



# St Nicholas<sup>CE (VC)</sup> First School

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Dear Parents



What awful weather we have had this week! Dark mornings and evenings are now upon us and so we will be talking to children about staying safe and being seen. Please also ensure that your children come to school equipped with adequate outdoor coats, hats and scarves to ensure they are warm when playing. I think it may be time to dig out my thermals!

The Christmas period is looming and as such I have provided staff with a list of key events for the remainder of the term. Please see later on in newsletter for this which may be useful for you to plan and organise your family and work commitments alongside.

I have been asked by staff to bring to parent's attention a problem that is arising with children and their playtime snack. We are noticing increasingly that children are bringing unhealthy snacks to school which are not permissible in school or in keeping with a healthy lifestyle. We do ask that children please only bring small snacks that are healthy. Therefore chocolate, biscuits and crisps should not be consumed at break time. Don't forget aside from this our KS1 and EYFS children also have free government funded which typically they choose to eat if they are not provided with sugary alternatives from home.

Another issue we have noticed is that KS1 children have started bringing snack for afternoon playtime which is an hour and a half after their lunchtime. This is not necessary. The afternoon break is a short blast of fresh air between lessons and children do not have time to get out and eat snack again as well as play.

Finally many of our children who attend after school clubs have started bringing snacks for consumption between 3.30-4.30pm, this (if you pardon the pun, is "eating" into the session and wasting a lot of time which should be spent within the activity that parents have paid for. The only session whereby children should bring snack is the Theatre Company session which is a later running club, finishing at 5pm.

Thank you for your help with snack.

Wishing you all a happy weekend. This Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent, the start of a new year in the Christian calendar. If any families are able to go along, Rev Simon and the team welcome you to go along to the 11.15am service where children are invited to donate a new toy for a child that is in need or crisis at Christmas time. This is something Rev Simon talked to Year 3 about this week and they were keen to get involved with.

Best wishes

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# Superstars of the week!

Class/Award	Name	Reason
<b>N1</b>	Biba Guest	For decorating her Gingerbread Man so beautifully!
<b>N2</b>	Elliot Hogg	For an excellent retelling of the story of the Gingerbread Man!
<b>RB</b>	Archie Hill	For trying really hard this week to complete the class challenges in particular the writing challenge.
<b>RP</b>	Phoebe Gribble	For super Maths work combining two numbers and finding a total.
<b>1M</b>	Bronny Lloyd	For working hard to learn all her Phase 3 tricky words.
<b>1R</b>	Edie Rose	For super phonics and reading and for working hard in her work on sharing (division). Phew, Edie must be tired this week after all that!
<b>2A</b>	James Green	For working hard to achieve the 3 star challenge in Literacy – he produced a super piece of writing!
<b>2S</b>	Luke Tomney	For working hard and applying himself to all tasks.
<b>3HW</b>	Oscar Jackson Frost	For a super retelling of a story in class this week.
<b>3P</b>	Natasha Madeley	For being so enthusiastic about her learning in class.
<b>4C</b>	Junior Leighton	For trying hard to include similes in his poetry this week.
<b>4S</b>	Noah Fellows	For excellent work in all our curriculum areas, always applying his thinking skills.
<b>Sportsperson of the week</b>	Charlie Deaville	For being such a good sport in his PE lesson this week! Well done 😊



A big thank you from Miss Parker, governors, as well as children, to Mrs Clay, Mrs Jackson and Mrs Manning for organising and leading the additional after school clubs for children this term. The experiences that these sessions provide give children an opportunity to try activities outside of sports and we appreciate the additional time given to provide them!

Also a special mention to our three office ladies, Mrs Howell, Mrs Currall and Mrs Richards who have had a lot of extra work this term with our conversion to become an academy, as well as Christmas events and the usual school business. They can be forgotten and tend to do some of the recognised and unseen in school, but without them things would not run as smoothly as they do.

