

St Nicholas CE VA Primary School

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Vision statement

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

Dear Parents,

The end of term is almost upon us but we still have a few more exciting events in store for you!

Tonight (Monday 14th December) is our '[KS2 Candlelight Carol Service](#)'. This is held in the church and starts at 6:30. **All are welcome!**

Tuesday 15th December - Chestnuts will be performing their nativity - 'Angel Express' at 2pm and 6pm. Acorns and Willows delighted us with their spectacular performances last week and I'm confident Chestnuts will do the same. Thank you to all those who have already performed and good luck to those about to take to the stage, I can't wait!

Wednesday 16th December - 'Thank You Assembly' - 9am in School. This is an opportunity for the children and staff to say thank you to the many volunteers who help in school on a regular basis.

Thursday 17th December - IT'S PARTY TIME! For those of you who are new to this, the children come to school in their party clothes. They will enjoy a morning of games and activities followed by a feast prepared by members of our PTFA. In the afternoon the children continue to party until 3:15!

Friday 18th December - End of Year Service - led by Rev Peter Smith. Our KS1 choir will be performing a Christmas Lullaby. Again, everyone is welcome!

A reminder that school closes at 1:30pm. If your child is booked into The Ark we will keep them until 3:15 pm.

SPORTING NEWS

Our sporting success continues.



On the 8th December two teams travelled to Stalbridge School to play football matches.

Our year fours played first and put up a good fight against a well drilled Stalbridge team. All players showed great determination and despite being 4-0



down at the final whistle everyone was still working hard and had smiles on their faces. Well done!

As darkness and rain started to close in, Y3 lined up for their first inter-school match. Mrs Salisbury was very impressed with their enthusiasm and commitment and was delighted to see some promising flashes of teamwork. Noah C excelled in attack and scored a hat trick taking St Nicholas to 3-0. Hayden added a final goal to finish the match at 4-0. What a fantastic start to their football careers!

Second Round of the Davison Cup



On a windy Monday afternoon we played against Buckland Newton in the second round of The Davison Cup.

Buckland Newton went 1-0 up in the first half, despite magnificent goal keeping from Bradley. Five minutes before half time, Gethin scored a brilliant goal from a difficult angle. We were all feeling very relieved now the score line was even at 1-1.

At half time we caught our breath and went back on for the second half. Both teams were playing equally well and then thankfully Kit scored a well needed goal by nutmegging the defender, taking us to 2-1. After that there were some very tense moments which our defence controlled well, until the final whistle blew.

The whole team played fantastically throughout. We want to thank Mr Adey for taking over when he was needed and also we want to thank Will Custard for being a great referee.

By Kit Brace.

Next Term

We have noticed this term that the children's school bags seem to be increasing in size and thus taking up a lot of room, as well as posing a health & safety risk!

Spaces in corridors is limited and we would welcome your support in helping us to reduce the risks and create more space. We therefore ask that the children only bring bags if when they have events out of school, that requires them to

carry kit or extra clothes. For the most part they just need to carry their book bags and lunch boxes, which doesn't require a huge rucksack.



LOST PROPERTY

Please ensure **ALL** your child's clothing is clearly labelled. The lost property box is full of sweatshirts, brand new trousers, pinafore dresses, shoes etc. etc. . . . None of these items are named and it is frustrating and time consuming trying to reunited items with their owners!



Thank you for you continued support.

Hall of Fame

Congratulations to all our Class Cup winners and Maths Masters

Class Cup

Phoebe	Harriet
Ruby	Santi
Lewis	Georgina
Eva	Eleanor
Katie R	Adam
Amelie	Acorns Class
Edith	Harry B
Freddie P	Harry W
Kristiina	

Maths Masters

Sam	Isabelle
Jack	Scarlet
Gethin	Oliver A
Tristan	Tippi
Esther	Freddie B
Santi	Rudi
Bradley	Archie
Hadley	Ollie
Anna	Noah
Freddy DFF	Madison Y
Harry F	

THANK YOU!

Santa Stride - I'd like to say a huge THANK YOU to all our families who took part in 'Santa's Stride' on Sunday December 6th. This event was organised by the 'Sturminster Newton Rotary Club', primarily to raise money for the Dorset Air Ambulance. However, by taking part in this event our families have also raised money for our school too! THANK YOU SO MUCH for all your efforts in getting sponsorships, we really appreciate it!

BLACKMORE VALE CHRISTMAS FLOAT - Thank you also to all those who helped with the '*Blackmore Vale Christmas Float*' on the 6th December. Ursula Taxis, Emma Scott, Nicola Hall, Hannah Rigler and Cassie Trim and Jack worked for four hours and collected an amazing £468.33. As a result of this display of community spirit, the Blackmore Vale, have promised to make a contribution to one of our school projects. I will keep you posted.

Cheese Festival- Carol Wee, our Vice Chair of Governors and Treasurer of the PTFA, applied to the Cheese Festival for funding for our Playground Improvement Project and Forest School's Area. I am delighted to report that they have awarded us £2500!

Work on replacing the large playground equipment is scheduled to start early in the New Year! Completing these applications involves a huge amount of time and I'd like to thank Carol for her commitment and willingness to pursue alternative funding sources. Thank You.

Well done to all the children who took part in the Outdoor Nativity at Gold Hill Farm on Sunday, 13th December. It was a fantastic evening and you did yourselves and the school proud. Many thanks to Sammy Upton for inviting our children to participate in this event.

And finally ...thank you to everyone who is associated with the school for their support this term. The children and staff have worked incredibly hard and many things have been achieved. I wish you all a peaceful and happy Christmas and look forward to welcoming you all back on **TUESDAY 5th JANUARY.**

Best Wishes for 2016

Tracy Maley – Headteacher



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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

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