

Friday 17th May 2024

St Nicholas CE Primary Academy

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week I have been reminded of the saying; “*Act in haste and repent at leisure*” – I have had instances this week of working with individuals who do things on the spur of a moment rather than taking stock and thinking about the part they have had to play in a situation.

Personally, I believe, “What you practice grows stronger” At St Nicholas we discuss the idea of ‘Growth mindset’ with the children. The idea that ‘What you practice grows stronger’ is a powerful one that can be integrated into all aspects of our lives. Children understand that incorporating new ideas into their daily routines and practising kindness, curiosity, perseverance, resilience and respect are all vital to help them to become the best versions of themselves.

Everyone has a time when we say, “I cannot do it”. It is more constructive, as our pupils know to say, “I cannot do it, **yet**”. One word changes the paradigm of the sentence and our outlook on life becomes a more positive one. I am pleased to say our Year 6 children have shown a great understanding of this in their SATs tests this week. There are times however, where we as adults must work harder to reinforce the positives and not look at how we use others to cover our own shortcomings.

As this term continues to hurtle along at an incredible pace – we are already moving towards the last days of May and into the June half term; let us hope for an improvement in the weather! It has been an immensely busy week; both inside and outside of the classroom. We had 14 super 100% attenders at the Headteachers Tea Party; Year 2 writing some super diamanté poems, learning about their structure and talking about nouns, verbs and adjectives; Year 4 taking part in their inter-class rounders matches and Y5 with their Windsurfing at Rye water sports. I hope you enjoy seeing the photos of all these activities at the end of the newsletter.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale

Headteacher

Year 6 Bushcraft meeting

In preparation for the Year 6 residential I will be holding a parent/carer meeting on **Thursday 23rd May at 6:00pm**.

You will be provided with further information about the residential trip, how to prepare and what children will need to bring with them.

I recommend that a parent/carer of each child going on school journey attends this meeting.

Dates for your diary

May

Mon 20th

Year 2 Stone age Workshop all day.
2:00pm – **PTA** Summer Fayre planning meeting

Tues 21st

French Partner school - children from Lille visiting Year 5 & 6 for the day

Wed 22nd

Whole School - National Numeracy Day
Y4 Grp 1 Water sports

Thurs 23rd

Y3/4 football at THSP

Y4 NELFT friendship group

Y6 Bushcraft Meeting at 6:00pm

Fri 24th

St Augustine house own clothes day - **BLUE**

Yr R Balanceability

Yr 5 Cricket

END OF TERM

June

Mon 3rd

Children return to school

KCC PESE website opens

Y4 MTC starts for next 3 weeks

Tues 4th

1:45pm - New Intake

Stay & Play

6:00pm – **Y5** PESE parents meeting



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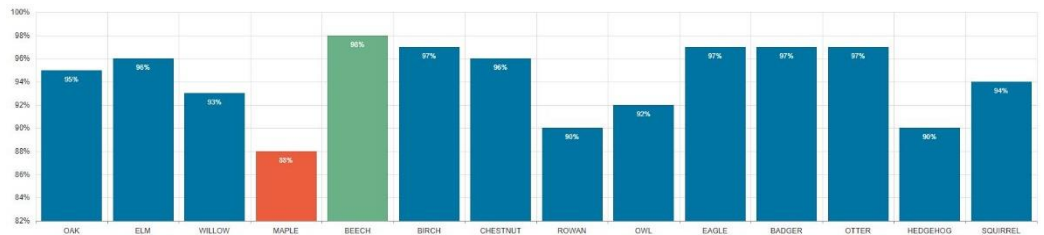


Attendance every day counts.

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!

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Top attenders are:		
Year	Class	%
4	Beech	98
4	Birch	97
2	Eagle	97
1	Badger	97
1	Otter	97



Congratulations to all the classes above with their super attendance

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

Star Award



Star of the week awards went to:

Hedgehog: Mille-Grace **Otter:** Anaé **Owl:** Reuben
B Rowan: Jasper **Birch:** Archie A **Willow:** Riley O

Year 6 – Well Done for completing your SAT's, you should all be so proud of yourselves.

This week's Birthdays



Amber-Rose, Jacob H, Lacey-Lou, Reggie H and Brihanna B – many happy returns to you all!



This term's worship focus is on our value:

PERSEVERANCE

James 1:12

¹² Happy is the one who endures testing, because, they will receive the crown of life that God promised.

PTA Bingo night

A huge thank you to everyone who supported both the School and Abacus Nursery on their joint **BINGO fundraising evening**. I am please to say we **raised over £1000** - which is a super amount from all who attended. Both Lisa Evans and Chris Dale had a super night with parents - laughing and raising funds for the children and families of our community. **THANK YOU**



Year 5 Parents - Registering for the Kent Test

For children starting secondary school in September 2025.

