

Friday 8th November 2024

Our school dog started school on Thursday. It was a bit like the first day in a new school and the first day of a new job all rolled into one, but all went well. Halle made a brief appearance on the gate, and visited Ash class who had really taken on board their learning from our assembly, and knew how to approach her and ask for consent.



In the afternoon, Halle popped into a few more lessons and enjoyed making friends with some special visitors to the office.

Well done to all of the children, for being so calm and gentle with her.

Halle will be in again on Tuesday. If we are on the gate, please remind children not to call her name unless they have asked her handler if they can say hello so she isn't overwhelmed.

For more information about our therapy-dog-in-training, please visit

<https://www.stnicolastaplow.com/wellbeing-and-equal-chances/>

Pupil quote of the week

"Halle has curly hair, just like Ms Holmes!"

Year 2 pupil

100%	Perfection
98%	Impressive
97%	Very good
96%	Good
95%	Nearly there
94%	Needs to improve
<94%	Poor

Attendance matters

Attendance for this week was a nearly there

95.7%



St Nicolas' CE Combined School Newsletter

Jesus said, 'I am the vine and you are the branches'



Christmas Fair Saturday 23rd November 12-3pm

The Christmas fair is coming up in two weeks' time and we need your help to make it the best ever for the children!

We are asking every parent to give up just one hour a year to support the PTA, so if you haven't done yours yet we would be extremely grateful if you'd click on this link and sign up for your hour at the fair. You choose your spot and can even sign up with a friend.

Link <https://volunteersignup.org/CJ8AW>

The children feel great ownership of their school fairs and happy memories are created. Many come back for years after they've left, greeting us on the door and enjoying a sense of belonging. For this reason alone the fair is worth supporting with your time.

A second reason is that is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and every penny raised goes towards fantastic facilities and resources for the children!

Not signed up yet? Why not pop a message on the class WhatsApp and encourage some others from your child's class to sign up with you. ..

Poppies

We are selling poppies and related remembrance items in school to support the Poppy Appeal. Please send your child in with some coins if they wish to purchase any of these and support this worthwhile cause.



Water bottles

Please do not send children to school with glass water bottles.

Reading at St Nic's

'Finding Bear' by Hannah Gold

It's such a heart-warming story and April is really positive about being eco-friendly and wanting to save the animals. It is one of the best book series I've read!

Orla, Year 5



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House Points

Jaguars	Pumas	Lions	Tigers
201	206	206	202

Congratulations to Lions and Pumas

Busy Bunch

Coming up:

Next week's theme is anti-Bullying week



Thank you from Beautiful Gate



Thank you from all the children of Beautiful Gate for the shoes and for the donations from the harvest festival. We had a wonderful week working with the staff and children and we replaced many old and broken shoes as well as buying some shoe glue to try and keep them going a bit longer.

Mrs Dobson

Young Climate Warriors

Nearly three-quarters of the carbon emissions related to a load of laundry come from drying rather than washing ... so give the tumble dryer a rest!

Check out these Earthshot Prize Finalists:

Natural Fiber Welding, USA - the future of sneakers - plastic from plants.
Build Up Nepal (BUN), Nepal - a low-carbon alternative to traditional clay-fired bricks, reducing carbon emissions by 75%, and air pollution by 90%

Earthshot Awards Ceremony 2024 - held on 6th November in South Africa - [here's the link to watch it](#)



Amazing machines ... but avoid the energy guzzlers!

Stand in awe at the machines that make our life at home much easier and simpler - but many are also 'energy guzzlers'.

This week can you avoid using 'dryers' - help hang your washing up - outside or inside - avoid your tumble dryer ... and towel dry your hair avoiding your hair dryer?

Scientists, inventors, engineers, designers, businesses ... check out some of the Earthshot 2024 winners who're helping revive and restore our planet, and fix our climate.



Build Up Nepal - Eco-bricks



When you've completed this challenge ... Remember to hit the red button!



The Earthshot Prize - to unleash urgent optimism and action by discovering, accelerating, awarding, spotlighting and scaling solutions that can repair and regenerate the planet.

HRH Prince William, Founder and President of The Earthshot Prize.



www.youngclimatewarriors.org

Choose Respect – Antibullying week!

