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

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Our Value this half term is Perseverance

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

Thank you for all the super donations you have sent in for our Christmas Fete today. We look forward to welcoming you all to the Fete after school on 4th December.

In addition, we are planning a ***Christmas Jumper Swap*** at the Christmas Fete. Donations of jumpers or cardigans that your children have outgrown will be gratefully received and we hope that you may be able to find one for your child to wear this year. Please drop any donations into the office. Thank you.

Parking at drop off and pick up time We have received another complaint from a local resident about parents parking on/in front of their driveway and not respecting their property. We work to keep positive relationships with our neighbours and it is not acceptable for them not to be able to access their own property or finding people on it at drop off or pick up times.

Please make sure that you park in a full space, not blocking any access, when you use local roads, or that you park at Fairlands Valley Park which is a short walk away. Thank you.

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.

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 **Curiosity**.

Congratulations to:

Y1: Layton; **Y2**: Alex; **Y3**: Teddy; **Y4**: Lydia; **Y5**: Leo; **Y6**: Alfie.

Next week we will be focusing on ***Concentration.***

Sporting Achievements

The Y6 Netball team played against Codicote at home on Monday. It was a tough match against a very strong team but Mrs Ruddlesden and Mrs Reed were very proud of the girls who scored 9 goals! The final score was 9-16 to Codicote but it was a great match. Very well done to everyone who played.

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 Catherine:	2626
St Francis:	2507
St Andrew:	2439
St Clare:	2210

Wrap up warm! Please make sure your children wear a coat to school and hats scarves and gloves if necessary. Please also ensure that you put their names in their outdoor clothes. The weather is cold now and the children play outside at break and lunchtime all year round. Thank you.

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 23rd November** – Y2 Christmas Journey with Bridge Builders (see e-mail sent to Y2 parents and carers for further details)
- **Wednesday 25th November** – second round of Flu immunisations in school

- **Friday 4th December** – Christmas Fete after school
- **Monday 7th December – Friday 11th December** – EYFS and KS1 Nativity Play (parents and carers welcome) – dates and times to be confirmed next week
- **Monday 14th December** – Key Stage 2 Carol Service
- **Wednesday 16th December** – Pantomime in school
- **Wednesday 16th December** – School Christmas Lunch
- **Thursday 17th December** – Christingle service in school
- **Thursday 17th December** – Last Day of Term – Early Finish **1:15pm** – No After School Club
- **Friday 18th December –** Occasional Day – School Closed

- **Monday 4th January 2027** – Back to School

A reminder that our term dates can be found on our website on the following link: [St Nicholas CoE (VA) Primary School & Nursery - Term Dates]

ST NICHOLAS SCHOOL

Christmas

FETE

Friday 4th December

Join us after school for our Christmas Fete! Enjoy a selection of stalls, fun games, delicious refreshments and lots more, plus a special performance from our very own school choir!

Stall & Raffle Tickets available to purchase on Arbor now!

A SPECIAL GUEST!

We are delighted that the Mayor will be joining us to officially open our School Fete!