If you intend applying for a place in a Kent Grammar school, I will be holding a meeting on **Tuesday 4th June at 6:00pm**, for parents to discuss how to apply and register for the test as well as discussing options around The Shepway Test.

Registration for the PESE (11+) testing procedure **opens on 3 June 2024 and closes at midnight on 1 July 2024**. Application for Secondary Transfer opens - Monday 2 September 2024

The 11+ test date for pupils in Kent Primary schools is **Thursday 12 September 2024**.

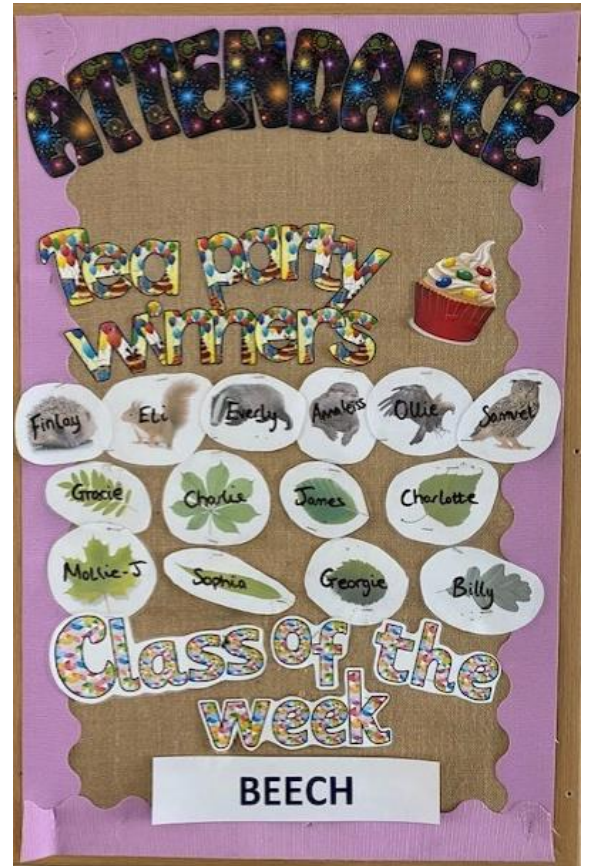
See information about all these details on your child's ClassDojo page.

After school club - Advanced Notice

Please note: At the start of the new academic year - breakfast and afterschool club will not start until **MONDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2024** due to staff training. This means there will be no before or after school provision for the first 3 days when the children return after the summer holiday period. We hope this will provide suitable notice for parents to put alternative measures in place.

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Monday 22nd April 2026
 List to write a set of instructions

people of England
 With the increase of the German bombings it has become essential to make extra precautions - escape routes and cooperation is needed to make people prepared. They say the government have someone from household with the following instructions.

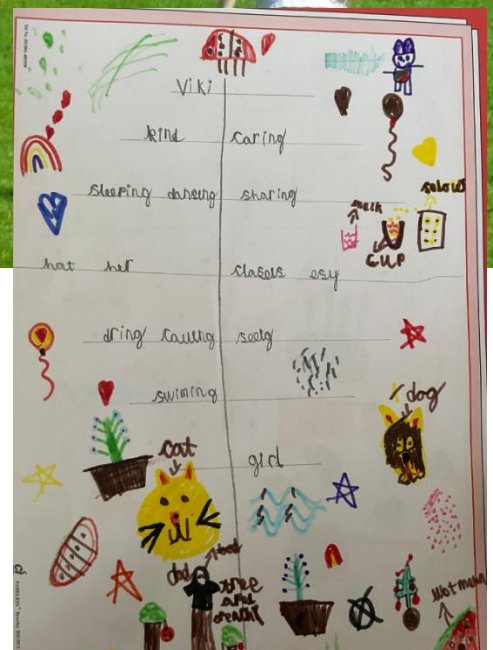
To make sure you're ready, you will need:

- Water (to keep you hydrated)
- Non-perishable food
- A Sully stacked first aid kit
- Some form of shelter
- A wireless radio
- gas mask

Method: In anticipation of the air raid sirens your home and shelter should already be prepared for the blackout. When the blackout occurs you have to have thick curtains ensure you are not seen. **NO LIGHTS SHOULD BE ON!** Your shelter should always be stacked up with water, non-perishable food and matches. Ensure you have a toilet of someone because you cannot leave the shelter! You must have a Sully stacked first aid kit. Some minor injuries (cuts and scratches) but if you have a major injury you must report it to the nearest air raid volunteer.

If you are in your household the air raid sirens go off there are checks you need to do before you leave. Gas and oil burners should be turned off and fire plans must be extinguished (to avoid any further damage). Remember if there is any visible light there will be a change.

After you've finished all your checks then you need to gather your sounds and first aid kit.



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