



20th October

Friday 21 October
SCHOOL CLOSED—Teacher Training Day

24th—28th October
HALF TERM

Tuesday 8th November
4K to Roman Museum
Open Evening 6-7.30pm

Friday 11th November
School Disco:
Infants - 4.30-6pm
Juniors - 6.30-8pm
Letters will be going home with children after half-term. After school Tennis & Dance will finish slightly earlier at 4.15pm.

14th—18th November
Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 15th November
4W to Roman Museum

Friday 18th November
Children in Need Day
No Celebration Assembly

Tuesday 6th December
5pm-8pm St. Nicholas' Night—High Street Parade

Wednesday 7th December
Reception/Nursery Christmas Performance 5.30pm

Thursday 8th December
Reception/Nursery Christmas Performance 9.30am

Friday 9th December
'Xmas Grotto' - Friends of St. Nicholas'

Tuesday 13th December
Year 1/2 Christmas production Performance 6pm

Wednesday 14th December
Year 1/2 Christmas production Performance 9.30am

Thursday 15th December
PM - Children's Christmas Party

Friday 16th December
9.45am Carol Service at St. Nicholas Church (Whole School)
Children's Christmas lunch

Children return to school on Wednesday 4th January 2017

**Next Newsletter:
Friday 11th November**

The past seven weeks have flown by and we have arrived at half term. School is closed tomorrow due to a Teacher Training Day, so there has been no Celebration Assembly this week. Children whose birthdays fall between 15th October and 4th November will be celebrated in assembly after half-term on Friday 4th Nov.

Myton Hospice
The children are raising money for Myton Hospice through the *Feeling Great* appeal. We hope the children have been enjoying their sponsored challenges over the last two weeks. The envelopes have been sent home with children in Years 1—6, please could these be returned by Monday 31st October.

Welly Walk
The children of Reception went on a 'Welly Walk' in the Jubilee fields to raise money for Myton Hospice. They enjoyed an autumn walk in the sunshine and the money raised will be added to that raised by Years 1-6.



Operation Christmas Child
We are really excited as some shoe boxes are already coming in to school. Please could all remaining shoe boxes be brought into school by 31st October. The children will be told in a special assembly where their gift will be going.



Breakfast Club
Invoices will be sent out to the parents of children attending breakfast club after half term. Please could these be paid by Friday 11th November.

Quiz Night -
Thank you to the PTA for organising the quiz night and to Laurie Yearley, our Chair of Governors, for preparing the quiz questions. Great fun was had by all. The staff teams came second and third losing out to worthy winners 'OK Google'. Thank you to everyone who contributed to raising over £300.

Year 5&6 Fun & Popcorn night was a great success. The raffle and refreshments raised approximately £200. Thank you to everyone who helped make this a success. The next Film Night will be in the Spring Term for Years 3 and 4.



Open Evening
The school is open to prospective parents on Tuesday 8th November, 6pm until 7.30pm. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

Harvest
Thank you to everyone who donated food for Harvest this year. This has been gifted to Jubilee Court and Arden Foodbank. Thank you to the children in Years 3 & 4 who performed brilliantly in church earlier today. A huge well done to the staff for all their hard work.

Teddy Bears' Picnic - Reception held their Teddy Bears' Picnic on Tuesday 18th Oct. Thank you to all the families

that were able to attend, the children had a lovely time and thoroughly enjoyed it.



Children in Need - SPOTACULAR!
This year, Children In Need day is on Friday 18th November. The children can dress in spotty clothes and bring in £1. Many thanks in advance.

African Drummers
As part of the Year 1 topic 'Poles Apart' IN2CULTURES - a Creative Arts Group came into school to introduce the children to African drumming and storytelling.



Sporting success -
Bell-Boating Regatta 8th Oct 18 children and their families had an amazing afternoon. Thank you to all who attended this event.

Rugby 9th Oct - Well done to both teams, we won the West Warwickshire Schools under 11s Tag Rugby Festival and will now be playing at Worcester Warriors in half time—awaiting date and details.

Football 13th Oct everybody played well, unfortunately we did not make it through to the final.

Cross Country 15th Oct—well done to the runners, who finished 10th, 16th & 40th in their ages.

**Mrs Karen O'Shea
Head of School**

Online Safety Awareness

At St Nicholas C of E Primary School, we take the growing concern of your child's online safety extremely seriously. Through our curriculum, we endeavour to make the children aware of the risks as well as the huge benefits of the internet, social media and gaming.

There is now a page on the School's website which aims to support parents with Online Safety and sign post you to various resources that you will find useful.

Here are just some of the useful links you will find:



Thinkuknow.co.uk is a website that offers guidance for internet safety and includes support for parents. The link here is to a selection of videos that parents can watch with their children. There are different videos for different age ranges.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Listing/?cat=208&ref=30560>



'Hot topics' by Child Net is another useful website, click on the link below to a downloadable leaflet with information on supporting children online.

<http://www.childnet.com/resources/supporting-young-people-online>



www.facebook.com/stayingsafeonline This is the Local Authority's online safety page. There are regular updates and links to useful resources as well as alerts to potential risks to children online (e.g. video games, social networking sites etc). Please 'like' the page to receive updates.

For more information please visit our website.

<http://alcesterstnicholas.co.uk/parents/online-safety-awareness/>

NEW SCALEXTRIC F1 GRAND PRIX

JOIN IN THE FUN
8th & 29th October
St Nicholas Church, Alcester
December 6th Church House, Alcester

- Thrills galore !!
- 6 very fast tracks
- Family group discounts

BOOK YOUR TRACK TIME NOW - PLACES LIMITED
Friday & Saturday 28th & 29th October (half term)
10am - 12noon • 1pm - 3pm • 5pm - 7pm
St Nicholas night 6th December
4pm - 7pm

Adults £5
Children £2.50
Family group of 4
(2 adults 2 children)
only £11

Pay here including your contact details in your payment message
www.virginmoneygiving.com/Scalextric
In aid of St Nicholas Church Restoration

Head lice

There have been a number of reported cases of head lice in the school. It would therefore be advisable to check your child's hair for lice or nits.

Should you find them in your child's hair, the advice from the NHS is that all members of the family are checked.

The recommended treatment is the 'wet combing method' for more information please visit our website or collect an information leaflet from the school entrance.

