



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



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Our Value this half term is Compassion

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

Harvest If you would like to make a Harvest donation, please bring in tinned and packet items of food by next Friday, 22nd September. This food will then be donated to our school church's Food Bank. Many thanks.

Fundraising: Christmas Cards This term we have decided to organise an exciting design-your-own Christmas Card project with SchoolPrintWorld.co.uk to raise funds for the school while encouraging creativity and artistic flair in our children! The Christmas Card designs will be professionally printed with your child's artwork on the front and their name on the back. Every pack of cards ordered raises funds for the school! There are other fantastic products available too, which will help us to raise even more money! More details to follow.



Safety Online Simplified 2

Parental controls have been designed to help you manage your child's online activities. There are various types, some of which are free but others which can be bought. However, nothing is totally fool proof so this shouldn't replace the support and guidance you give your child to help keep them safer. For more information and step by step instructions on setting up parental controls, visit [Parental Controls & Privacy Settings Guides: Internet Matters](#)

Safeguarding Update: Social Media A reminder to parents and carers that it is their responsibility to monitor their child's use of social media. The school, as part of safeguarding and the curriculum, regularly talks to pupils about usage and what is acceptable. All apps have a minimum age rating; here is a reminder of some of those: Whats App – 16+, TikTok – 13, Instagram – 13 and Threads – 12.

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 **questioning**. Congratulations to:

Reception: ; **Y1:** Ved; **Y2:** Holly; **Y3:** Alfie; **Y4:** Phoenix; **Y5:** Antony & Lordina; **Y6:** Victoria & Adwaith.

Next week we will be focusing on teamwork.

School snacks and lunches

KS1 children receive a piece of fruit or veg every day to eat mid-morning.

KS2 children can bring in a piece of fruit or vegetables to eat at break time.

No sweets or other snacks allowed to encourage healthy eating.

Some parents have asked for suggestions of what to put in a packed lunch; there are lots of websites with ideas such as:

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>

There should be no sweets or chocolate.

Please also ensure that only **water** is brought in in bottles to drink in class. If you would like your child to have a different drink with their packed lunch you are welcome to include a carton or pouch of a fruit drink with their lunch.

Please note: we have several children with nut allergies so we are a nut free school. Please do not provide food items, including spreads, containing nuts. Thank you.

School Photos reminder: Children will be having their individual and sibling school photos taken next Wednesday morning (20th September).

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

- **Monday 18th September** – Nearly New Uniform Sale after school: lots of uniform available for a donation
- **Wednesday 20th September** – Individual School Photos
- **Monday 25th September** – Harvest Service at church (for pupils only)
- **Saturday 7th October** – PTA Quiz Night
- **Friday 13th October** – School Disco TBC
- **Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October** – Half Term
- **Monday 27th November** – Occasional Day – School Closed
- **Wednesday 20th December**– Last Day of Term – Early Finish 1.30pm – No After School Club
- **Thursday 4th January 2024** – Back to School

4:30-5:30PM EVERY TUESDAY

STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Young People's Healthy Hub
Stevenage

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE COLLEGE

SHEPHALL CENTRE
SG2 9XR

Creative Arts CLUB

- ✓ **Messy activities**
- ✓ **Dream catcher making**
- ✓ **Stone painting**
- ✓ **Clay modelling**

Sept 19th – Dec 12th
FREE for all →
11 year olds and under

North Hertfordshire College and Stevenage Borough Council joint project