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# Blackfriars Bulletin

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**Nuts** – unlike our friendly squirrel pictured here outside the science lab, we are not able to eat nuts in school. Please make sure that you do not send in school lunch-boxes any products with nuts in.



## Safeguarding Contact Information

Staffordshire

First Response :  
0800 1313 126  
Outside office hours:  
0845 6042886

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Advice and Referral Team:  
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Cheshire East

Referral Team :  
0300 123 5012 Option 2  
Outside office hours:  
0300 123 5022

Shropshire

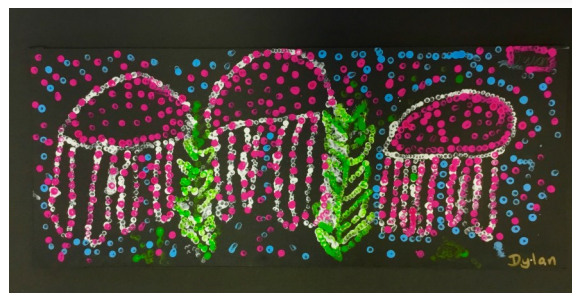
Referral Team:  
01743 254 259  
Initial Contact Team:  
0345 678 9021  
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## Adult Safeguarding referral numbers

Staffordshire: First Response –  
0845 604 2719

Stoke on Trent: Adult Social Care –  
0800 561 0015

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BTEC

The BTEC Art group have been using Aboriginal art as their inspiration (signs and symbols) and both Dylan and Arwen have produced what I think is fabulous work.

ART

## Free School Meals

We have just heard that over the two week Christmas break, Staffordshire County Council (SCC) is proposing to provide families of children who are in receipt of benefits-related Free School Meals (FSM) a £15.00 eVoucher for each week of the Christmas Holidays.

Details to Follow



## Christmas comes to Spode



Spode decided that after a very strange year it was only right to join in early on this Christmas spirit. Mrs Wright wasn't keen on Christmas in November but the students drove a hard bargain and after asking for Christmas songs to be played every day by all the students she decided to give in!!

Spode

This week they have spent time sorting through decorations and choosing how they want their classroom to look. It is still a work in progress and they are currently on the hunt for a bigger Christmas tree so they have space to leave cards and presents for each other.

It has been a lovely opportunity for Spode to work together with their friends, finding out what decorations they liked and disliked and getting into the Christmas spirit. Bring on December!!

## Christmas preparations:

This year we are taking a different approach to our annual Christmas Fayre as we cannot invite any parents/carers into school because of the Covid restrictions.

### Pot of Gold

One of the fund raisers that we are organising for the Classroom Fayres is the 'Pot of Gold'. If you haven't joined in before, please see the instructions below:

Put £1 in an envelope provided (we have sent home 5 envelopes for parents/carers/friends/family).

On the front write – name of the person entering, pupil name, telephone contact

You can enter as many times as you wish, please let us know if you require more envelopes

50% of the final total will go to the winner and 50% to school funds. (For example, if we collect £500 the winner would receive £250).

Please return the envelopes to school with your child by Tuesday 15th December

The Pot of Gold will be drawn on Thursday 17th December.

**Dress Down Days** Friday 4th December and 11th December

Students can 'pay' for the 'privilege' of wearing their own clothes by bringing in sweets / chocolate / and unused or new toiletries.

Any donations of Christmas wrapping paper would also be appreciated.

Each class will organise the creation of hampers and raffle tickets will be sold.

The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 17th December.

## Middleport

We hope you enjoy our display about how to be kind, created by the Immersive Pathway, Exploratory Pathway and the Personal Care Team. It just goes to show that even though we can't work together at the moment we can still create an amazing piece of work as a team as a constant reminder of how to be kind to each other.



**Christmas Dinner** - Thursday 17th December. Students can wear their Christmas jumper. Each class will hold their own mini fayre with games, a raffle and competitions. We will then have Christmas dinner in our decorated classrooms. *Please indicate on the attached letter your child's choice :*

**Last day of term** – Friday 18th December

Party clothes  
Disco (each class separately in the Hall)  
Films and games  
Early finish

### Key Dates for the New Year:

Return to school – Monday 4th January

Staff training day – Friday 29th January 2021

# WE CLOSE AT 1:30pm

# On December 18th

### Scholar of the Week

Middleport has nominated **Holly** for scholar of the week this week for working really hard to communicate with her classmates and going out of her way to make her friends smile.

Spode would like to nominate **Lorna** for exceptional maths work this week. She has engaged fantastically and counted along correctly to our number songs, well done Lorna.

**Rebecca W** in Royal Doulton has been nominated for quietly and thoughtfully getting on with her work. Very pleasing Rebecca.

Gladstone's **Dylan** for his excellent work in English – well done !

**Natalia** for having an overall fantastic week. Working hard, engaged in lots of lessons and coping well with distractions. Well done Nati!