

St Nicholas CE VA Primary School Newsletter

December 2016

Vision Statement

At St Nicholas, we nurture everyone to 'be the best we can be' in a caring and inclusive Christian Environment



DATES

13th December:

Willows Nativity
2pm and 6pm

14th December -

Thank you Assembly
for our volunteers.
9am in school

14th December -

KS1 choir singing in
the village hall at
2pm

15th December:

Christmas Party

16th December: End

of term Service
9am (Church)

School finishes at

1:30 pm

INSET days -3rd

and 4th January
2017

5th January 2017 -

First day back

10th January 2017

Welcome Back

Service: 9am at
the Church. Please
drop the children
off at 8:45. We
hope you will join us.

End of Term Service. Friday 16th December 2016 9 am in church

Please drop the children off at church at 8:45. We would welcome parents helping us to walk the children back to school, following the service.

Rev Lydia, who will be leading the service, has invited all of KS1 to participate. She would like as many children as possible from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, to come to school dressed as a character from the nativity! We hope lots of you will join us for what promises to be a joyous occasion.

'THE ELVES & THE SHOEMAKER'

St. Nicholas School Hall

6pm Wednesday 11 January

A Festive Tale - for all ages

Business is slow for the Shoemaker and his wife, their shoes aren't exactly walking out of the door and just when they are wondering what to do, something magical happens.

This exciting production offers storytelling at its best. The Shoemaker story is mixed with other fairy tales old and new as the shoe shop is visited by Prince Charming, Puss in Boots, the Wicked Witch of the West and many more! Can the shoemaker provide footwear to match the Emperor's new clothes? And how do you make a glass slipper? Perhaps with a bit of magic and a couple of friendly elves!

Bumblefly bring their trademark mayhem, mischief, song and slapstick to a show for all the family.

"A family show with bonkers DIY vibe!" The Stage 2015

Safeguarding - We have recently completed our annual safeguarding audit. This revealed that we have outstanding systems and procedures in place to safeguard children at St Nicholas. These will continue to be regularly monitored and reviewed, in order to maintain the highest standards.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the children and parents for the part they play in ensuring the safety of our community. Safeguarding is **EVERYONE'S** responsibility. If you have any concerns about a child please do not hesitate to contact the school and speak to myself, (the Designated Lead for Safeguarding) or Mrs Salisbury (Deputy Safeguarding Lead). Alternatively, you can contact our Designated Safeguarding governor, (Carol Wee) through our clerk to the governors. You will find his details at the end of this letter. Thank you.

Christmas Performances

Our KS1 children were so excited about performing for you and their enthusiasm and enjoyment was matched only by the quality of performance they gave - fabulous! Well done to our talented children for giving of their best, and thanks to staff who worked so hard to enable the children to perform so successfully.

I'd also like to say a big thank you to all our KS2 children and the choir for a magical Candlelight Service. Our Year 6 retold the nativity story with confidence and the children sang beautifully. Thank you for your lovely comments. It was indeed a heart-warming service, enjoyed by all.

Christmas Party

On Thursday, the children will be enjoying their Christmas Party. For those new to this event, the children come to school in their party clothes and enjoy party games and activities throughout the day.

The PTFA will prepare a feast for the children during the course of the morning and rumour has it someone special will be visiting around lunchtime! Thank you for all your food contributions so far and to the PTFA for working so hard to ensure the children have a memorable day.

This year the PTFA have asked Santa to arrange and pay for another theatre visit in the Spring term.

School Admissions

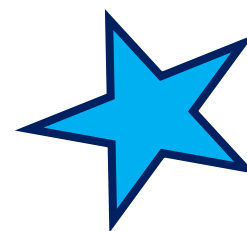
If you have a child due to start Reception in September 2017, please ensure you submit an application by 15th January 2017. Applications received by this date, will be informed of the outcome by the 18th April 2017. You can register and apply on line at www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk.

HALL OF FAME

Class Cups



Congratulations to...



Jacob M, Connor, Ruen, Ted, Amelia S, Bella P, Woody, Hadley, Edith, Georgina, Emily C, Faith R Clara & Esme, Rosie, Josie, Logan, Rylea, Lewis, Fraser, Jacob P, Esther, James G, Harry B, Shannon H

And finally, ... as we come to the end of our Autumn Term, I would like to wish you a very peaceful and happy Christmas. Having worked hard all term, the children will be ready for a break and the opportunity to recharge their batteries. We've had a busy and productive term and I would like to take this opportunity to thank EVERYONE involved with our school, for their commitment and continued support.

I look forward to welcoming you all back on **Thursday 5th January 2017**. On their return, the children will be enjoying two days of activities designed to promote their health and wellbeing. See below for details.



A few of our favourite moments!
 WELL DONE children – you have worked so hard, produced some fabulous work and made lots of progress! Well done! Happy Christmas.

Current Parent Representatives:

- Mrs Carpenter -marioncarpenter@btinternet.com (Willows);
- Mrs Andrew - rachel@juddstransport.com (Ash);
- Mrs Tonks -samtonks@hotmail.co.uk(Acers);
- Mrs Sharples -helenno58@aol.com (Acers);
- Mrs Belbahi -mehdi.belbahi@btinternet.com (Oaks)
- Mrs Rigler –hannahrigler@hsbc.com or hannah.rigler@homecall.co.uk (Oaks)

On a day -to -day basis the school is run by the Head teacher and staff. They are held to account by the Governing Body. If you wish to contact the governors concerning a school related issue or are interested in being a governor, please contact our clerk Robert Wellen: robertwellen@btinternet.com Chair of Governors: Rev Lydia Cook Vice Chair of Governors: Oliver Davis

HEALTH AND WELL BEING DAYS

Thursday 5th and Friday 6th January

Without some sense of wellbeing in life, children cannot flourish and reach their potential. When we have a sense of wellbeing in our lives, we are far better able to take in new information, take risks in our learning and take responsibility for ourselves and indeed others.

At St Nicholas, we believe one of the most important aims of education is to help young people lead happy and fulfilled lives. We are mindful that with the pressures and demands our modern world places on our young people, their mental and emotion health can often suffer. Although we deliver a curriculum that promotes healthy living and have an ethos that has the child at its very heart, we felt it would be valuable to dedicate two days to this topic. This will provide us with an opportunity to explore key questions with the children: What does wellbeing mean? What factors affect our wellbeing? Why is it important? What can be done collectively as well as individually, to promote and sustain our wellbeing?

We have organised a yoga teacher on the Thursday and Dan the Skipping Man on Friday. **The children will be able to buy their own solar skipping rope on the day from the coach for £6:00. Please send the money in a sealed envelope clearly named** if you wish to purchase one. Alternatively, you can buy the ropes online at: www.dantheskippingman.com . (this is not compulsory)

If you wish to view Dan The Skipping Man's tricks visit:
www.YouTube.com/dantheskippingman

In addition to this, the children will enjoy a host of activities around diet, relaxation, relationships, problem solving and resilience, an essential attribute for ensuring wellbeing.

**PLEASE ENSURE THEY HAVE THEIR PE KIT IN SCHOOL ON THESE DAYS -
MANY THANKS.**

