



St Nicholas^{CE} First School

learning and believing, growing and achieving

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Dear Parents

As the penultimate week of the academic year draws to a close, this will be the final newsletter of the academic year. May we thank you for your attendance at Parents Evening this week, we hope you enjoyed seeing how your child has improved as a learner and become more independent as the year has progressed. Thank you to all who have had time to send school report comments back also, we appreciate the feedback you share with us and always take time to evaluate if there are things we can do better or to help our families.

Next week will be a very special one for our Year 4 leavers. The children have been down to church this week to run through their special service which will take place on Tuesday at 2pm after the Leaver's Family Lunch. A reminder that our whole school end of term service will take place on Monday at 10am and will share contributions made by the choir and each year group, including the unveiling of our Reception and Year 1 St Nics Song penned by staff to the tune from the popular CBeebies show [Topsy and Tim](#). We hope you are able to pop along and celebrate the end of a successful year with us!

This term we say farewell to Miss Cranston as she leaves to join a school in her home of Northern Ireland. We thank her for her contributions to the school in her time with us, including numerous school sporting achievements. We wish her all the very best for the future and a happy start to married life as Mrs Cooper!

Also this term we wish Miss Bolton and Miss Sullivan all the very best for a quick delivery and the safe arrival of their little boys. Both due on the same day, in the same hospital, the race is on to see which little man puts in an appearance first. We will miss them in school as they enjoy their start to motherhood in their maternity leaves, but look forward to seeing their babies and welcoming them back in to school for visits to see the children and staff. Thank you to all the parents who have sent in kind wishes for the ladies. They do appreciate it!

Finally we wish all of our Year 4 children and their families all the very best for the future. We have calculated and we have approximately 36 families that leave us this year with no siblings remaining or due to start the school. We thank them for their time at St Nicholas and hope they always feel welcome to come back and say hello or let us know how the children progress in the future. We do enjoy celebrating the achievements of past as well as current pupils and want families to know that practical support, educational advice or a listening ear is always available to them should they find they need it as they move on.

I hope that all our families have a super Summer break. For those returning to us in September, should we be blessed with an Indian Summer in September, please do send children back to school in Summer uniform. School re-opens on Wednesday 6th September to children.

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Superstars of the week!

Class/Award	Name	Reason
N1	Hollie Hipgrave	For always trying her best and choosing to have a go at all the different activities.
N2	Jessica Staffiere	For having a great year in Nursery, creating lovely friendships and engaging in all of our topics!
RB	George Qualters	For his wonderful contributions to class discussions and fabulous ideas for our dinosaurs week!
RP	Taylor Bennett	For being a wonderful member of RP, always trying his best and joining in class discussion times!
1M	Seb Sedgemore	For enthusiastic contributions to all lessons, especially learning about The Phantom of the Opera and in cricket!
1R	Harry Dornan	For fantastic Maths work solving money problems!
2A	Emily Hilton	For being a super team member in her Fiver challenge group and independently solving problems!
2S	Megan Highfield	For her imaginative and exciting quest story which was an absolute delight to read!
	Arthur Bergeret	For his super maths work and working hard in the Lego challenge.
	Lexi Jones	For her super leaflet on looking after our teeth.
3HW	Maggie Aver	For creating such an outstanding biome!
	Mia Folley	
3P	Charlie Winsper	For an outstanding presentation about his biome!
	Luke Bassett	For a settled and wonderful first term at St Nicholas!
	Evie Guest	For always being such a kind and caring member of the class.
4C	William Daker	For super effort in Maths this week when learning about time!
4S	Samuel Woodward	For a brilliantly creative personification poem about a river's journey!
Sportsperson of the week	Charley Hillman	For excellent control of the tennis ball on his racquet in his tennis session with Miss Cranston!
Forest Schooler of the week	A'Myah McCalla	For excellent answering questions and showing such teamwork!

