



# St. Nicholas' CE (VA) Primary School

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Dear parents

Thank you for all your support during this very busy term. We are so grateful to you all for your donations of Christmas boxes and we are also delighted to inform you that we raised £171.60 for Children in Need. At this time of year it is so rewarding to see children at this school so passionate about giving to others who have less than themselves. This week I am setting up a Christmas Card Workshop run by the older children in school so that any child can make a Christmas card which we are delivering to a local residential home for the elderly.

Due to the many restrictions and constant changes we are having to manage we are sadly unable to offer a Christmas Dinner to the whole school. This was a really disappointing decision that had to be taken but we are so fortunate to have Mrs Perry on our staff who so kindly offered to make us a whole school Christmas cake: so we will enjoy cake and songs around the Christmas tree in the hall! I'm sure you will join me in thanking Mrs Perry for her most generous gift.

Last year we were unable to accept Christmas cards in school for children to deliver to other children and staff and sadly we are having to continue this restriction. Each class will have a card where children can write their Christmas greetings to each other. Staff will not be writing cards this year as we always make a charity donation, and this year we have chosen Shelter. If you would like to make a donation with us there will be a donation page on the school app until Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

Christmas Jumper (or Christmas outfit) Day is the last day of term, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Please ensure children wear very sensible school footwear that day and bring a coat with them.

The last day of this term is Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December and we will be finishing promptly at 1.15pm. There is no after school club that day. The new term starts on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January and we look forward to welcoming children back to school on this day.

We are currently extremely busy in school assessing children and looking for areas that need further development. I will be meeting teaching staff and then carefully analysing our plans for next term to ensure we give all children every opportunity to close all the Lockdown Learning Gaps while at the same time ensuring they stay on track with their current learning. We will be sending home letters to you all highlighting areas where children still require additional support asking for your help to support them through the holiday period. I perfectly appreciate Christmas is a lovely relaxing holiday period but I would be remiss if I didn't give you as parents as many opportunities as I can afford to assist us in enabling your children to be as successful as they can be.



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I hope you all have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing many of you over the next two weeks at the Nativity Performance (Badger, Squirrel and Hedgehog class parents and families) and the Church Service (Owl, Fox and Hare parents and/or families).

With all our very best wishes,

*S L Smith*

Mrs S L Smith  
Headteacher



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