



# St Nicholas Church Of England Primary School

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*'Creating the space for your child to excel.'*

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Dear Parents/Guardians

What a blessing to have got through our second half term with zero covid cases. Well done to all for being so rigorous with hand-washing, mask wearing and social distancing. I have noticed a few parents coming on to our school site without a mask. Please work with us and ensure your mask is worn at all times when on our school site for drop off or pick up.

Firstly, a huge thank you to our fantastic team of St Nicholas Staff for all their hard work, resilience, commitment, team work and passion this term. Many have done extra hours, yet again, to support those who have had to stay off work. A very sincere, and special thank you, to Mrs Spike, Mrs Crabb, Mrs Howell and Mrs Rozycki who have supported the children in Reception to ensure they enjoyed a very special first Christmas at St Nicholas. I know many of our parents have already sent in messages of thanks this week - we thank you too for your support in helping us.

Thank you to Mrs Crosby for organising and setting up all the classrooms so that the children could enjoy our Christmas Pantomime, Cinderella. It was definitely a worthwhile log on. Thank you to Mrs Rozycki for bringing the idea and link to us.

Thank you to Sandra for organising all the resources for the children's Christmas buffet - the children loved their party poppers, special party hats and extra treats this week. Thank you to Mrs Lorna Rogers, Mrs Jane Jeanes and Rev. Kevin Rogers for all their practical support in school this term - their time and support are very much appreciated by all in our school.

Thank you to all who returned our parent questionnaire this term. There was a definite agreement on the following:

- After school clubs would be welcome in 2021
- Children wearing their PE kits to school on their PE days is a huge support for home and school; this will continue next term.

We will be working on more of your excellent ideas next term.

### Message from our Chair of Governors:

*Over the last half term I have had the privilege of observing, from a distance and over Zoom, children working hard and learning in the classroom. Well done children for being such good students. Thank you parents and carers for your support of Mrs Shearer and all the teaching staff.*

*I wish you all a wonderful Christmas season with much joy.*

*Blessings,  
Mrs Lorna Rogers*

### Message from Rev. Kevin: Years 3 - 6 are singing and reading on the zoom.

#### **Are you worrying about Christmas?**

Christmas is a joyful time, but it can also be stressful, especially this year. We don't want people in our community to worry about food or heating this Christmas. Help is available for anyone who needs it, with an email to Rev Kevin on [revkrogers@gmail.com](mailto:revkrogers@gmail.com) or phone me on 01963 363832 with your grocery list or heating needs. No questions, just a discreet response to make things a little easier over the Christmas holiday season.

#### **Carols by Zoom on Christmas Eve at 4pm via Zoom**

Come to your screens dressed in your nativity outfits and Christmas regalia, mulled wine or hot chocolate in hand, and sing along to all the favourite Christmas Carols led by our local singers, and hear the Christmas story told by our local readers, volunteers from all our village schools, our village communities and our village churches. To join, click on the link below and follow your computer prompts (no downloading needed): Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82950107897?pwd=eVdxVklmd1pPak5EN2tjVWZKKzAyZz09>

or access it manually with Meeting ID: 829 5010 7897 and Passcode: 817432.

Kind regards

Yours in Christ **Revd Kevin Rogers**

### Performances:

Congratulations to our amazing Year R Dragonflies - they did a superb live zoom for their nativity. All of the children did their very best and the rest of the school loved seeing them on the screen. Thank you to all parents for joining us. We have recorded another show as our live zoom has too many 'no connection' interruptions. The joys of technology. Thank you to Mrs Spike for doing another recording this morning and a huge thank you to the children for performing again. Mrs Crosby will email this to each child's parent so you can enjoy it over the holidays. Thank you to Mrs Willes for covering absent staff.

Well done to our Year 1-6 classes - they have been practising hard in the past few weeks. It was lovely to see you all on screen. We really enjoyed hearing your poems, prayers and songs; some of my favourite were the five rubber quoits and five dojo points in The Twelve Days of Christmas.

Thank you to Mr Pavey for setting up our recordings and for leading the children on the piano. Butterfly, Ladybird, Hedgehog and Owl Classes will have their recordings on Google Classroom for you to enjoy.

### Fundraising:

Thank you for your support with our **Christmas project** - our chalk model purchases made a superb £498.25 which will go in to our new classroom fundraising pot as County have told us they are no longer able to fund this new project. More news on this next term as we will need your help with this.

Thank you also for our **Christingle Charity boxes** -lots have been returned.

**Christmas Jumper Day** - you raised £86.51 - thank you to all who contributed.

**Children in Need Day** - you raised £105 - thank you again.

Christingle - thank you to the suppliers who deliver to Dikes; they donated an orange for every pupil this week so that each one could enjoy their Christingle. Thank you to Mrs Jane Jeanes who organised the resources for the children.

### Sports Update from Miss Cochrane:

Well done to everyone who participated in our netball challenge this term. We have many very skilled players coming through. Next term, we are focusing on

netball skills and multi-skills. We will also be focusing on intra school competitions within our class bubbles. Team sport will be the main focus.

#### Reminders:

Mrs Spike and Mrs Shearer - sharing the teaching of Butterfly Class. (Mon to Wed will be Mrs Spike and Thur & Fri will be Mrs Shearer)

**Multiplication boxes**, our new Maths support resource, have been sent home for fun play over the Christmas holidays as part of our catch up and 'plugging the gaps' drive. Please do enjoy being creative with the cards. Spend time with your child and encourage them to practise their tables regularly over the holidays please. **All children need to bring their box back in to school on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January please.** (See our letter earlier this term)

Also - you will have had Mrs Connor's letter about the **importance of reading**. Please continue with daily reading over the holidays.



*Finally, it was fun to have Father Christmas in school today - each child has been given their special present. Thank you to his little Elf who popped in to the office yesterday to deliver a little treat for all the children. A wonderful way to end the term.*

*Wishing you all a very happy, healthy Christmas and we look forward to having you back in school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021.*

*From all of us at St Nicholas.*

*Mrs Alison Shearer*

