

## Visit to St Nicholas Church

On Thursday 23rd November, Year 1 and 2 visited St. Nicholas church as part of an RE unit focused on the question 'Why is Christmas important for Christians?' They completed a nativity trail around the church, organised and led by Revd. Jill Phipps and a team of church volunteers. At each 'station' they learnt about a different aspect of the Christmas story and collected an object to add to their trail bag. The children were incredibly well-behaved and obviously enjoyed the visit. Our thanks go to Revd. Jill and her team for such a special experience.



## Introducing our new ELSA/Home Link Support Worker

My name is Mrs Palmer and I am the new Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) and home-school link worker. I have come from a small local school, where I previously also held the role of part-time ELSA. My passion has always been in the ELSA field, so when I saw an opportunity to do this role full-time, I jumped at the chance! Outside of school life, I live with my husband who is a submariner in the Navy and our two daughters. I enjoy doing art and reading lots of books.

I am extremely excited to meet and work alongside all of you and the children at Wickham Primary, I will be on the gate to say good morning so please come and say hello.

## Online Safety

For many of us, we see our online lives and offline lives as different, but children are growing up with technology and the internet, so for them there isn't a difference; online life and offline life is just life. It can be easy for parents to become overwhelmed with the different technology, the language that children use, the huge number of games and apps which are available and the potential risks.

The attached document provides detail on many of the popular apps and games in use. In particular it is important to note that the age restrictions for most of these online platforms is **above primary school age**.

# Poppy Appeal



Thank you to everyone who donated to the poppy appeal we are pleased to say that our school raised £145 in total.

## Name the Gritter

On the 6<sup>th</sup> December we will be joined in worship by Libby and Adam from Milestone Infrastructure, who will be introducing an exciting competition to name one of Hampshire County Council's gritter lorries. Following the introduction, the children will be given a week to make name suggestions, before we send them to Milestone Infrastructure for final judging. The winning entry will have their choice of name printed on the side of a gritter lorry.



We are very excited that a gritter will be parked in our school car park at the end of the day on the 6<sup>th</sup> December, for the children to take a closer look at (and to give them inspiration). Please note that, for safety reasons, the school car park will be closed to all parents and visitors from 2.30pm on this day.

## Year R Entry 2024

We have welcomed many families in the past few weeks to have a tour of our school and Year R provision that we offer. We would like to remind you that, if you have a child who is 4 years old or will turn 4 before 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024, they can start school in September 2024. For more information go to [www.hants.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hants.gov.uk/admissions).

Our current year R classes are full and we anticipate that this is likely to be the case for September 2024, so we urge you to apply on time.

**The closing date for applications is Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.**

## Dates for the Diary

3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Patronal Festival
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Flu Immunisations
6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Nativity
11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year R Nativity
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
18 <sup>th</sup> December – 1 <sup>st</sup> January	Christmas Holidays
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Mr Davies Sports Club (see attached flyer)
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	<b>INSET day</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> January	First Day of Spring Term
15 <sup>th</sup> January	Closing Date for Year R applications