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Dear Parents

I can't believe we only have 1 week left now before we break up for the Christmas holidays! The Autumn term has flown by and Christmas has crept up on us (as it often seems to) amidst a melee of activity and excitement.

A big thank you this week to all involved in organising, supporting and attending our tea and cake with Santa event on Saturday. Feedback tells us it was well received and that you felt that it was good value for money. We hope your children enjoyed it and you feel this is an event you would like to see repeated next year. If so why not drop us an email to office@st-nicholas.staffs.sch.uk or if you have other suggestions please do let us know by offering ideas at the January PTFA Meeting or again by email.

Also a big thank you to all who found the time to attend our E Safety Meeting on Monday, delivered by IT Consultant Alan Foster. Whilst some of the information discussed is emotive and in some cases quite alarming, those parents that did attend felt that it helped them to evaluate what their children do online and put measures in place to safeguard their children.

Well done to our Reception children this week who performed their Nativities to parents! For some this will have been their first experience of doing so at St Nicholas and they did not disappoint their audience! Finally a special mention to our Year 3 and 4 children and in particular Mrs Witcombe, who performed at the Carols Around The Tree event in the village centre last Friday, as well as our Year 3 Musical afternoon.

This week will be our final newsletter and superstars for the term and an opportunity also to acknowledge all of those children who have maintained 100% attendance this term. If your child has been affected by absence due to ill health or the more recent sick bug, please do not worry they will have a fresh chance to achieve the 1 term attendance award in the Spring Term.

Finally please see towards the end of the newsletter for a message from Mr Price who leaves us at the end of this term. A separate letter has gone out to Year 3 parents but we thought it important that all parents are notified also. We wish him all the best for the future.

Thank you for your support to date and wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Best wishes
Miss J Parker

Head Teacher

Winner of the giant teddy from Saturday's Name The Teddy was Daniella Shore who chose the name "Merry"! Well done Daniella!

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Superstars of the week!

Class/Award	Name	Reason
N1	Jessica Duckworth	For retelling the nativity story so well to her friends.
N2	Maisie Ward	For getting involved in all Nursery activities and being really kind and helpful this week!
RB	Ciara Edwards	For a confident performance in the Christmas Nativity. Well done Ciara!
RP	Sofia De Souza	For her wonderful phonics, building confidence in her blending and segmenting.
1M	Euan Robb	For a brilliant sketch of St Paul's Cathedral before 1666.
1R	Samuel Grainger	For independence and resilience when planning and making his fire engine.
2A	Samuel Howell	For really improved learning behaviours during lessons. Keep it up!
2S	Alex Read	For his super snow poem where he showed he could use adjectives, verbs and adverbs.
3HW	Charley Hillman	For excellent times table knowledge and understanding the relationship between multiplication and division.
3P	Maisie Colyer	For carrying out her Science investigation in a very sensible and confident way.
4C	Macy McMahon	For creating a beautiful Christmas light, using her Science and DT skills.
4S	Bobby Morgan	For perseverance and determination to create an excellent light up decoration.
Sportsperson of the week	Daniel Jones	For great sportsmanship and being helpful to staff and others in clubs and lessons.

Don't forget next **Friday (16th December)** children are entitled to wear their own Christmassy jumper with the opportunity to donate a coin or two to Save The Children, should they wish to do so .

Please look out for a simple report form update about your child's progress and development in Maths, Reading and Writing this term as well as some information about their development and independence as a learner. We have provided this in response to parent feedback and we hope this is of some use and reassurance to you. We will have a Parent's Evening with books out to show you in the first half of the Spring Term with a further update report at the end of the Spring Term.





Christmas Tree Festival Information!

This week sees the opening of St Nicholas Church Christmas Tree Festival. The official opening takes place this Friday at 2pm in church where the school choir will perform Christmas songs for us all to enjoy. Gavin Williamson MP will also be in attendance at the event. On Friday the church will remain open to visitors until 7pm.

Families may also like to go along on Saturday between 12 and 5pm or Sunday between 1pm and 5pm. Throughout the event refreshments will be on sale alongside a raffle which I am assured has lots of good prizes.

Finally parents are invited to go along to the 6.30pm Carol Service in church amongst the decorated trees! Please feel free to go along!



Mr Price

It is with some regret that I have to inform you that in the Spring Term Mr Price will no longer be with us in school as Assistant Head Teacher and Year 3 teacher. After a great deal of consideration and some ill health Mr Price feels that it is necessary to move on at this point in time in order to safeguard his personal well-being.

Whilst we appreciate that this is fairly short notice (we would always seek to communicate such matters in a timely way), in this instance, as is the case with matters of health, the short notice has been unavoidable. Mr Price would like to thank parents for the support and kindness extended to him from the school community in his time with us.

Our priority moving forward is to ensure maximum stability for the children in Year 3 and as such have taken the relevant steps to support this. Teaching arrangements for the Year 3 children for January through to July have been outlined in the letter sent home to parents in 3P. We look forward to welcoming Mr Williams to the team in January!

We wish Mr Price all the very best for the future.



