



Headteacher: Mrs Lorraine Collins BA (hons), MA

13<sup>th</sup> December 2024

### *Our Value this half term is Perseverance*

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

**Nativity plays** Year 1 and Year 2 have all been busy this week with their Nativity plays. Each performance was a great success and enjoyed by all. Very well done to all the children and thank you to all the staff for preparing them so well. We look forward to Nursery and Reception class Nativity next week.

**Christmas Cards** We are encouraging children to write one card for their whole class rather than individual cards for each other as a way of being environmentally friendly over the Christmas period. Whole class cards which are written will be put up in the classrooms for all the children to see.

**Christmas Jumper Day** Children are welcome to wear a Christmas Jumper to school next Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December instead of their school jumper (ties not necessary). If they have PE, they should wear their PE kit as usual with a Christmas jumper if they want to wear one. A donation to The Children's Society would be very much appreciated and can be made on Arbor.

**Christmas Hamper Raffle** Tickets are still on sale after school, outside Year 6. Prices are £1 per strip. Cash Only.

#### **Achievements**

Each week we will be focusing on a learning behaviour and one or two children who display this behaviour in each class will receive a certificate in celebration of this. Our learning behaviour this week has been **Teamwork**.

Congratulations to:

YR: Arya & Scarlett; Y1: Macy, Darcy, Alfonso & Julian; Y2: All of Year 2; Y3: All of Year 3; Y4: All of Year 4; Y5: Toni, Jadon & Phoenix; Y6: Beau.

Next week will be focusing on **Resilience**.

#### **House points**

We are keeping a weekly tally of the number of House points each House has as well as a running total.

The overall total number of points so far this term for each House is:

St Francis: 1146

St Clare: 1012

St Andrew: 1092

St Catherine: 1029

#### **Diary Dates**

- **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – Years 3 - 6 Carol Service in St Andrew & St George's church at **1:45pm**. Parents and Carers welcome. End time approx. 2.45pm. See email sent 11/12 for details.
- **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Nursery and Reception Nativity in school at **9:30am**.
- **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Jumper Day
- **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Pantomime in school
- **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – School Christmas Lunch
- **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Christingle service in school
- **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Class Christmas Parties
- **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Last Day of Term – Early Finish 1.30pm – No After School Club
- **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025** – Back to School
- **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January** – Y3 Swimming starts.



**Safety Online Simplified 13**

Looking for some more age-appropriate apps for your child to access on their device? Internet Matters has a selection [listed here](#) and apps like ScratchJr, Book Creator and Duolingo have great educational value without the worry of adverts popping up.

## **Congratulations Damaris, Holly and Delia**



The BEBRAS Challenge introduces computational thinking to students worldwide. This exciting challenge takes place in schools every November and this year over 2.5 million students from 87 countries across the globe participated.

In the UK, over 460,00 young people between the ages of 6 and 18 took part. They had 45 minutes to tackle a series of interactive tasks, designed to encourage logical thinking and problem-solving skills appropriate for their age group. The tasks are designed to allow every student the opportunity to showcase their potential, whether they excel in maths or computing, or not. The challenge was conducted online, and tasks were marked automatically then verified by The Raspberry Pi Foundation and University of Oxford team.

We are very proud of the 20 students who put themselves forward to take part in the challenge for the first time this year: Lennox, Theodore, Raylen, Emily, Ciara, Estera, Lordina, Connie, Isabelle, Nathanael, Buddy, Habel, Andy, Antony, Alexander, Beau, Aiesha, Delia, Damaris and Holly

Everyone received a certificate in recognition of their achievement, then Damaris, Holly and Delia received an additional certificate – a GOLD Award. The Gold Award in the UK Bebras Challenge is given to students who place in the top 10% nationally in their age category, so this is a tremendous achievement for these three girls and we think it's a great cause for celebration.

We look forward to seeing more students sign-up next year!

### **Premier Education**

We had our new wraparound care provider in school for a WOW day today. Each class had a chance to experience fencing, a first for the school! I'm sure they will tell you all about it when you see them. This is just one of many activities the children will get to take part in while at After School Club.

Premier Education's booking system is now live to for Spring Term. Please find the link here: [St Nicholas CofE \(VA\) Primary School and Nursery – Premier Education](#)

*Have a great weekend! Mrs Collins*

### **Learning, Loving, Living in God's Family**

*"But I am like an olive tree flourishing in the house of God; I trust in God's unfailing love forever and ever." Psalm 52:8*