



**St Nicholas**<sup>CE</sup>  
**First School**

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Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017

Dear Parents

Today there was much merriment and talk of opening Advent calendars and the countdown to Christmas has officially begun. A big thank you to Year 2 staff and children this week for their creative retelling of the Nativity. The children had a lot of fun rehearsing this and we hope all of the visitors that came to enjoy watching it left feeling happy! Next week we will enjoy our Reception offering of "Whoops A Daisy Angel", which I am sure will be equally brilliant!

This evening St Nics children are invited to come along to the Carols Around The Tree event in the village, where at 7pm they will be singing Jingle Bell Rock and It Was On A Starry Night, led capably by Mrs Manning. A small group from Year 3 have been fervently rehearsing, but we have also practised in assemblies and any bolstering of the volume will be greatly received! Please come along and support if you can.

This weekend we have our first ever Christmas Ball at Codsall High. A thank you to all who have supported and to Ian Tunnicliff for his organisation. We hope it is a night to remember!

On to the less Christmassy theme of head lice. We will no longer be sending out the letters that we used to alerting parents to outbreaks. Our expectation is that children with longer hair (anything longer than a short bob), tie their hair back for school. We will be sending a text out with reminders to "Check your child's hair" and sharing advice from the NHS. We feel that the letters are becoming just another piece of paper coming out and the message may be getting missed. We do have a small stock of combs in school that can be purchased for 50p should parents wish to buy them.

As the weather gets icier, the nights get darker, please encourage children to stay near to a grown up when walking, cycling and scooting home. All road users should exercise caution especially in and around junctions nearby to school where there is a high volume of traffic as well as footfall. Can I remind parents that the cobbled area on Walton Gardens is a privately maintained area where they should not park. This is the equivalent of parking on somebody's driveway and as such I have received a number of communications of late, explaining the negative impact of this on residents.

Thank you for your support,

Miss J Parker

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counselor,  
Mighty God,  
Everlasting  
father,  
Prince  
of Peace*

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*The ballot forms for the parent governor election were counted and verified. Mrs Rachel Wright (parent of a Nursery child) was elected to join the Governing Body. Thanks to both candidates and to all who voted.*

# Superstars of the week!

Class/Award	Name	Reason
<b>N1</b>	Francesca Duckworth	For sharing her knowledge during Ten Town carpet time sessions!
<b>N2</b>	Junior Tobin	For trying hard to follow Nursery rules!
<b>RB</b>	Caspar Evans	For writing a sentence completely independently! Well done!
<b>RP</b>	Willow Baker	For her wonderful performance in our school Nativity!
<b>1W</b>	Hannah Mathew	For always being ready to learn and trying her best in everything she does.
<b>1R</b>	A'Myah McCalla	For fantastic art work produced this week! Well done!
<b>2A</b>	Sophia Melis	For a super effort in the Year 2 Nativity and for being helpful to others all week.
<b>2S</b>	Hannah Hasell	For working hard to learn so many lines for our school play!
<b>3HW</b>	Adeline Griffiths Hamson	For writing a detailed set of instructions, using precise language.
<b>3M</b>	Hayden Harris	For sustained effort and achievement across all areas of school life!
<b>4W</b>	Charley Hillman	For being very organised in his approach to school and homework!
<b>4G</b>	Jay-Lee Hall	For an outstanding piece of homework!

## Reminder about Nursery intake September 2018

Please note that this year the Local Authority will cease to co-ordinate the admissions process for Nursery intake 2018 for St Nicholas and local Codsall schools. As such parents must apply directly to the school by completing an application form to meet the deadlines mentioned below. Application forms will be available for collection from the school office from Wednesday 3rd January 2018.

If any parents would like to use 30 hours childcare entitlement for their September 2018 Nursery starter and needs more information about this please also pop in and ask to speak to Mrs Richards who will be able to advise you about the process for this. Reception admissions 2018 (and for the foreseeable future) will continue to be administrated centrally by the LA.

The Admissions Policy online sets out the criteria for allocation of a place for 2018-2019 academic year, as well as proposed changes for 2019- 2020.

Nursery applications to be made between 8th January 2018 - 29th March 2018

Offers will be posted to parents by 27th April 2018

Date for acceptance of place to be confirmed by 8th May 2018

## **Coughs, colds and sickness**

Whilst of course we do want to maximise your child's attendance at school, please be mindful as to whether your child is well enough to come in. We need to work together to minimise the spread of infections and sickness.

Please reinforce with your child good etiquette of blowing noses, hands to mouths when coughing and the importance of hand washing. We in turn have been doing the same in school.

If a child is sick at any point we must insist that they remain away from school for the 48 hour period to ensure that they are fully recovered and to make sure that any possibility of spread is minimised. Inevitably children will be ill in the colder months, but by working together we can try to ensure the smallest number of pupils are affected.

If your child has a serious virus or infection but seems well in themselves, leaving you unsure as to whether they should come to school, please do consult the [Health Protection Agency](#) for their advice. This is a body we also defer to when informing parents.

## **Antibiotics In School**

As parents are aware we can only administer prescribed antibiotics etc which need to be taken 4 x a day within school. Where this is the case the expectation is as below:

- Parent administers first dose to child upon waking.
- School administers second dose at lunchtime.
- Parent administers third dose at hometime.
- Parent administers last dose at bedtime.

Thank you for your understanding of this. We are unable to give children more than one dose in school time and cannot administer dosages at set times outside of the lunchtime period where staff are available to manage this.

## **Water bottle donations please**

Miss Pugh has organised a Science experiment linked to Santa's Beard (don't ask!?) for the last two days of term. This is an experiment that every child can have a go at in their own way and is a lot of fun. In order to do this we need every child to have a plastic water bottle (which will be cut) in school. This should not be a multiple use bottle, such as the St Nics logo branded bottles but moreover the sort you buy from the shop, Volvic, Evian etc. Please send as many as you are able in to school with your child by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

