



# The Communicator

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Best attending class last week was Year 3 at 96.3 %

## High School Applications are now CLOSED

**Applications for Reception 2021 OPEN on 2nd November 2020 and CLOSE 15th January 2021**

**Applications for Nursery 2021 OPEN on 1st December 2020 and CLOSE on 31st January 2021**

Please apply at [www.stoke.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.stoke.gov.uk/admissions)

## Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all parents who made an appointment to speak to staff on Monday. In these challenging times, it may feel that school is remote, so it is especially important to maintain contact with class teachers wherever possible, to ensure your child has settled well and is achieving their potential. Thank you also for your regard for the new rules regarding the wearing of masks on school premises. In order to protect our school community, we will continue to insist on this until we are advised otherwise.

As you can tell, we have decided to send the weekly Communicator via email now, to help cut costs to the school. The Communicator can also be found on the parents' section of our school website if you wish to download it from there.

## Parking

We have received some complaints and concerns about a few parents who are continuing to park irresponsibly on Mobberley Road. Parking on the yellow lines outside school is highly inconsiderate of others. Cars parked on the corners of Mobberley Road and Colclough Lane pose a serious risk as visibility around the corner is severely restricted. There was allegedly a very near miss when one of our parents parked right on the corner of the street a couple of days ago. For the safety of our children and families, we politely request that you find a space further up the road where it is safe to park. Whilst I understand that it is frustrating that there is limited parking, the safety of our children must come first. I do not want to have to involve traffic wardens to patrol the area, but may need to do so if I feel that the safety of our children is being put at risk.

## Flu Vaccinations

Children from Reception to Year 6 will have the opportunity to receive the 'flu vaccine on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November. If you would like your child to receive one, please ensure you have completed the online application form before 29<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you.

## Dates for the Diary

Monday 16th November: 9am Deadline for School Photo's  
Friday 27th November : Non Uniform (Number 11 Charity day)  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November: 'Flu vaccinations (Reception- Year 6)  
Monday 30th November: St Andrews Day ,children in this team to come in blue  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Jumper Day  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas lunch  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December: School closes for Christmas holidays  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021: School re-opens for Spring term

## WOW award



Nursery - Olaf Alaj  
Reception - Eany Quinn  
Year 1 - Kane Esposito  
Year 2 - Rayan Mahmood  
Year 3 - Jaxon Jordan  
Year 4 - Bella Nixon  
Year 5 - James Dean Warner  
Year 6 - Liam Jones

## Values and Virtues (Intentional and Prophetic)

Nursery - Rory Castrey Peters  
Reception - Ruby-Rose Ward  
Year 1 - Mylo Moran  
Year 2 - Sebi Miroiu  
Year 3 - James Ward  
Year 4 - Charlie Quinn  
Year 5 - Mateusz Kolbusz  
Year 6 - Grace Pearce

## Presentation award

(for presenting work to a very high standard)

Nursery - Airah Bilal  
Reception - Lisa Quinn  
Year 1 - Olivia Longmore  
Year 2 - Callan Jones  
Year 3 - Scarlett Grimes  
Year 4 - Hannah Kotlenga  
Year 5 - Charlie Ward  
Year 6 - Sienna Gilbert-Edwards

You can follow us on Twitter!



## Sunday Mass Times

All public masses currently suspended

**Please ensure that you supervise your children carefully before school starts and after you have collected them at home time to avoid accidents and other children being hurt. Children should not be playing on playground equipment after school- please support us by ensuring that your children stay with you after collection. Thank you.**

### Peak District Survival School

This half term, it is Year 2 and Year 6's turn to work with Mr Fox in our outdoor area. As the weather continues to get colder, please ensure that your child has a warm, hooded, waterproof coat, wellington boots and a hat/ gloves/ scarf/ thick socks for very cold days. You may send your child into school in their school PE kit on this day if you feel that they will be warmer in their tracksuit bottoms and a hoodie, but it must be the school uniform. Year 6 have their sessions in the mornings, so please provide a spare uniform and shoes for them to get changed into in case they get wet or muddy. Likewise, Year 2 may need a change of clothes for the end of the day in case they get wet and muddy, as they inevitably will. Whilst I understand some parents may not like the thought of their child learning outdoors in the colder weather, if they are properly equipped with suitable clothing and follow all instructions carefully, they should stay safe and warm. The vast majority of our children and parents are thoroughly enjoying our children being allowed to learn in the great outdoors and they are learning some incredible skills and knowledge to support their class curriculum.



### Number 11

Our Year 6 Catholic Life Leaders, Kathleen and Julius, had a Teams meeting this week with Dave Nixon from the local charity Number 11. I provided the children with some secret ingredients- Kathleen had two slices of bread, butter, a knife, grated cheese and a plate, whereas poor Julius was only given a chunk of unbaked bread and a chunk of cheese. Dave then asked them both to make a cheese sandwich, which Kathleen achieved, but Julius was unable to. The purpose of the activity was to demonstrate that we are not all blessed with the right ingredients to live a comfortable life, and that life is often unfair.



Based in Burslem, Number 11 is a Christian charity who reach out to the most vulnerable people in Stoke-on-Trent, providing them with shelter, food, companionship- whatever support they require to ensure their basic needs are met. We would like to support the fantastic work of Number 11 by holding a non-uniform day on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November, where we ask parents to contribute £1 and an items of food. In order to comply with Covid-19 guidelines, we will be setting up the option for you to pay your donation via ScoPay next week and the children can bring their item into school, where it will be placed in a box for 72 hours before being collected by Number 11 the following week. Kathleen and Julius have written a letter which should be emailed to you today to explain more about the work of the charity, and which items Number 11 would most benefit from.

### House Saints

All of our children have been allocated a house team, headed by one of the patron saints of the countries of Great Britain. On their feast days, we learn about these special saints and allow the children in that house to dress in their team colour. The first of our House Saints feast days is the Feast of **St Andrew**. His feast day falls on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November and the colour of St Andrew's team is blue. Therefore, all children in St Andrew's house (the blue team) can come to school on that day dressed in blue. We will text parents of children in this team the week before to remind you.

### Remembrance

On Wednesday, we commemorated Remembrance Day with a whole-school liturgy. The children have been learning about the sacrifices of the soldiers in the world wars, who fought for our freedom. The school paid our respects by joining in the two-minute silence at 11am and children completed work in class based on Remembrance Day. Here is a lovely picture painted by Sofia in our Nursery class:

We finished our liturgy by sharing our Prayer of the Month:

#### **Eternal Rest:**

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

**Ten: Ten parent newsletter:** please follow this link to access this month's parent newsletter:

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-newsletter/>