### ***St Nicholas CE First School Christmas and End of Term Events Programme***

Day	Time	Event
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	2pm	Y2 Nativity to parents (children can go home after if parents wish to take them and siblings)
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10am	Y2 Nativity to parents
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	2pm	Choir singing at Willows Care Home
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	10am	Nursery Nativity
	2pm	Nursery Nativity
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	1.30pm	School Council Christmas Sale
	2.30pm	Y3 Musical Afternoon
	7pm	Carols around the tree in the village – Y3 and 4 (but all families welcome to come along)
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	10.30-11.30	PTFA Cake and a Drink with Santa – spaces still available for last minute booking – don't miss out!
	12-1	
	1.20-2.30	
	3-4	
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	5pm	Christingle Service in church – choir will be singing
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.15-10.15am	Parent E Safety Meeting in 3P with Mr Price and Alan Foster
	10am	Reception Nativity Dress Rehearsal to KS1 and 2
	6-7pm	Parent E Safety Meeting in hall with Mr Price and Alan Foster
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.15pm	Reception Nativity to parents (children can go home after as can siblings)
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.15-10.45am	1M Nativity shoebox in hall
	1.45-3pm	1R Nativity shoebox in hall (children can go home after as can siblings)
	2pm	Choir singing at The Shrubbery
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.15pm	Reception Nativity to parents (children can go home after as can any siblings)
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2pm	Christmas Tree Festival Opening - Choir to attend, open to the public.
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12 noon	KS1 Christmas Lunch
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30-10.30 – EYFS and KS1 11-12 – KS2	Christmas Church Services at St Nicholas Church
	Afternoon	KS2 Christmas Lunch KS1 Christmas Party afternoon
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Afternoon	KS2 Christmas Party Afternoon
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Morning	EYFS Christmas Party Morning
	2pm	EYFS Pantomime in hall
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	All Day	Christmas Jumper Day – children and staff can wear Christmas jumpers to school

## Information from St Nicholas Church about Christmas Events

### Coming up for Advent...



This Sunday is **Give A Toy Sunday** at St. Nic's Church - a chance to bring a new toy, book or game, or a present for a mum which we will pass on to the **Haven** refuge, for families in need this Christmas. We'll be collecting the gifts at the 11.15 All Age Service and the 9.30am service too.

On Tuesday at **St.Nic's@St.Nic's** we'll be thinking about the meeting between Mary and the Angela, as well as making a giant picture of Nazareth, lots of angels and an edible manger, from 3.30 - 4.30pm in the Hall. Reception children with an accompanying adult, older children with a permission slip.



Next Sunday, 4th December, we hold our popular **Christingle Service** at 5pm. Each child will receive a Christingle. The school choir will be taking part, and there will be the chance to support the Children's Society

Look out for the arrival of 32 Christmas trees in church for our **Christmas Tree Festival** Fri 9th - Sun 11th December - more details soon.



# Other Notices

## Hamper Donations Needed!

We need your help! As part of our Christmas event we would like to run a Hamper Raffle and we would welcome your donations of bottles and festive edible treats to help make this happen. This is the only donation the PTFA are asking for this Christmas. We will be collecting donations at our usual spot on the playground the morning of **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November**. We could also do with more helpers on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, if you can help for just a few hours at the event it would be much appreciated. Thank you!

### Tea and Cake with Santa

Don't forget there is still space for you and your family to come along to tea and cake with Santa on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Please speak to a member of the PTFA to book your place before we are fully booked! It promises to be a lovely session for the children!

Thank you to Mommy of Melease, Letiya and Kiyra who came to the rescue recently in answer to our request for angel costumes for our Y2 nativity. She very kindly bought some outfits for the children to donate to school! This is very much appreciated and the children look beautiful in them!

Also a thank you to Mr Parkes for his donation of [Lego Education](#) equipment which I know our Extra Nics children will really enjoy playing with!

### Teacher's requests for help!

**Year 4** will be making Christmas lights in DT/Science later on this half term. They will need small boxes to be the casing of their light, including boxes like Dairy Lea\* circular boxes, small Oxo\* cube boxes, Cup-a-Soup\* style boxes, mini cereal boxes, kitchen roll tubes, etc. If any families would start collecting these for us over the next couple of weeks, we would really appreciate it! *\*There are other brands available 😊*

**Year 1** would ask any parents who have spare, empty shoeboxes at home to send them into school to help with our Nativity Shoebox sessions for parents.