



St Nicholas^{CE}
First School

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St. Nicholas CE
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Friday 11th January 2019

Dear Parents

Happy New Year! It has been lovely to be officially back at school this week and touching base with all of the children, not only about the Autumn term but also about their Christmas celebrations! I will endeavour to be out and about on the playground as much as is possible both at the start and the end of the school day to catch up with parents and grandparents. I look forward to getting to know and working with those children and parents who were new to the school in September 2018 and will try to pop up to Nursery for the children's arrival when I can.

Can I take this opportunity to place on record my thanks to Miss Pugh and the team of staff at St Nicholas who did such an amazing job during my maternity leave! In fact things have moved on in lots of ways during my absence and it has taken a bit of catching up on my part, I think I am back up to speed now!

This week I have been pleased to see how settled and independent the children are after what will have been busy holidays. I now fully understand the meaning of overtired having had so many family parties and late nights out of routine with my little ones. I think the time after Christmas Day and New Year has helped children to be a little more rested.

I have noted with particular interest the feedback we received in relation to the homework parent consultation and then the subsequent Year 3 homework trial. Please see info about homework for your child's class coming out over the next week or so.

The weeks are going to speed past now as we approach the St Nicholas Staff Panto – Aladdin. To see a preview of rehearsals please [click here](#). Information will come out about this next week including our all-star 😊 cast list!

A big well done to Year 2 Forest School children who worked hard outside with Mrs McKinnon this week. The children definitely embodied the term's Christian value of "Courage" when battling the colder weather and having so much fun!

Next week our Year 1 children have their visit to Tamworth Castle to look forward to, to support their learning about Castles. I enjoyed popping in to 1R this week and "catching" Mr Jones in role as a very convincing William the Conqueror! Well done to Mr Jones and 1R on a lovely session. Next week all children will enjoy their Inspiration Day on Tuesday (NB Nursery will do a different day) where we will kick-start their term's topic. As always look out for topic maps coming home and published online over the next week or so and if you can support a topic, be it with resources, time or a particular interest, please do let class teachers know. This really brings learning to life!

Best wishes

Miss J Parker

Head Teacher

This term's Christian value is Courage – children will be learning about what this means in worship, songs, stories and prayers!



Superstars of the Week!

Class/Award	Name	Reason
Nursery	Lucy-Mae S	For size ordering and measuring the Winter objects.
	Archie M	For sharing his knowledge about Winter!
RB	Megan C	For talking clearly and confidently about her Christmas holidays!
RBP	Esme P	For talking in great detail about her wonderful Christmas and demonstrating perseverance
1M	James G	For super answers in class all week. Well done!
1R	Aaron K	For politeness and always trying hard!
2W	Hollie H	For excellent division work in Maths!
2S	Tomas P	For super work in Maths this week and handwriting.
3SH	Lily-May M	For a really positive attitude towards learning in our new topics!
3P	Ben R	For super Science investigation skills when grouping and classifying rocks.
4H	Edward R	For a positive attitude towards his work!
4G	Ieuan J	For his enthusiastic approach to English!

Are you and your child aware of the NSPCC Pants campaign?



Diary Dates for the term

Letters and texts will come out to parents with more information about each of these events as required, closer to the time. NB Some dates may be subject to change depending upon weather conditions and other factors. Where possible we will always try to give you maximum notice of these.

Friday 11 th January	Nursery applications open
Tuesday 15 th January	Year 1 Trip to Tamworth Castle Inspiration Day
Tuesday 22 nd January	Change 4 Life Festival @ Cheslyn Hay School for invited Y3/4 children
Thursday 31 st January	Football Match @ Codsall High School for invited Y3/4 children
Tuesday 5 th February 9am	Safer Internet Day Parents Coffee Morning to learn about E Safety – All welcome to attend!
Wednesday 6 th February and Thursday 7 th February 4-7pm	Parents Evening in classrooms (booked online)
Monday 11 th February	PTFA Film Night R-Y4
Friday 15 th February	Break up for half term
Monday 25 th February	School opens again 3Ps first Forest School session
Thursday 28 th February	3SH first Forest School session Football Match @ Codsall High School for invited Y3/4 children vs Lane Green
Wednesday 6 th March	Codsall Cluster Cross Country Tournament @ St Nics Y2-4 2pm
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
W/C Monday 11 th March	Whole School Science Week
Tuesday 12 th March 6.30pm	Dance Festival @ Codsall High School for selected Y4 pupils.
Wednesday 13 th March 2.30pm	Y3 Viking Assembly
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day
Thursday 21 st March 1-3pm	Tag Rugby Tournament @ Perton first School
Thursday 28 th March 4pm	Football Match @ Codsall High School for invited Y3/4 children vs Birches
Friday 29 th March	Last day for receipt of Nursery applications
Tuesday 2 nd April 10am	Y1 Easter Performance
Wednesday 3 rd April – Friday 5 th April	Y4 Residential to Kingswood
Thursday 4 th April 2pm	Y1 Easter Performance
Sunday 7 th April 2pm	PTFA Easter Egg Hunt
Monday 8 th April 10am	Easter Service in church R-Y4
Friday 12 th April	School closes for Easter holidays