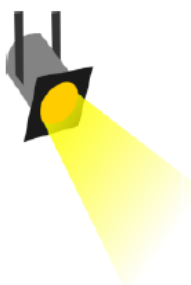
Safeguarding means:

- protecting children from abuse and maltreatment
- preventing harm to children's health or development
- ensuring children grow up with the provision of safe and effective care
- taking action to enable all children and young people to have the best outcomes.

Child protection is one part of the safeguarding process. It focuses on protecting individual children identified as suffering or likely to suffer significant harm. This includes child protection procedures that detail how to respond to concerns about a child. Safeguarding children and child protection applies to all children up to the age of 18.

'Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, every day'.

Spotlight on First Day call procedures



If we have not heard from you by 9.30am, the office staff will contact you. If we are unable to contact you, we will start to call all the contact numbers that you have provided in order to gain an explanation for the absence. If we still have not been able to ascertain where your child is, then we may make a home visit. However, if we still have not been able to get a response, consideration will be given as to whether we alert the police to carry out a home welfare check. This procedure is to ensure that we know where your child is and that you are all safe.

Operation Encompass



Our school participates in a national scheme called 'Operation Encompass', which is a joint partnership between Kent Police and schools. One of the principles of Operation Encompass is that all incidents of domestic abuse are shared with schools, not just those where an offence can be identified. This system has been established to help schools provide in-school support to children who have been present at, exposed to or involved in any domestic abuse incident. We know that children can be significantly harmed, physically and/or emotionally, during these situations, and that it also negatively affects their learning and behaviour.

Therefore, as part of the Operation Encompass procedure, and to help mitigate the resulting negative impact, the school receives an email from Kent Police the morning after a child has been witness to, or involved in, any reported domestic abuse incident. We are then able to use this information to provide the right support to any child and their family as and when it is needed.

The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 now recognises that children can be victims of domestic abuse through seeing, hearing and experiencing the effects.

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Are your contact details up to date?

It is vitally important that if you change your home phone or mobile number; email; address; names of contacts, that you let the school know as soon as possible, so we have the most up-to-date contact details. The school must also have more than one contact in case of an emergency. **Thank you.**

Who's who at St Nicholas?

Our Designated Safeguard Leads (DSLs)

Mrs Turner – Deputy Head, Lead DSL

Mr Dale – Headteacher, DSL

Mrs Lilly – Upper KS2 Lead, DSL

Mrs Lee – Lower KS2 Lead, DSL

Mrs Pursey – EYFS/KS1 Lead, DSL

Mrs Starmer-Smith – Head of Inclusion, DSL

Ms Gunn, Learning Mentor & **Mrs Baker**, FLO, DSLs

Year 6 Parents - Secondary school choices

Secondary School allocations will be emailed to you this evening (1 March 2024 after 4pm), to inform you of your offer. You will be able to log in online after 5pm to confirm your offer.

Parents need to accept or refuse the offer with the school by **Friday 15 March 2024.**

Lent fundraising activities.

Our **Easter Egg raffle** starts this week.

Raffle tickets are 20p each.

Classes are also being challenged to collect as many 10p's as possible to take part in the coin race which, weather permitting, will be on the last day of term.

Year 4 – Ancient Egypt Day

What a great day

Year 4 had learning about all things Ancient Egyptian; from the first Pharaoh, Narmer, to the last, Cleopatra. They also learnt about all the Ancient Egyptian gods from Ra to Anubis; and how to mummify a body.



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Internet Safety Tips

Learn about it:

Teach your child some simple rules

- Make sure your child knows not to share personal information like their phone number or email address online
- Only talk to real life friends or family if they are on sites with a social media element like Moshi Monsters or Club Penguin
- Use privacy settings wherever they exist to keep their information private
- Be a good online friend and don't say nasty things even if it's just a joke
- Use secure and legal sites to download music and games
- Check attachments and pop ups for viruses before they click or download anything
- Use Public Friendly WiFi when they're out and about to filter inappropriate content

Talk about it:

Tips for a meaningful conversation

- Start conversations when your children won't be embarrassed, for example in the car going home from school
- Ask them for advice on how to do something online and use this as a conversation starter
- Make sure they know they can come to you if they're upset by something they've seen online
- Be sensitive and praise them when they share their online experiences with you
- If your child comes to you with an issue, stay calm and listen without judging them
- Talk about online grooming as you would stranger danger and explain that people they meet online might not be who they say they are



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Community Notices.



Autism Awareness

Would you like to:

Understand and look at the various principles of autism and the different aspects that can be present.

Learners will discuss:

- The basic principles of autism and the different aspects
- Different expert theories and understanding of the spectrum
- The diagnosis process and how to go about it
- Behaviour management, support and coping strategies

Venue: Lyddle Stars Children Centre

Dates: 05/03/2024 – 26/03/2024

Time: 12:45 – 14:45

To book a place please call/ email:

03000 421167

folkestoneandhytheoa@kent.gov.uk

We want you to enjoy learning with us. To help us provide the best possible experience for you, please let us know if you or your child have any disabilities or particular support needs.

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WE WANT YOU!

YEAR 1

We are looking for boys and girls in school **year one** to join our football team at NRYFC

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