



# St Nicholas<sup>CE (VC)</sup> First School

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Dear Parents

Firstly a big thank you to all of the parents that came along to our Parents Evening sessions this week! It was lovely to see you and share the progress the children have made. I hope you found the online booking system easy and efficient to use. Hopefully this system will help both school and parents in reducing paper use and therefore cost but most importantly, removing the mutual frustration of lost letters! ☺

A big well done to all of the children and staff involved in our inter-school cross country competition this week! It is always fabulous to watch the children compete, challenging themselves and trying their very best. I hope those parents that came along to cheer the children on enjoyed it! Unfortunately I was in a governors meeting due to a clash of dates, however Mr Smith and the St Nicholas staff tell me the children did us proud! Well done to all who took part!

Also this week we say well done to our Year 4 children who welcomed the football team from Cherry Trees School in Wombourne. The match was played in good spirits and the children all had a lot of fun. The final score was 3-2 in favour of St Nics.

This week we have promoted [Safer Internet Day](#) with the children in school and I hope parents will have found some of the links that have been published on the school website and in recent newsletters of value. Please do have conversations with your children about their internet use and try to encourage open and honest communication on the issues that affect the children.

A big thank you to all of the families who have booked on to the PTFA Ice Skating sessions on Saturday. We hope it is enjoyed by everyone who comes along and a big thank you to Lou and Nicki as well as the other PTFA members who have helped organise this.

Well done to our School Council and Year 4 representatives who went along to the Co-op this week. They represented the school beautifully and were very sensible. Thank you to all of the families who donated produce as part of the Fairtrade fortnight, we hope the children will redeem their vouchers for their free bananas!

Thinking of fruit and vegetables, you may have read/seen in the news that there is a [shortage](#) currently in produce availability. As such [Chartwells](#) have informed me that we may see some changes to some of the food on offer in school lunch provision. We hope normal service and normal food supplies will resume as soon as possible!

Next week is our last week before half term. Year 1 have their visit to Tamworth Castle to look forward to and we are excited for our [RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch](#) day on Friday! We will be interviewing for our Year 3 teacher position for 3P for the Summer Term also next week and will be asking our Year 3 children to help us with this process. I know they will do us proud! I look forward to announcing who will be joining us next Friday!

Have a fabulous weekend,

Miss J Parker  
Head Teacher

Don't forget quite quickly after half term we have World Book Day on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March! Start planning your costumes!

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# Superstars of the week!

Class/Award	Name	Reason
<b>N1</b>	Leo France	For trying new activities in the outdoor area.
<b>N2</b>	Theo Lewis	For always taking part in our phonics and trying hard with learning new sounds.
<b>RB</b>	Lilly Rickards	For trying hard in phonics and being keen to have a go at writing challenges.
<b>RP</b>	Isla Sedgemore	For her wonderful fluency and expression when reading her book!
<b>1M</b>	Rosie Sayers	For super work on "Staying Safe Online". Well done Rosie!
<b>1R</b>	Isaac Danbury Angel Johnston	For fabulous near doubling in Maths! For excellent phonics
<b>2A</b>	Nancy Knowles	For trying hard when learning to tell the time in Maths.
<b>2S</b>	Kimmy Taylor	For being brave and having the confidence to try something new.
<b>3HW</b>	Jessica Timmins	For working really hard on a non-chronological report about Viking explorers.
<b>3P</b>	Aden Jones	For fantastic work on place value during our Maths lesson. Well done!
<b>4C</b>	Alfie Mitchell	For standing out in PSHCE and Music with Mrs Clay, also for being helpful all week!
<b>4S</b>	Violet Flynn-Jones	For super Maths work multiplying three numbers.
<b>Sportsperson of the week</b>	Jake Shore	For an excellent performance in our football match this week!
<b>Fantastic Forest Schooler</b>	Maddison Orlowski	For excellent commitment and leadership in the session!

## Parking Petition Update!

Thank you to all of the parents and families that have got behind our Parking petition campaign. I did raise this with Gavin Williamson on the school's behalf and he is happy to take our comments and signatures to the Highway Agency. We are unsure as to what the outcome or recommendations for bettering this situation will be, but we hope something will be done. Equally by raising the issue again in this way, I hope this has been a deterrent to drivers parking inconsiderately around the school and in particular on the bend on entry to Belvide Gardens. I will close the [petition](#) on Saturday so if anyone wishes to sign it but hasn't done so, please do so before then. We have over 200 signatures to date.

## Nursery Pupils 30 Hour Free Childcare Offer From September

We will be able to offer our working parents the [30 hour free childcare](#) offer from [September 2017](#). If you think you are eligible please contact Miss Parker the school office for more details.

### Eligibility rules for 30 hours free childcare:

- Your child will be aged 3 or 4
- Both parents must be working - or the sole parent is working in a lone parent family
- Each parent earns, on average, a weekly minimum equivalent to 16 hours at National Minimum Wage or National Living Wage
- Each parent must have an annual income of less than £100,000
- You live in England.



Gavin Williamson MP enjoyed a visit to Year 4. The children have been learning about democracy and parliament and asked some very good questions! Gavin even told the children some stories about the Prime Minister Theresa May which they quite enjoyed! We are very fortunate having the chief whip working in such close proximity to our school!