Inspiration Day Monday 9th January 2017

On Monday 9th January children will enjoy a themed day of learning through their topic in their Inspiration Day. Children are invited to bring in any items relating to their topic as well as dress up as specified below:

Nursery and Reception - Children will be learning through traditional tales. They may like to dress up as their favourite fairy-tale character (we know this means that they will choose the less traditional Buzz Lightyear type characters – please don't worry this is fine too! ☺)

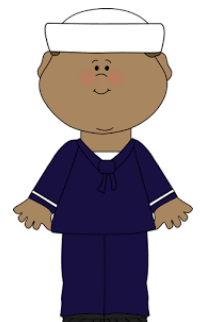


Year 1 – Children will be learning about what it means to be British next term and we invite them to wear red, white and blue for their inspiration day. Please ensure that whatever they wear is warm enough for the Winter weather we can expect in January.

Year 2 - Year 2 will start the New Year setting sail across the great oceans of the world in our new topic. We will be learning about some of the great sea explorers from the past, the history of boats and ships, as well as learning about the creatures living beneath the surface of the sea. We would like the children to dress as either sailors (not pirates) or divers or fishermen or mermaids or even a sea creature! (Please do not go to the expense of buying a costume. The things the children already have or make with a little imagination make the best costumes.)



Year 3 – Children will be wearing Viking attire for their visit from a “real life” Viking later in the term. If children have these ready already they may like to wear them on inspiration day. Alternatively they could wear a Viking helmet or bring in a shield etc. Please do not buy things especially, often hand/homemade items are the best.



Year 4 – Children will be learning about Ancient Greece next term and are invited to dress in sports clothes (Olympic Games) on their inspiration day. Should children have any interesting artefacts, books etc. again please feel free to send them in to school for children to share and discuss.



Here are George and Alex enjoying some fun at our Tea and Cakes with Santa event last week!

100% Autumn Term Attendance

Harper	Brennan	Lily-May	Morris	Noah	Griffiths	Lola	Fellows
Jessica	Duckworth	Ruben	Patel	Freya	Parkes	Hannah	Gough
Biba	Guest	Lila	Patterson	Erin	Phillips	Olivia	Grainger
Henry	Jevons	Jack	Rhodes	Ben	Qualters	Ollie	Haycox
Aaron	Kang	Rosie	Sayers	Edward	Riley	Jack	Jones
Sophie	Spittle	Oliver	Sharratt	Bradley	Stabler	Jayden	Kang
Jasmine	Gumn	Amy	Thompson	Sophie	Thorley	Thomas	Kelly
Evie	Lewis-Woolley	Jack	Winsper	India	Williams	Lauren	Lewis-Woolley
Eleanor	Neate	Maisie	Younger	Imogen	Andrews	Macy	McMahon
Joseph	Neate	Arjan	Bassi	Magdalena	Aver	Lily-Rose	Murray
Heidi	Powell	Eleanor	Birch	Joshua	Awosika	Seb	Newton
Ruby	Rhodes	Logan	Brennan	Ellie	Barlow	Isabel	Preston
Jessica	Staffiere	Avni	Chodha	Aimee	Griffin	Mya	Sahota
William	Crosby	Isaac	Danbury	Charley	Hillman	Liam	Summers
Ciara	Edwards	Charlie	Deaville	Daniel	Jones	Gabriel	Thornton
George	Fear	Harry	Dornan	Isobel	Lees	Harrison	Tompson
Aiden	Gumn	Samuel	Grainger	Chloe	Link	Oliver	Carey
Archie	Hill	Joe	Howells	Regan	McLaughlin	Tia	Chodha
Oscar	Holmes	Noah	Hydon	Charlie	Mitchell	Chetan	Dhami
Jamie	Liao	Emily	Jarvis	Emily	Myatt	Madison	Evans
Gurveer	Maan	Imogen	Link	Molly	Parsons	Cameron	Fellows
Ashley	McCambridge	Tyler	McCambridge	Sophie	Robinson	Noah	Fellows
Tomas	Pike	Reginald	Myers	Harry	Smith	Violet	Flynn-Jones
George	Qualters	Lea	Plimmer	Letiya	Smith	Daniel	Harley
Nathaniel	Aver	Reuben	Price	Finley	Staffiere	Wesley	Hobbs-Moore
Oscar	Bergeret	Edie	Rose	Alfie	Arnold	Tanaya	Kauldhar
Noah	Boddison	Maisie	Speed	May	Chitty	Bobby	Morgan
Evie	Evans	Demi	Younger	Benjamin	Crosby	Robert	Phillips
Stanley	Flynn-Jones	Charlie	Darlington	Georgina	Daker	Murissa	Powell
Hollie	Harris	Sasha	De Souza	Dori	Fear	Melease	Smith
Harry	Haycox	Joanna	France	Alexander	Fletcher	Samuel	Woodward
Lara	Lees	James	Green	Dylan	France		
A'Myah	McCalla	Emily	Hilton	Amy	Knowles		
Evan	Patel	Imogen	Hunter	Millie	Maan		
Elsie-Beau	Rushton	Libby	Moran	Archie	Mack		
Archie	Spittle	Brooke	Platt	Natasha	Madeley		
Poppy	Wainwright	Joel	Proverbs	Mason	McLaughlin		
Iestyn	Gibby	Ettie-Belle	Rushton	Sophie	Swift		
Kiki	Guest	Ryan	Spittle	Katie	Wellman		
Max	Khunkun	Arthur	Bergeret	Charlie	Winsper		
Bronny	Lloyd	George	Evans	Dami	Aguda		
Gabrielle	Lowe	Ashley	Forward	William	Daker		