

1st December 2017

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St Nicholas Night

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Panto—Wizard William

Sat 9th December

Choir - Ragley by Candlelight

Weds 13th December

Nursery & Reception Christmas Performance 5.30pm

Thurs 14th December

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Choir—McCarthy & Stone

Friday 15th December

'Xmas Grotto' Friends of St Nicholas

Tues 19th December

Carol Service at St Nicholas Church 9.45am - tbc

Tues 19th December Year 1&2

Christmas Performance 6pm

Weds 20th December Year 1&2

Christmas Performance 9.30am

Thurs 21st December PM

Children's Christmas Party

Friday 22nd December

Children's Christmas Lunch

Friday 22nd December

Break up for Christmas

Next Newsletter 15th Dec

Children return to school on Monday 8th January 2018

Swimming—the last swimming session this term for Reception children was Weds 29th November. KS1 Penguins have received letters this week, they are swimming for 3 weeks before Christmas and then 3 weeks when we return in January. KS2 - Year 3/4 finish next week on 7/12 and Years 5/6 finish on 8/12.



Mrs Karen O'Shea
Head of School

Friends Table Top Sale



Thank you to everyone that helped, baked & donated tombola/raffle prizes. The grand total raised

was a wonderful £495.30!

Weds 6th December Panto - Wizard William

We are looking forward to welcoming Wizard William, our pantomime to school on 6th December. There will be 2 performances during the morning. We would like to thank The Friends once again for supporting us in funding such amazing experiences for our children.

Choir - Ragley by Candlelight/St Nicholas Night and McCarthy & Stone

Letters have been sent home to the members of the Choir regarding singing at Ragley Hall on 9th December, McCarthy & Stone on 14th December and at St Nicholas Night next week on 6th December. Please ask at the office if you have not received one.

Friday 15th December

'Christmas Grotto' organised by the Friends of St Nicholas. During the day the children will visit the grotto and choose gifts for their family. The gifts are priced at £1.50 and children can choose up to 3 gifts. To help with the organisation, we ask each child to bring in a carrier bag to store gifts in once purchased. The cost includes the presents being wrapped and labelled.

Christmas performances

Reception 13th & 14th December.
Year 1 & 2 19th & 20th December.

Letters have now gone out with details of these performances and how parents can request tickets. Please see the office if you haven't received one.



Mobile Advent
Pastor Mills is bringing a mobile advent to school on

12th December. This will be revealed in collective worship and children will have an opportunity to open the door of the day. During December Pastor Mills will be taking the mobile advent around many places in Alcester, so please look out for it.

Parents wandering around school in the mornings

Could I please ask that parents leave school through the appropriate doors in the morning. There is an increasing number of parents walking down the main corridor to the office area without badges. We need to ensure the safety of our children and staff and anyone seen in school after doors have been locked, without an identification badge will be challenged. I am sure you agree that your children's safety is paramount.

Celebration Assemblies and Birthdays for the next 3 weeks.

When celebrating the successes of children outside school by presenting certificates, football trophies etc. please could these be given to Mrs O'Shea by the Thursday before that Friday's Celebration Assembly.

Today we have celebrated birthdays from 25th Nov - 1st Dec. We will be celebrating birthdays as follows for the rest of the term:

2nd Dec—8th Dec on 8th Dec
9th Dec—22nd Dec on 15th Dec. This will be the last Celebration Assembly of the term.

Birthdays from 23rd Dec to 5th Jan will be celebrated during the Carol Service on

Tues 19th Dec 9.45 am at St Nicholas Church. Unfortunately due to space restrictions at the church we are only able to invite parents whose children's birthdays are being celebrated.

After School Rock Club

We are very excited to be able to offer a new after school club to KS2 next term run by one of our parents: Mr Webb. This will be electric/rock style guitar lessons. To enable us to see how popular this will be, we are asking that parents contact the office by 15th Dec to register their children's interest. Depending on numbers we are hoping that this will run as small groups of 3 or individually. Children will need to have their own guitar, which can be either acoustic or electric. Cost will be £5.00 for half an hour, so a 10 week term will be £50.00.



New Year Multi Sports Courses

run by Dave Geden will be held at St Nicholas Primary school on **Jan 3rd, 4th, and 5th.**

Time: 10am - 3pm, Age: 5 - 11
Cost: £12 per day or £30 for 3 days Cash or Cheques made payable to David Geden.

Registration forms are available from the school office OR contact Dave on: 07990972762 or davidgeden@hotmail.co.uk



Dropping children off at school

We are worried that an increasing number of KS2 children are being dropped off and left on the school playground before the start of the school day. This is a concern as there are no members of staff supervising the playground at this time and the mornings are getting colder/darker. Please ensure that your Children are not dropped off or arriving at school until 8.40am. The KS2 doors are opened at 8.45am.

St Nicholas Night 6th December



We are all looking forward to St Nicholas Night next week. Four children from Year 6 will be included in the parade as the 'boy bishop' and his lady attendants. They will be part of the procession through the High Street, switch on the Christmas tree lights and then take part in a church service led by Reverend Guthrie.



The Choir will also be performing in a gazebo on the Church Green from 6 pm



see <http://www.alcester-tc.gov.uk/events/event/st-nicholas-night/> for details.

Christmas Shopping, Santa's Grotto, children's rides, Parade of Classic and rally vehicles, White Hart Morris Men and a host of other attractions.

5.30 p.m. – St. Nicholas opening Ceremony being opened by Olympic Gold Medallist Nick Skelton

6.00 p.m. – Musical entertainment

7.00 p.m. – Parade of the Boy Bishop, classic vehicles & town organisations

7.30 p.m. – Lighting of church & tree

8.30 p.m. – Fireworks extravaganza

9.00 p.m. – Compline service at St. Nicholas church

For Further information or Enquires contact the St. Nicholas Night Association at chairman.sna@virginmedia.com

Non Uniform /Christmas Jumper Day 1st December.



We had a lovely day in school today. The Christmas tree has been decorated and lit. The children looked fabulous in their Christmas jumpers and bright coloured clothes. Celebration Assembly was awash with Christmas spirit. Thank you for all your generous donations for The Friend's stall at St Nicholas Night. Please drop in and see them.

Reminder the children who are in Platinum today can wear their own clothes next Friday 8th December.



Staffing

We are pleased to inform you that we have recruited a very experienced teacher to cover Karen Woodcock's maternity cover. Her name is Elissa Gilles and she will be joining us from 8th January. Jane Tovey will also be joining our team as a teaching assistant from 7th December in 2L.

Snow Closure



The main way to communicate snow closures will be via text message, so it is vital that we have your latest numbers on our system. Please contact the office if your mobile number has changed.



Leicester Hospital

Mrs Kabrian went to Leicester Hospital this week to present them with a cheque for £1053.00 to go towards their CICU 2020 Fund to build rooms for families with children who are in your children's intensive care unit.

This money was raised by our current Year 5 children in memory of their friend and classmate Oli Balhmann.

We feel so proud of our children and families for their generosity in thoughts and donations for the benefit of others.

Thank you all so much and thank you Mrs Kabrian for giving your time so generously to deliver this personally.