



Headteacher: Mrs Lorraine Collins BA (hons), MA

18th October 2024

Our Value this half term is Generosity

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

Thank you very much for joining us for parent and guardian consultations this week. It was lovely to see so many of you here and was really good to be able to discuss your children's progress with you.

Yoga Year 3 enjoyed a Yoga workshop with Stevenage Sporting Futures this morning. The children were attentive, behaved brilliantly and really enjoyed the experience which was peaceful and some said it helped them to feel calm.

Christmas cards and accessories Thank you very much to all of you who have bought Christmas cards, mugs and other accessories with your child's design on them. They look super and this has raised a wonderful £163.25 for the school.

Medication reminder We cannot administer medication of any type (prescribed or over the counter) to children without a completed Parental Agreement for School to Administer Medicine form. There are copies of this form at the school office and on our website:

[St Nicholas CoE \(VA\) Primary School & Nursery - Forms \(stnicholas120.herts.sch.uk\)](http://stnicholas120.herts.sch.uk)

A reminder too that if your child has an asthma inhaler we need to have one in school for them please. This will be kept with the class in case it is needed at any time. Please complete a medication form and give the inhaler to your child's teacher if you have not already done so. Thank you.

Free School Meals A reminder to check your eligibility if you think your child might qualify for free school meals using the following link: [Free school meals | Hertfordshire County Council](#)

Achievements

Each week we will be focusing on a learning behaviour and one or two children who display this behaviour in each class will receive a certificate in celebration of this. Our learning behaviour this week has been **Teamwork**. Congratulations to:

Y1: Keziah, Zuzanna & Summer; **Y2:** All of Year 2; **Y3:** Aryien & Isaac; **Y4:** Ming-Yee, Ella, Lilia, Angel & Ciara; **Y5:** Albert; **Y6:** Aiesha & Lordina.

Next week we will be focusing on **Perseverance**.

Sports Achievements

The **Y6 Netball Team** had their first match of the term this week against Codicote School. It was a tough match but the girls did not give up and were even complimented by some parents from Codicote on their great attitude to the game. Well done to all of you who took part.

House points

We are keeping a weekly tally of the number of House points each House has as well as a running total.

The overall total number of points so far this term for each House is:

St Francis:	472
St Andrew:	453
St Clare:	447
St Catherine:	405



Safety Online Simplified 7

Online gaming: Online games are social activities, and most have features that allow children to chat with others whilst they play. For information about the positives of gaming, the risks of in-game chat and measures you can take to help protect your family, we suggest you read this article: [In-game chat: a guide for parents and carers.](#)

Have a great weekend! Mrs Collins

Learning, Loving, Living in God's Family

"But I am like an olive tree flourishing in the house of God; I trust in God's unfailing love forever and ever." Psalm 52:8

Diary Dates

- **Monday 21st - Thursday 24th October** – APDR meetings
- **Friday 25th October** – Occasional Day – School Closed

- **Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November** – Half Term
- **Thursday 31st October** – Deadline for Y6 Secondary school Applications

- **Friday 8th November** – Flu immunisation in school
- **Friday 22nd November** – INSET Day – School Closed

- **Wednesday 4th December** – Y2 Christmas Journey (pm)
- **Tuesday 10th–Friday 13th December** – Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 Nativities (times t.b.c.)
- **Monday 16th December** – Key Stage 2 Carol Service
- **Wednesday 18th December** – Christmas Jumper day
- **Wednesday 18th December** – Pantomime in school
- **Wednesday 18th December** – School Christmas Lunch
- **Thursday 19th December** – Christingle service in school
- **Friday 20th December** – Last Day of Term – Early Finish 1.30pm – No After School Club

- **Monday 6th January 2025** – Back to School



Protect your child this winter

Flu season is coming



Why should your child be vaccinated against flu?

- 1 Help protect vulnerable family & friends
- 2 Quick, easy and pain-free nasal spray
- 3 Avoid taking time off work/school
- 4 It's free
- 5 It's better than having flu!



We also offer the flu vaccine as an injection, which is **gelatine-free**.