



**St Nicholas CE VA Primary School Newsletter
November 2018**

Vision Statement

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

Diary Dates

13th November— Ash Class Open
Afternoon (2.45pm)

13th November—Orienteering
(Shillingstone)

14th November—Yr 6 Football tour-
nament (Gillingham)

20th November—Orienteering
(Durweston)

21st November—Book Fair

22nd/23rd November—Yr 5 Leeson
House Residential

27th November—Orienteering
(Sturminster High)

28th November—Acers Tutan-
kahmun Museum Visit

6th December—Yr 4/6 Parent's
Evening

7th December—Ark Christmas Play

7th December—KS1 Christmas PJ
Party

11th December—Reception Nativity
Play

12th December—Yr 1 Nativity Play

13th December—Yr 2 Nativity Play

17th December KS2 Carol Service

20th December—Christmas party

Headteacher's Message

It has been a very busy half-term at St Nicholas and the children have been engaged in some fantastic learning. In Chestnuts they have been learning about Heroes and the arrival of the Fire Engine in school was brilliant. Ash class have been learning about the Stone Age and there are lots of magnificent round houses on display. Acers have been following in the footsteps of Howard Carter, and learning about the Egyptians. Finally Oaks have been producing some amazing work on WW1—their poetry is world class.

This next half-term will be equally busy with plays, carol concerts and parties all to look forward to. The school will be having a new website, which should go live in the next few weeks and this will be a great source of information.

If you have any problems, concerns, or can offer help to the school, please do come and see me – my door is always open.

Steve Cottrell – Acting Head Teacher

Fruits of the Spirit

This term we have been focusing on the Fruits of the Spirit and how we can use them in our lives. The fruits are Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-Control. We have used each of these to be the centre of our worships and also to be celebrated in display around the school.

Maths Challenge

Mr Smith, a Year 3 teacher writes an addition problem on to the board.

$$? + ? = 17$$

What are all the possible answers? How do you know you have got them all?

Why School Attendance Matters...

Days Absence by End of Year	Equal to Absence %	Overall Attendance % by the end of year
1	0.5%	99.5%
5	2.5%	97.5%
10	5%	95%
20	10%	90%
30	15%	85%

Did You Know....? For every day of school missed by a pupil it will reduce their attendance by 0.5%.

Ten whole days of school has been missed if your child has 95% attendance.

Twenty whole days of school has been missed if a pupils attendance is 90%.

By the time a pupil is persistently absent (85% attendance) they have missed 6 weeks or half a term of schooling.

Class Cups Hall of Fame



Congratulations to...

Alfie, Rosie, Macey, Evie, Byron, Nati, Alex,
Webster, Fraser, Layla, Poppy, Freddie, Olivia
and Harry.



Community Links

At St Nicholas we are always looking for ways to reach out and have more involvement in the wider community. Recently, I took a group of our reception children to Millbrook House. This was an amazing experience and the children and residents thoroughly enjoyed the experience. If you have any ideas how the school could be involved in local projects, please contact the school office.



Our amazing PTFA is always looking for helpers and new members. If you can spare some time ask at the office.