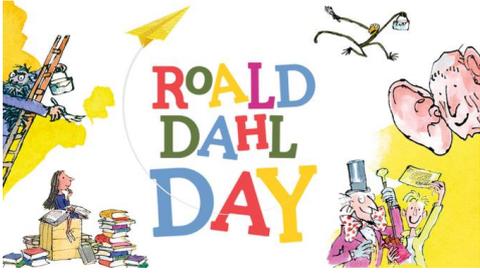
Attendance Amendments

A special well done and apology to children who were missed from last week's newsletter recognition:

100% attendance : Ben Qualters, Benjamin Crosby, William Crosby

2 terms attendance: Holly Gibson, Sophie Swift and Alfie Arnold





Advance Notice – Roald Dahl Day September 13th

On Wednesday 13th September we will be inviting children to come to school dressed as a Roald Dahl character of their choice as we celebrate [Roald Dahl Day](#) as a school. Children will learn about the amazing author, dip into some of his stories and poems and get excited about all things Roald Dahl!

PTFA Thanks

A big thank you to all who have contributed to the PTFA again this year. Last week we informed you of funds raised within the year. Particular thanks to Lou Griffiths, Chair and Treasurer Nicki Read for their co-ordination and leadership of many events with the support of a committed team!

Next year we have some very exciting new plans for events. On Saturday 30th September Mr Mills in conjunction with the PTFA will be organising a 5-a-side football tournament at St Nicholas for parents to enter (all male, all female or mixed gender teams). Teams should comprise of 5 or 6 players per team who will battle things out on the pitch for winner trophies and the glory of being St Nicholas PTFA Tournament champions. Each player must pay a registration fee (£5 per person in a team of 6 or £6 per person in a team of 5) to raise funds and we hope to sell food and drink at the event also.

All players must be 16 or over and enter at their own risk. A trained first aider will be available at the event. Registration forms will come out to parents after the holidays, but why not start organising your team of friends, fellow parents, family members or colleagues etc to put together a team? We will have a little prize for the most imaginative (but clean) team name also. Teams can go as far as they wish and co-ordinate a strip, have t-shirts made or come as they wish and we can provide bibs. We hope this is something that may appeal to some of our parents. Children of course are invited to come along, have a picnic etc and cheer on their adult's team!

Theatre Company – Lion King!

A big thank you to Mrs Carey and Miss Jessop (Emma and Bev) for their hard work to put the show on this week. The children were outstanding and I am so grateful to the ladies for providing the children with yet another amazing experience!

Fiver Challenge!

On Wednesday, Year 2 will be selling various items that they have been making during their 'Fiver Challenge'. The children have worked in small groups to come up with their own company name, company logo and product or game. Products include keyrings, bracelets, baked items (cookies, cakes) and games such as football, golf and basketball where an element of competition will be involved in order to win a prize. If children wish to purchase items or participate in the games they should bring in £2 on Wednesday (baked items will be sold on Thursday). Items and games will be sold between 50p and £1. The children have



loved this
and we would
support them.

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SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2017

enterprise challenge
love it if you could

The children have all enjoyed an introduction to this year's reading challenge with either a visit to Codsall library or a story time session at school. Please encourage your child to complete the challenge over the summer holidays and help the animal agents solve the mystery. More information can be found at Codsall library or [online https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/](https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/)

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ANIMAL AGENTS



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animal-agents.org.uk

Our local library staff have been telling the children how to take part in Animal Agents, this year's Summer Reading Challenge.

The children will tell you all about it! All they have to do is read SIX library books and visit the library regularly over the summer, collecting special stickers and incentives along the way.

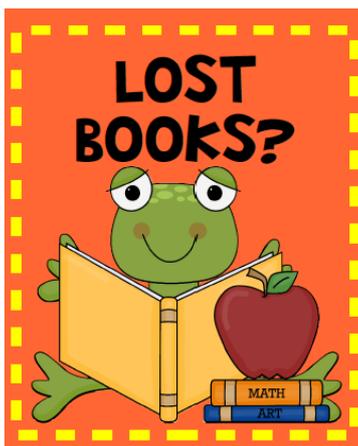
Please encourage your children to visit the library and sign up and see the difference the Summer Reading Challenge makes to their reading.

We will be celebrating and rewarding all children who took part at the beginning of the new school year.

IT'S FUN!
IT'S FREE!
IT'S LOCAL!



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LOST BOOKS?

We appear to be missing quite a few reading books from our shelves and would like to ask parents and children to have a hunt at home to see if they can help us find any school reading books. Please return any you may have at home before the end of term to class teachers. This will enable staff to ensure all reading books are ready for the Autumn term. Thank you.