



**St Nicholas** CE (VC)  
**First School**

learning and believing, growing and achieving



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Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Dear Parents

Firstly a big thank you to all who were involved in organising and supporting last week's Fireworks night. All went very smoothly and I have received a lot of positive feedback from those who came along to join us. This event is the biggest fundraiser annually for St Nicholas PTFA and is always a big event to organise.

This week in school the children enjoyed a special assembly led by Mrs Pinki Sharma to teach them all about Diwali. Our KS2 children also benefitted from an enrichment session led by Mrs Sharma teaching them bhangra and stick dancing. Whilst we are a Church of England school and most of our teaching will be rooted within Christian principles, we think it is important that we celebrate and share in the festivals of other faiths, especially those which are important to members of our school community.

Do your thing for  
BBC Children  
in Need



Today we commemorated Remembrance Day at 11am with a minute's silence in school. Children are taught at a level appropriate to their age that this is a time of reverence and reflection where we think about the sacrifice made by others for us. For resources to support children in discussing this concept at home please click [here](#). A big thank you to all who have supported the sale of Poppy related items in school, I am quite sure that this has raised a significant amount for the Royal British Legion.

Next Friday children are invited to come to school for [Children In Need](#) in something spotty. This can be spotty socks, jumpers, t-shirts, leggings, trousers etc. It might be something you already have or even something you make.

Children may also wear any Children In Need paraphernalia they can find such as Pudsey ears or jumpers and so on. We would ask that in turn children bring a small donation in to be given to the national appeal which is being supported once again by Lloyd's Bank. In addition to this we will enjoy an exercise book sale –children can buy unwanted exercise books but must bring no more than £2 to spend please.

We will also announce the winners of the Children In Need colouring competition as judged by Lloyd's Bank staff. Children need to draw their own [Pudsey](#) or [Blush](#) dressed in a spotty outfit and return it to school by 18<sup>th</sup> November for judging.

Kind regards

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# Superstars of the week!

Class/Award	Name	Reason
N1	Kasper Patterson	For working really hard with his maths and focusing on activities.
N2	Rosemary Hall	For engaging in all of our topic activities this week. She made a brilliant shop keeper!
RB	Thalia Thompson	For always being a super listener and carrying out fantastic addition this week.
RP	Evan Patel	For excellent maths ordering his numbers to 10. Evan is also trying really hard to learn the songs in his Christmas play.
1M	Sebastian Sedgemore	For fantastic Maths work counting in 5s, Seb's work is always beautifully neat too! Well done!
1R	Kiyra Smith	For fantastic Maths work counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. What a superstar!
2A	Rahul Kauldhar	For always having an excellent attitude when solving problems in Mathematics.
2S	Luke Tomney	For working really hard in Literacy, producing an exciting Firework poem.
3HW	Imogen Andrews	For working confidently and independently in Mathematics!
3P	Annabelle Berry	For retelling the story of Diwali using a story board.
4C	Yohan Mathew	For being confident enough to take some of his arm bands off in swimming lessons.
4S	Cameron Fellows	For a really good understanding and hard work in Maths this week, especially translating shapes and co-ordinating.
Sportsperson of the week	Charley Hillman	For being such a good sport in PE this week. It was a pleasure for staff to observe him!

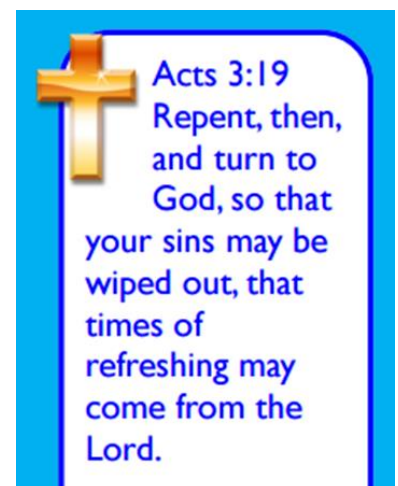


Please do check out the Think U Know website which is filled with useful E-Safety information which may be of interest to our parents and children. Click [here](#) to visit the site. In December Mr Price would like to welcome parents to school for an E Safety Workshop led by [Alan Foster](#) from Concero, an event that we know has been very much valued by parents who have attended in the past.

### SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD WITH SPELLING AT HOME

We know you are really keen to support your children's learning at home. To help you, here are a few tips you might like to use when supporting your child with spelling—we hope you find them useful (and fun too!):

- ✓ Colour in and illustrate words—write a word in one colour, then go over it again and again in different rainbow colours.
- ✓ Have fun writing words in the air, on different textures, e.g. sand, condensation. Flatten some playdoh and use a pencil to write the word into it.
- ✓ Let your child use Scrabble tiles to spell the words, then ask them to add up the score for each word. Which word is worth the most points? The least?

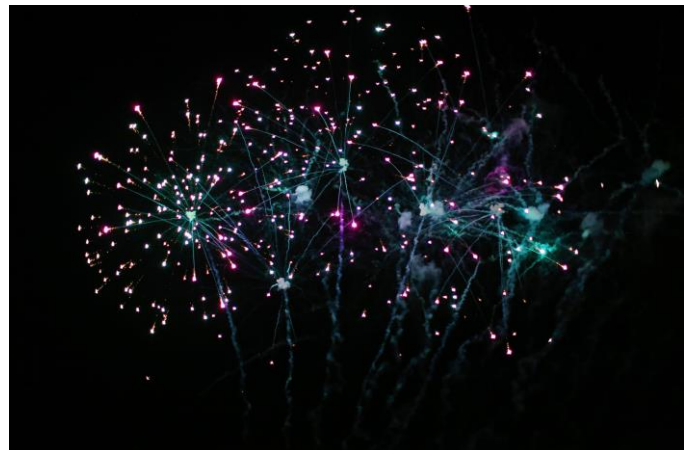


## Notice For Year 3 Parents

Due to a clash with the opening of the St Nicholas Church Christmas Tree Festival on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December, it has been necessary to change the date and time of your Musical Christmas Extravaganza to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 2.30pm. Many of our children will be up in church and involved in this event. We are sorry if this causes you any inconvenience, but hope that the early notice gives you the opportunity to try and come along on the 2<sup>nd</sup> nevertheless.



Thank you to mommy of A'myah in Reception who has sent in these amazing pictures of the fireworks at the St Nicholas Firework display. Although she is clearly a talented photographer, these pictures show just how professional and beautiful the display was.



A big well done to all of Carol Suttie's dancers who performed at The Grand Theatre last weekend to a very proud audience! I have very much enjoyed hearing about their experiences and am even more impressed at how sensibly the tired performers came into school on Monday ready to learn. Such are the demands of show business! 😊

*I am saddened to have to mention that I have had reports of one or two incidences of swearing from adults on the school playground in the vicinity of our children. Please refrain from using such language in school or around the children. Thank you.*

# PTFA News!

Our recent Firework Night raised over £2900 which will be spent directly on the children who attend St Nicholas First School. Well done to all who were involved in organising or attending! At this week's PTFA meeting the committee kindly agreed to the school's requests for:

**£300 per year group to subsidise coach travel for 1 trip to reduce costs to parents. Recent trips have been considerably underfunded by voluntary parent contributions and without this support we would have to limit or reduce the number of educational visits available to children. This will benefit all children in the school.**



**The purchase of 21 Kindle Fire tablet and E-reading devices, 15 of which can be used one between two in KS1 and 2 classes and 6 which will be sited In Reception and Nursery. Children can access apps to support their learning as well as use them for quick internet access as a research tool.**



This year in lieu of a Christmas Fayre, the PTFA committee would like to try something new. This year we will be offering children and their parents the opportunity to come and have a drink and a nibble with Santa! This will take place on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** and will be offered by advance bookings only. Parents will be offered timeslots as below and entry price of which you will be advised in separate communication from the PTFA will include refreshments as well as a gift from Santa too! We hope that this is something that interests you and your children.

**10.30-11.30am  
12.00-1.00pm  
1.30-2.30pm  
3.00-4.00pm**