

Friday 20th September 2024
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Newsletter

Headteacher: Christopher Dale

Email: headteacher@st-nicholas-newromney.kent.sch.uk



Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, it's been a very busy week at St Nicholas. The children across the school have had two visitors this week – a special visits from Captain Wonder web's Mental Health awareness theatre show.

The children learnt how to keep themselves mentally healthy by:

- Being active
- Using less tech
- Getting a healthy amount of sleep
- Eating a well-balanced diet &
- Talking to people when we're worried



It really will be worth following this workshop at home and talking to children how we can make the things listed above easier for them at home.

Pupils also had a visit from the fire service. The children were told to check their fire alarms and smoke detectors at home, we have told the children they must do this with an adult. Hopefully our visitors this week have promoted plenty of safety conversations at home.



A big thank you to all our new intake parents who turned up for the reading workshop this week with Miss Wilson and Mrs Pursey, we hope you found the workshop useful. Have a lovely weekend

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale

Headteacher

MacMillan Cancer Coffee Morning – Fri 27th Sept 8.30 – 10.30am

This 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.

A perfect opportunity for new families to meet up and get to know other.

We will also be raising funds on the day for **MacMillan Cancer – all are welcome. Your donation will be better received here, than a coffee shop in town!**



Dates for your diary

SEPTEMBER 2024

Mon 23

Y6 OAA residential – Grosvenor Hall, **day 1**

Tues 24

Y6 OAA residential – Grosvenor Hall, **day 2**

Wed 25

Y6 OAA residential – Grosvenor Hall, **day 3**

Y1 & 2 - KIC theatre day visits

Y4 Group 3

Paddleboarding

Thurs 26

Whole school European day of Languages

2pm **PTA meeting all welcome**

Fri 27th

MacMillan coffee morning from 8.30am – **all welcome**

OCTOBER

Tues 1

KAE English course for parents 9.30am – 11.30am

Wed 2

Y4 Group 4 paddleboarding

Thurs 3

Whole school Diabetic Screening

Fri 4

Whole school diabetic screening



“Learning, loving and encouraging through Christ.”

“St Nicholas Church of England Primary Academy a place where pupils always come first.” OFSTED



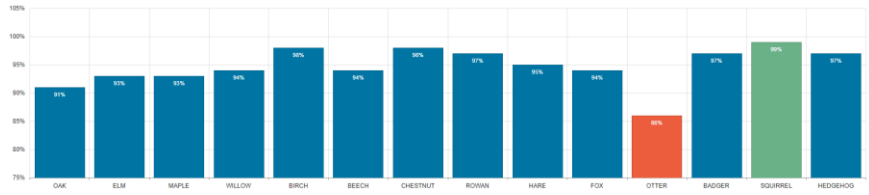
Attendance every day counts.

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	%
R	Squirrel	99
3	Chestnut	98
4	Birch	98
1	Badger	97
R	Hedgehog	97
3	Rowan	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.

PTA – Parent Teacher Association

Making the school a better place for children to learn.

Our first meeting of the PTA in the new academic year will take place on **Thursday 26 September at 2.00pm** in the staffroom – **All are welcome** – including preschool children if that is stopping you from attending!

There are many reasons why you should join your PTA. From making new friends and getting to know the school environment, through to helping raise much needed funds and making a difference to the children and school community. All of these things help you grow in confidence as a parent and it feels good to know you are making a difference for your children and for generations to come.



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



"Where two or three gather in my name, there am I among them."

Matthew 8: 20

Yellow Zig-Zags

Over the past week there has been a marked improvement in parents not parking on the yellow Zig-Zags outside the school gates – I would just like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to everyone for taking notice of our requests and making things safer for **ALL** the children in our school – Thank you!



Year 6 parents – PESE Secondary School Applications

For children starting year 7 in September 2025 applications will close on **Thursday 31 October 2024**. Parents can apply for up to 4 schools. Put the schools in the order of preference.

It's in your best interest to list 4 schools. Naming only one school does not guarantee your child a place at that school or give priority for a place over another child. You are not able to name the same school more than once.

Parents of children who sat the Kent Test will have their results emailed to them on **Thursday 17 October 2024**. KCC will only send the results to the email address used to register your child for the Kent Test.

If you provided an email address on your Secondary School application, KCC will email you on Monday 3 March 2025 after 4pm to tell you which school your child has been offered.

