



St Nicholas C of E (VA) Primary School and Nursery



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Our Value this half term is Thankfulness

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

Thank you for all your donations today for the Christmas Fete next Friday.

Please do come along **this afternoon** for our **Christmas Jumper Swap** outside the KS2 entrance after school (in the Hall if wet). Please bring in Christmas jumpers or cardigans that your children have outgrown to donate and we hope that you may be able to find one for your child to wear this year. We will also have some nearly new coats, hats and gloves available.

Volunteers Required to help run the nearly new school uniform.

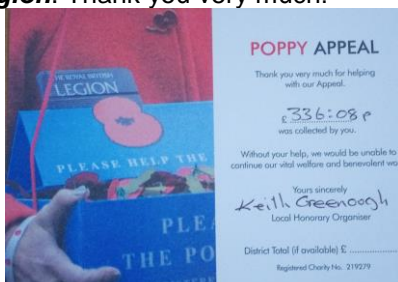
A huge thank you to Harriet Crouch for running the nearly new school uniform this past few years. We are now looking for a couple of parents to take this over.

Ideally we would like to run a nearly new sale at least once a term after school (preferably half termly). You will need to sort and stock the uniform as donations come in to school as well as running the sales. If you are able to help, then please contact the Office. Without parental help, we will not be able to run sales as frequently. Many thanks.

Nativity costumes If your children have outgrown any nativity costumes and you feel able to, we would be delighted if you could donate them to school for the younger children to use in their upcoming nativity plays. Any costumes can be dropped off at the Office and we will pass them on. Thank you very much.

Nursery would be grateful if anyone has any **small new or nearly new socks or underwear** that they are able to donate for their spare supplies please. Many thanks.

A big thank you to all of you who bought poppies and accessories for Remembrance Day. We are delighted to say that these sales have raised **£336.08 for the Royal British Legion**. Thank you very much!



Achievements

Each week we focus 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 **Listening**.

Congratulations to: **YR:** Summer; **Y1:** Nina, Amelia & Oniro; **Y2:** Aviana & Joshua; **Y3:** Myles & Poppy; **Y4:** Muhammad & Ollie; **Y5:** Willow, Lordina & Jasmine; **Y6:** Archie & Immi.

Next week we will be focusing on Independence.

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 Clare:	1018
St Andrew:	1014
St Francis:	1008
St Catherine:	999

Sporting Achievements

The **Mixed Football Team** played in a competition at Stevenage Borough last Friday. They worked really well together and in three of their matches didn't concede any goals! Very well done to all of you who took part.

The **Y6 Netball Team** won their home match against St Margaret Clitherow on Tuesday; congratulations girls!



Safety Online Simplified 11

Game ratings and content: The PEGI (Pan European Game Information) rating system can be a useful tool to help you decide what online games are appropriate for your child.

For more information on the PEGI system and other factors to consider before deciding what's suitable, read [Gaming: what's appropriate for your child](#) There are also a number of games that have a 'cartoon' feel, but contain adult themes so you need to check them out first. [This article](#) will also help when it comes to thinking about making gaming safe for your child.

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

Diary Dates

- **Friday 8th December** – Catch up Flu Immunisations in school
- **Friday 8th December** – Y2 Christmas Journey
- **Friday 8th December** – 3:25pm-5pm Christmas Fete in school
- **Friday 8th – Sunday 10th December** – Christmas Tree Festival in St Andrew and St George's Church
- **Tuesday 12th December** – 9:30am YR Nativity in school
- **Wednesday 13th December** – 9:30am Y1 & Y2 Nativity in school
- **Wednesday 13th December** – 11:20am YN Nativity in school
- **Wednesday 13th December** – 1:45pm Y3-6 Carol Concert in Church – Parents welcome
- **Thursday 14th December** – 9:30am YR Nativity in School
- **Thursday 14th December** – 2pm Y1 & Y2 Nativity in school
- **Friday 15th December** – Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
- **Monday 18th December** – am Pantomime in school
- **Tuesday 19th December** – 1:45pm Church service for whole school - children only
- **Wednesday 20th December**– Last Day of Term – Early Finish 1.30pm – No After School Club
- **Thursday 4th January 2024** – Back to School

