



St Nicholas^{CE}
First School

learning and believing, growing and achieving

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Friday 13th October 2017

Dear Parents

A big thank you to everyone for their support at Harvest Time, whether it be attendance at church, Water Aid bottles and donations or food donations, the St Nicholas community once again has done their bit to help others and give thanks for the Harvest. A big well done to all of the children who were involved in the church this week to make it such a lovely event. We will announce winners of the Harvest Design A Bottle competition in an assembly soon, we are still counting the money that was donated – thanks to Nikki Read for her work on this!

This week we have welcomed a number of visitors in to school. Firstly our Safeguarding and Behaviour Governor Mrs Howse came in to scrutinise procedures and look at developments in Computing which Mr Gough is leading on. In conjunction with Concero, Mr Gough will be leading a team of Digital Leaders in school who will promote the E-Safety message and ensure children know how to be safe. In addition to this we invited an inspector in to school to look at developments in teaching and learning. This was a lovely day to take stock and look at plans for the future and the children as always did us proud by discussing what they enjoyed about school and sharing their learning. Well done to all involved!

This term our Year 4 children are enjoying their Forest School sessions with Mrs McKinnon. Please do ensure children involved in Forest School or after school outdoor clubs, have suitable outdoor clothing as the temperature drops over the next few weeks.

A reminder that we break up for half term on Friday 20th October and will return to school on Tuesday 31st October (Monday 30th being an INSET day).

Best wishes

Miss J Parker

Head Teacher

**STOP
PRESS!!**

We have a small number of places left at the Christmas Black Tie Ball available to be booked [online](#). The final arrangements are being made for dressing the room, the entertainment is booked and we are now looking forward to the evening. We hope to also have the winners of [Strictly St Nics](#) perform on the evening for you! Please do hurry if you haven't booked yet but intend to so as to

not miss out. Don't forget you can bring along family and friends. Indeed some parents have booked tables for their work or businesses to enjoy a night out together whilst raising money for a good cause.

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Superstars of the week!

Class/Award	Name	Reason
N1	Emma McCann	For doing a wonderful re-enactment of The 3 Little Pigs.
N2	Evan Walker	For investigating the outdoor environment and asking questions to find out more.
RB	Isla Howells	For writing a super recipe for Jack's soup!
RP	Alannah Hamilton	For writing a great recipe for Jack's soup!
1W	Jacob Harris	For classifying animals so well in Science!
1R	Hollie Harris	For fantastic instructional writing.
2A	Bronny Lloyd	For a fantastic independent Autumn description! Amazing adjectives used!
2S	Sienna Rogers	For persevering with her money Maths work!
3HW	Zara Sahota	For super reasoning skills in Maths!
3M	Ashley Forward	For a fantastic dance solo in PE!
4W	Magdalena Aver	For working well and having excellent ideas to contribute in lessons!
4G	Memphis Lavelle	For an excellent attitude to all of his work!

Eco-School

This year the school council are eager to work towards the achievement of the Eco-School [Green Flag Award](#) with the support of Miss Griffiths and Mrs Lowe. The three focus topics for our work are: [Water](#), [Healthy Living](#) and [Energy](#). We will be bringing you news as to how you can support our work in further newsletters and on the school website. We would like to assemble a small core group of individuals from the parent and grandparent community who would like to get on board and support us with this work. This might entail talking to children, leading campaigns and practical work to help us become more eco-friendly. If this sounds like something you would like to be involved in, please drop Miss Griffiths an email at zoe.griffiths@st-nicholas.staffs.sch.uk or contact Miss Parker. We would like to also increase opportunities for children to grow in school, building upon the work started by Mrs Manning and Mrs Folley. As part of this we would love to create an [eco-friendly greenhouse](#) made out of water bottles. If anyone has the skills or wherewithal to support us with doing this, again please do let us know!



School Photographs

It has been brought to my attention that some parents are unhappy with the quality and pricing of the recent photographs that were taken in school. I will be relaying these concerns to the Academy Business Manager who will next half term be exploring alternative providers including local companies. When putting out to tender, we will try to take into account the following factors:

- Quality of photos
- Ease of ordering
- Pricing
- Commission that comes back into school as a result of purchases
- Approachability and child-friendliness of the photographer

It can be difficult to get a perfect picture of 350+ children in a relatively short time, but in order to make a photo worth purchasing, parents want it to be as accurate and as favourable representation of their little ones as possible! Please leave this with us.

Christmas Cards

Christmas card order forms have come out to parents this week. As well as cards there are a number of other personalised items to buy. Thank you once again to Sarah Bergeret for organising this process so efficiently.

Tiddlers and Toddlers

Tiddlers and Toddlers continues to be well attended. It takes place every Friday morning from 9.15am in the school hall, please do come along and spread the word to friends if you have little ones. A **BIG** thank you to Mrs Dhami for her organisation and leadership of these sessions!

St.NiC's@St.NiC's

Tuesday 17th October

3.30pm to 4.30pm in the School Hall



Year 1 - 4 Bring a parent (and anyone else from your family) or ask someone to fill in the permission slip:

Nursery and Reception children need an adult to accompany them and be responsible for them.



I give permission for

to come to the st.nic's@st.nic's service on Tuesday 17th October 2017

They will be collected from school at 4.30pm.

Signed (parent/guardian)