

St Nicholas CE VC First School School Council report Autumn 2015

29.09.15	Council elections for Years 1, 2 and 3HW
06.10.15	How can we improve our school playground?
13.10.15	Meeting with Miss Parker to discuss the new shelter.
20.10.15	Draft a letter to the PTFA to ask for money. Choose items for selling to raise funds.
03.11.15	Type up letters to local shops. Set a date for the fundraiser.
10.11.15	Choosing and ordering stock
17.11.15	Selling raffle tickets
24.11.15	Preparation and advertising for Christmas sale
01.12.15	
04.12.15	Assembly speech about Christmas Sale
08.12.15	Christmas Sale
15.12.15	Meet with building contractors about the new shelter
12.01.15	Decide on questions to ask about collective worship
18.01.15	Class council to undertake the pupil discussion about collective worship
26.01.15	Feedback to school council, Miss J.Parker and Mrs S Witcombe
02.02.16	Feedback to classes during class council.

The school council has been very effective and active during the Autumn term of 2015. Elections were held and new member were elected in September, then the discussions of the different roles were undertaken. The children had to 'apply' verbally for their chosen role and they were assigned on their strengths as seen by the rest of the school council members.

Although minutes have not always been completed for each meeting the children have met weekly and decided on a course of action to help improve the school grounds. They decided they would like a new shelter on the main playground to be build and from here they looked into how they could raise the money to get this. They met with Miss Parker and talked about how they could fund the shelter and when it could be build. They were told that they could help choose the benches/ table that would be included in the bench.

The children wrote a letter to the chair of the PTFA asking her for a donation of money towards the shelter and then went about creating fundraising ideas to raise the remaining about. They decided up on holding a raffle and a Christmas sale. Some children went away and found items that could be sold at the sale, we discussed how to make a profit. The treasurer and vice treasurer met with Mrs Howell to order the stock from Ebay, while the remaining school council members wrote letters to local businesses to ask for contributions to the raffle prizes. We would like to thank 'The Hive' and Mrs Kendrick for their contributions towards the prizes.

Children then sold raffle tickets for 50p per ticket for the raffle. After each sale the treasurers counted the money and banked it with the school bursar, Mrs Howell.

Once the presents had arrive the children spent a session creating posters and bagging up the charms to make necklaces and bracelets. In the assembly prior to the sale the children all stood in assembly to tell everyone about the sale and the cost of the items. They had also written a letter to all the children which had been sent out informing them of the sale and the raffle.

On the afternoon of the 8th December the children set up the sale and the raffle draw, they called each class in and sold the presents. Lots of teaching of money was needed for the younger school council members. The turn-out was exceptional and it ran like clockwork. There was still stock left at the end of the day so children were informed that it would be open again the following day if extra presents were required. Lots of children returned the following day to buy more resulting in the total amount raised in the sale and raffle being £557.42

8.12.15 - £387.84

8.12.15 - £84.86

14.12.15 – £50.62

18.12.15 - £34.10

The KS2 children then met with the building contractors to talk about the build of the shelter and the size and value for money, they posed very difficult questions for them.

It was a very successful autumn term on school council and we look forward to working together during the Spring term.

Mrs Robb

Ethan Kendrick - Chair

Kiera Holmes - Vice secretary

Grace Whatley - treasurer

Keeley Green - secretary

Isobel Preston - communication officer

Dominic Teale - communication officer

Sophie Swift - secretary

Harley Purchase - vice treasurer.

School councils' views on the work of the Autumn term.

"I like school council, I'd like to meet every day" Harley

"I would like to have snacks at the meeting, I do like working with different children of all ages." Sophie

"I like how everyone gets on." Keira

"I like helping make the school better like when we ran the sale to raise money for the shelter." Keeley

"I like how we all get along. We have a good time and it is fun, it helps make the school better and I like that." Grace.