Please note:

- **Marsh Academy Open Day** takes place on **SATURDAY 28th September** 10am to 12 noon

"St Nicholas Church of England Primary Academy a place where pupils always come first." **OFSTED**





What doing?

Verbs - what doing?

Verbs describe what someone or something is doing.

Have a go at highlighting the verbs in the sentences below

1. Lucy ran after the bus. (1)
2. Excitedly, Josh ripped open his birthday present. (1)
3. Tiptoeing silently through the forest, Rebecca found a secret cave. (2)
4. At the weekend I played with my sister. (1)
5. The grey monkey swung through the vine-covered trees. (1)
6. At lunchtime I ate my sandwich and drank water. (2)
7. Whispering quietly, Ella told her friend a secret. (2)
8. At the beach I built a sandcastle, swam in the sea and ate fish and chips. (3)

How to support your child with their learning.

To support your child you could begin by just having a conversation about what people are doing as you walk to school (e.g. walking, cycling, scootering, climbing). Your child could design a poster explaining and showing what verbs (what doing?) are or write about their day and underline all the verbs in their writing.

To extend your child's learning you could talk about how they are completing the verbs (e.g. walking quickly, climbing high, gently jogging). These are called adverbs and they describe verbs.

Expected Behaviours of Parents and Visitors at St Nicholas.

St Nicholas CE Primary Academy welcomes visitors. We will act to ensure the academies remain a safe place for pupils, staff and all other members of the community. If a parent/carer has concerns we will always listen to them and seek to address them.

At St Nicholas we expect members of the public, parents and other visitors to our academy to behave in a polite and courteous manner to each other, to staff and to pupils. It is expected that parents and carers will be good role models with respect to conduct and managing individual concerns.

The staff at St Nicholas will not tolerate aggressive, violent, abusive or anti-social behaviour towards anyone on the academy site. This includes abusive telephone calls and abuse using cyber technology. Should there be clear evidence that there has been a breach of this behaviour code, we will take action to protect members of the academy community. This may include banning the individual from the academy premises or pursuing other legal action.

EXAMPLES OF UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR

Types of behaviour that are considered serious and unacceptable include (but are not limited to):

- Shouting at members of academy staff, either in person or over the telephone
- Physically intimidating a member of staff e.g. standing very close to her/him
- The use of aggressive hand gestures
- Threatening behaviour or language
- Shaking or holding a fist towards another person
- Swearing
- Pushing
- Hitting e.g. slapping, punching and kicking
- Spitting
- Breaching school security procedures

ADVICE TO PARENTS AND CARERS FOR RAISING CONCERNS WITH STAFF

- Make an appointment to see the relevant person. If you just turn up at the academy, they may not be able to give you the time you need.
- Make a note of the things that you are unhappy about. It will help to clarify the issues and help you when you meet the member of staff.
- Don't jump to conclusions. What made you angry may not be exactly what happened in reality.
- Deal with your anger before going to the academy. An angry confrontation will normally get a defensive response rather than a helpful one. Academy staff may also refuse to talk to you while you are angry, so you will have achieved nothing.
- Consider having a friend with you when you have your meeting if you find it difficult to manage meetings.
- Don't expect an immediate solution. The person you're talking to may need to investigate your concerns before being able to take any action or reach a solution.
- If you feel that your concern has not been dealt with effectively you should ask for a copy of the academy complaints procedure. This will tell you the informal and formal procedure for taking your concerns further.

PROCEDURES FOLLOWING AN INCIDENT OF UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR

If a parent or carer behaves in an unacceptable way towards a member of the academy community the Principal or designated member of staff will seek to resolve the situation through discussion.

Following an incident there are a number of options the Headteacher may wish to take. These can include:

- Inviting the parent to a meeting to discuss the event.
- Clarifying to the parent what is considered acceptable behaviour by the academy.
- Forming strategies to manage future situations of potential conflict.
- Withdrawing permission for the parent to enter the academy site and/or buildings.
- In more serious cases of actual or threatened aggression/violence, or persistent abuse/intimidation, the Headteacher may consider whether it is safe for the parent to continue to come onto the academy site or enter the buildings and may withdraw permission for a person to enter the academy site for a defined period.

“St Nicholas Church of England Primary Academy a place where pupils always come first.” **OFSTED**



*“St Nicholas Church of England Primary Academy a place
where pupils always come first.”* **OFSTED**

