



30th November

School news Update

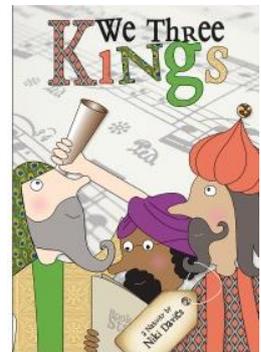
Our School Mission Statement: Together with God's help we: Grow in Faith, Learn for Life and Achieve our best.

Our Christmas Countdown has begun!

We have lots of exciting things planned over the coming weeks. From the Foundation/KS1 nativity play to our Christingle service; whole School Christmas dinner to a travelling Pantomime! Do check the diary dates sheet so you know when everything is happening! Thank you so much to everyone who came along this morning to take part in our Christmas decorating morning.

Tickets for this year's Nativity go on sale on Monday!

Rehearsals are under way for this year's nativity performance which will be performed on Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th December. We have sent home booking forms for this today. Tickets are allocated on a first come first served basis and seats are numbered. If you wish to book tickets please return the form to the school office by Friday 7th December. If we have any spare tickets after this date we will let you know.



We are looking into producing a video of this year's performance for you to be able to purchase with part of the cost coming back into school funds. If you DO NOT wish your child to be filmed then please let the school office know by 7th December. There will be a reminder on the recording that it is for personal use only.



Christmas Cards

The Christmas post box will be out on Monday. If your child would like to send Christmas cards then please encourage them to "post" them in the box. The cards will be sorted and delivered straight to the classes each day. Please help us by including the class or year group on the front of the card as we have several children in the school with the same name and we want to make sure that all cards go to the right person!



Christingle Service

We will be holding our Christingle Service again this year at St Andrews Church on Wednesday 12th December at 2:30pm. Everyone is welcome to join us. During this service there will be a collection for The Children's Society and if you would like to find out how the work of this charity supports children and raises funds through Christingle Services across the country please visit their website www.childrenssociety.org.uk Thank you to Morrisons for the

donations they have provided and thank you to Liz for organising this. If you are available to help to make the Christingles in school on the morning of 12th December, please let the school office know.

St Andrews Church - Carol service

On Sunday 16th December, St Andrews Church will be holding its annual Carol Service from 6pm and we would like to invite all the children and parents to join us. During the service we are hoping that some of the children would like to sing a selection of carols. If your child would like to take part - please let the school office know just so we have an idea of numbers. All are welcome to join us at this festive time of year.



Christmas Dinner / Christmas Jumper Day

We are inviting children to wear a Christmas jumper to school instead of their school jumper/cardigan on Christmas Lunch Day (12th December).

This is the day before the official fundraising day for Save the Children and we are not asking for a donation. However, if you would like to make a donation to Save the Children we would be happy to bank these on your behalf.

Swimming next term

Just a quick reminder that the first instalment for Picasso class swimming is due by Friday 7th December.

School Bags

We have noticed that lots of children are now bringing large back pack type bags in to school. For three of our classes, the cloakrooms are located in corridors and it makes it difficult to move around the corridors safely when so many coats and bags end up on the floor. In KS1 children should have a book bag which means that they do not need a back pack too and PE bags are easier if they are the drawstring type. Your support with this is much appreciated as it is so important that coats and bags are kept off the floor to allow safe movement around the school.

**Attendance % for
W/E 30/11/18**

Van Gogh ~ 100%

Monet ~ 97%

Kandinsky ~ 97%

Picasso ~ 99%



STARS News

Hamper donations

Thank you to everyone for your hamper donations today and if you haven't sent in a donation yet then please do so by Tuesday so we have time to wrap the hamper ready for the fair.



Wreath Making Workshop – Tuesday 4th December

We have completely sold out for the evening session but still have availability for the afternoon session. Please do book a space with any member of the team or the school office.

Christmas Fair – Friday 7th December

Please sell as many raffle tickets as you can and return the money with unsold books to the school office before the fair.

Paper plates have been sent home today – one for each family. Please fill these with any cakes, or biscuits for the cafe/ refreshments area of the fair and bring them back to the school on Thursday 6th (end of day) or Fri 7th (morning). Please ensure that there are **no nuts** in any product brought into school either bought or made.



Carol Singing – Saturday 8th December

Everyone is invited to come along to Morrisons in St Ives to sing carols to the shoppers! STARS have arranged this over the past few years in various places and last year in Huntingdon Town Centre we raised over £500! Do come along and join in the singing – the more the merrier!! Children should wear school uniform but please do also ensure that they are warm – please feel free to let them wear a Christmas hat or tinsel so that we look festive!! We will meet outside Morrisons at 10am and finish at about 12 noon.



Breakfast with Santa

If you wish to book a place for your child to come and have Breakfast with Santa then please send in your money to the school office or hand to a member of the STARS team.

Christmas shop

The Christmas shop will also be open to the children on this morning. They will have a chance to visit the shop and choose a gift for a loved one. If you wish your child to visit the shop during the morning please send money in a named purse or envelope.



Diary Dates

Please see below the diary dates for the Autumn/Spring term 2018/2019

*Any new dates added in the future will be in **bold italics***

Date	Event
4 th December	STARS Wreath Making workshops – 1:30pm and 7pm
5 th December	Life Education Bus – Picasso and Kandinsky class (parents welcome 8:40-9am)
7 th December	STARS Christmas Fair 2pm in Village Hall
8 th December	STARS Carol Singing – Morrisons St Ives. Everyone welcome
10 th December	Foundation/KS1 Nativity Performance – 9:30am and 2:15pm
11 th December	Foundation/KS1 Nativity Performance – 9:30am
12 th December	Whole School Christmas Lunch – wear a Christmas jumper
12 th December	Christingle at St Andrews Church 2:30pm
14 th December	STARS breakfast with Santa
14 th December	STARS Christmas Shop
17 th December	Aladdin Pantomime in school
19 th December	Christmas Service – 2.30pm in the church
20 th Dec to 3 rd Jan 2018	Christmas Holiday
3 rd and 4 th January	Training days – School Closed
7 th January	School Starts
7 th January	Picasso Class start swimming lessons
5 th February	Young Voices concert at the O2 in London – Kandinsky and Picasso
18 th – 22 nd February	Half Term
15 th March	Red Nose Day
5 th April	End of Spring Term
8 th – 22 nd April	Easter Holidays
23 rd April	Teacher Training Day – School Closed
24 th April	Summer Term starts