

The St Nicholas Post

21st October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of a really productive term in school. The children know more than they did 7 weeks ago, they have read tens of thousands of words and completed hundreds of calculations, they have been urban pioneers, wartime historians, woodland warriors and wrigglers and crawlers. Importantly they have all demonstrated our schools values in every element of school life, being the best they can be!

We are so proud of the effort they put into their learning and we are looking forward to this continuing! To help keep the children's minds active over the break, every child has come home with an English challenge to complete. All returned challenges will be rewarded with 5 house points and a certificate. They will also enter a prize draw where the winner will receive a gift. Please encourage your children to complete these, it is working in partnership with you that will see your child achieve their very best outcomes. If your child has lost this, you will find a copy on pages 3 and 4 of this Newsletter.

Thank you for all your continued support, have a fabulous break.

Mrs Kennedy

A New School Day

The consultation period for the new school day is now coming to an end and the feedback has been almost wholly positive. We hope that the breakfast club has supported this by ensuring that parents and carers have a wider timescale to work within. Mornings in school have been calm and children are settling in well with time to complete early work and interventions. This school day will now officially be:

- **8:45am—3:15pm**
- **Gates open at 8:35am (morning)**
- **Gates open 3:05 (afternoon)**

Punctuality is so important, it will ensure that your child is ready for the day and accesses all the learning. Please note that because of coding, a child who is late actually gets recorded against the school as absent (for safety purposes they are on the register as being school)

Fireworks– 29th October



A spectacular firework display is being held on Bell Meadow on 29th October. **The event is free!** There will be stalls to buy traditional firework night food and drink, it is a really great opportunity for the community to come together, it would be lovely to see lots of familiar faces.

Breakfast Club

The opening of breakfast club has been hugely successful—if you would like to your child to come please contact the office. It can be odd days or all week!

Reading for Pleasure

At St Nicholas at Wade CE Primary School we are developing a culture for “Reading for Pleasure”. It is with great excitement that we are collaborating with Moon Lane Books – the independent children’s bookshop in Ramsgate – to increase our children’s access and exposure to new and exciting children’s literature. Moon Lane curate a monthly box of new books for us – the very best of newly published books, including prize-winners. These books are suited for every single year group and will be shared within classes.



In the Infants every Friday, three children will be chosen to take home a story box, knowledge box or poetry box which will include one of our special new books. They will get to enjoy these books over the weekend with their families. Inside the boxes will be a soft toy, instructions, art resources, a blanket and a hot chocolate to make the experience extra special.

We are not forgetting the Juniors and in the next coming weeks we will be sharing our plans to help make sure that all children get the right book in the right child’s hands at the right time, to unlock the magical world of reading.

If during the Half Term holiday you would like to visit Tales on Moon Lane Bookshop. They have lots of super events planned which look extremely exciting: <https://www.moonlaneramsgate.com/news-events>

Lastly, we would like to say a huge thankyou to our PTFA, which are funding the project for one whole year. We are truly blessed to have such a committed and hardworking PTFA, thank you!

Mrs Buckley KS1 Leader

Key dates—Term 2	
31st October	Term 2 Starts
12th November	Open morning for new intake
18th November	Children in Need Day
1st December	Flu Immunisations R-6
2nd December	Christmas jumper swap
2nd December	Non school uniform for a donation for the Christmas fair
6th December	Reception and year 1 visit to Quex
7th December	Christmas dinner (wear Christmas jumpers)
9th December	PTFA Christmas Fayre (2pm-3.30)
12th December	Carol service at the church
13th December	Reception, year 1, year 2 Nativity
15th December	Pantomime at the Marlow years 2-6
16th December	Last day of term

The St Nicholas at Wade Autumn Reading Challenge



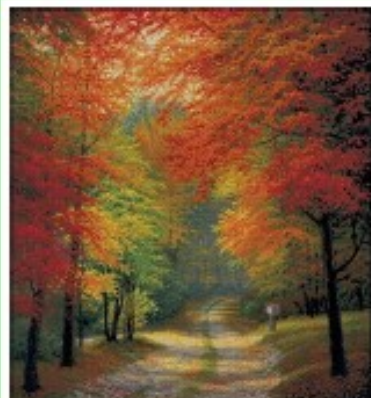
Name _____ Class _____

Saturday 22nd	Sunday 23rd	Monday 24th	Tuesday 25th	Weds 26th
Thursday 27th	Friday 28th	Saturday 29th	Sunday 30th	Monday 31st
				 Return your completed challenge!

Take part in the autumn reading challenge and earn five house points and the chance to win a special prize. Fill in each box with what you read that day. It could be your book, a poem, a magazine, the back of a cereal box—all reading counts!

Complete the alphabet challenge on the back. Think of an autumn themed word for each letter of the alphabet and write the word and draw a picture. Add a definition to challenge yourself!

We are looking forward to seeing your fabulous work coming back in on the 31st.



Describe the autumn picture, remember to use your senses. What can you:

See

Hear

Smell

Feel

Use exciting adjectives (use a thesaurus to help you) for example, instead of tall trees, towering trees

Use personification (human features) for example, the rust leaves danced gracefully through the air falling gently onto the...

Aa	Bb Bonfire Night An event held commemorating the failure of the Gunpowder Plot of 1605 	Cc
Dd	Ee	Ff
Gg	Hh	Ii
Jj	Kk	Ll
Mm	Nn	Oo
Pp Pumpkin  <p>A large fruit which can be used in pies and puddings, people carve them for Halloween</p>	Qq	Rr
Ss	Tt	Uu
Vv	Ww	Xx Yy Zz