We will be starting our anti-bullying week by choosing odd socks to wear to school showing that we respect each other and value that we are all different. What does 'choosing respect' look like to you?

**Odd Socks Day –
Tuesday 12th November**



Children in Need - Friday 15th November



Let's raise some money to support some really special causes in the UK.

With your school uniform wear something spotty or yellow. Pudsey ears can be worn too.

Please donate any coins and notes that you can spare on the day at the gate. The School Council will be out with their buckets!

Ms Jones



Headteacher Awards



Chestnut: Aoife for using her phonic knowledge during half term to write about all the amazing things she did! **Amar H** for showing courage and speaking clearly to the whole class about his holiday adventures.

Elm: Neave for great use of adjectives when describing her perfect pet. Jack for working hard on his letter formations and lead ins with his handwriting.

Ash: Ellis for his amazing help with cleaning up all the art equipment this week. **Freddie O** for creating an excellent freeze frame of an emotion in our English lesson.

Oak: Param for his enthusiastic approach to the start of our new History topic – The Stone Age. **Matilda M** for continually displaying our school values and being an exceptionally polite member of Oak Class.

Pine: Grayson for good use of a dictionary when editing his writing.

Nirvan for excellent application of mental methods to add and subtract in the most efficient way.

Willow: Thea for excellent effort in her home learning this term, especially for her fact-file on Ancient Greece. **Rajan** for a well-planned balanced argument about the Trojan War.

Fir: Jack for always going the extra mile with his home learning: taking pride and producing excellent quality. **Jamie** for good focus in reading group, leading to improved comprehension skills.

And finally...

Well done to our netball team who demonstrated fabulous teamwork and spirit that we are proud of in their highly competitive 3-3 draw against Robertswood!

Ms Holmes





PTA and Community News

PANTO
Dick Whittington

ONLY 15 LEFT!

28th NOVEMBER 2024
7PM SHOWING

LIMITED AVAILABILITY
SEATING IN CIRCLE ROWS A - H
(ALLOCATED ONCE BOOKED)

SEATING PLAN AVAILABLE HERE

£18 PER TICKET
RRP **£36**

ORGANISED BY THE PTA
St Nicolas' School PTA
TAPLOW

Only 15 Tickets Left!

"Oh no there aren't!" Oh yes, there are — but not for long! We have just 15 tickets remaining for our spectacular pantomime performance on Thursday, 28th November. Don't miss out on the fun, laughter, and classic panto surprises. Grab your tickets now before they're all gone — because once they're gone, they're gone for good!

Book today and be part of the magic!

<https://stnicolaspta.sumupstore.com/product/panto-ticket-2024>



PTA and Community News

ST NICOLAS' SCHOOL & PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR

NOVEMBER 23RD • 12-3PM

Santa's grotto - Beer stall
BBQ with burgers and sausages
Hot and cold drinks, cakes & snacks
Fantastic raffle with amazing prizes
Bottle tombola - Grinch grab game
Advent game - Shutdown Snowman
Adopt a Bear - Letters to Santa
Biscuit decorating - Pine Pong
Children's Tombola - Mystery Bags
The Globe

Selection of external stalls &
much much more...

Cant wait to see you there!

ST NICOLAS' SCHOOL
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JUNK DRAWER CHALLENGE!

Mystery bags

Mystery bags will be making a comeback for this year's Christmas fair. We have the bags sorted but we need them to be filled with a variety of exciting items:

- Craft materials
- Unused stationery
- Party bag and McDonald's toys
- Stickers
- Prepackaged sweets
- Treats

Crisps, especially those unpopular flavors in your household

Some bags will contain special prizes selected by the PTA. Donations can be dropped off at the gate before and after school on the 15th November. Please ensure that all donations are safe for use and will be in date until 25.11.24

Foreign Currency

Do you have old foreign currency lying around the house?
Don't let it go to waste!

Donate it to our PTA and help us reach our fundraising goals for the year.

Coins or notes, in or out of circulation, from any country
- every little bit counts!

Simply drop your donations off at the school office.

Let's turn those forgotten coins into cash for our school!

