



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

learning and believing, growing and achieving

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Friday 16th February 2018

Dear Parents

This first half term seems to have flown by. A big thank you to all who came along to parents evening this week, to look at their child's books and talk to teachers. We are always well supported on such evenings and 73% of children were represented. We would ideally like to have 100%, although we know that some parents come in to school at other times to discuss their child and so may not feel the need to attend formal appointments.

This week the children enjoyed Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday, getting us ready in school for Lent. Well done to Y2 Forest Schoolers who had an excellent report from Mrs McKinnon this week. [Please see how they celebrated Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday in the school grounds this week.](#)



When we return after the holidays we will enjoy World Book Day on the first Thursday (1<sup>st</sup> March). Please see last week's newsletter for more information about this. **As Year 3 children will be swimming on that day we would ask that children come to school for swimming in school PE kits (joggers, tracksuit top, i.e warm and easy to change into etc) and bring any costumes in a named bag ready to change into for the remainder of the day after swimming.** It would be a shame for children in Year 3 to miss out and with Forest School sessions already happening that week on Wednesday and Friday, it is difficult to change the date. (Notwithstanding this is an annual school event and the children would feel left out of the whole school fun if they had a separate day anyway.)

Governors met last week and discussed the rather miserable business of dinner debts. We do seem to be accruing a lot of debts at the moment, both for small amounts and larger sums. We issue texts, followed by letters which are not supportive of the school's desire to be an eco-friendly school. At times multiple letters are sent. May I remind parents that school lunch accounts should remain in credit, i.e dinners should be paid for in advance (with the exception of EYFS, KS1 and children in receipt of Pupil Premium funding of course!). Please help us by logging on and keeping your account balance in credit, so as to alleviate time and resources sending out letters to parents, sometimes for what must seem like trivial amounts. If anyone feels they may be entitled to free school meals in KS2 and needs help to claim them, please do come and speak to us and we will be happy to help you.

Wishing you a peaceful half term and we look forward to welcoming children and parents back on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

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For the LORD  
YOUR goes with you;  
He WILL never leave  
you nor.....  
forsake YOU.  
Deuteronomy 31:6

# Superstars of the week!

Class/Award	Name	Reason
<b>N1</b>	Aimee France	For challenging herself within the classroom activities!
<b>N2</b>	Joseph Mounsey Thomas	For having a go at new activities and always trying his very best!
<b>RB</b>	Jacob Eastelow	For writing a really fantastic sentence!
<b>RP</b>	Oliver Hyde	For showing his best listening and answering questions all about Lent!
<b>1W</b>	Florence Stone	For always trying hard to do her very best work!
	Eden Field	For great use of her phonics in her independent writing! Well done!
<b>1R</b>	William Hayward	For super art work! Well done!
<b>2A</b>	Lila Patterson	For solving multiplication and division problems.
<b>2S</b>	Avni Chodha	For super work in Literacy as well as earning her handwriting pen!
<b>3HW</b>	Hattie Newton	For excellent research on the Vikings shared as part of her homework!
<b>3M</b>	Noah Griffiths	For the fantastic design of Celtic illuminated letters in Art!
<b>4W</b>	Chloe Link	For excellent focus in all topics and in carrying out her monitor job.
<b>4G</b>	Millie Maan	For always being an exceptional role model to others!

Log out of games, social media accounts, websites etc when you leave your computer or device unattended to ensure nobody misuses your account.

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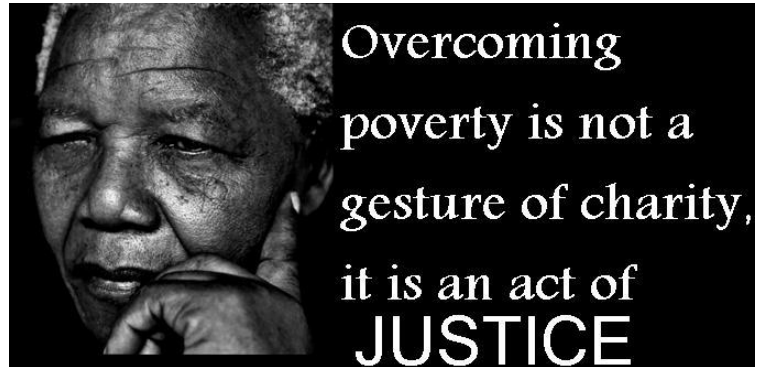
Year 4 tucking in at the Gurdwara last week!





We have finished our sessions looking at the Christian value of Perseverance in school this week and next half term to think and reflect upon the concept of Justice. We have been very proud of the charitable thinking and actions of our children this week. Well done to Logan in Reception, Finley in Year 4 and sister Georgia in Year 1 this week in particular. Logan explained how for Lent he was giving up toys he thought other children could use by donating them to a charity shop with his grown ups. Reception staff were very proud to come and share this news with me and Logan stood up in worship to tell everyone about it and have a special well done.

Also this week we received a letter from the Good Shepherd Ministry recognising the selflessness of Finley and Georgia in donating their own money and food to the homeless people of Wolverhampton.



This week as we break up for half term we wish the Field family all the best on their trip to the Gambia to make links with the children and adults working at a newly established school. We send the family off with funds raised from the teddy raffle the children ran (to buy the resources we take for granted) and armed with some St Nicholas logoed t-shirts kindly donated by Bradsports, our uniform supplier. A big thank you to them too! We look forward to hearing from our new friends in Africa!

All of these wonderfully kind acts are a lovely lead into our next value.

## St.NiC's@St.NiC's

**Tuesday 27th February**

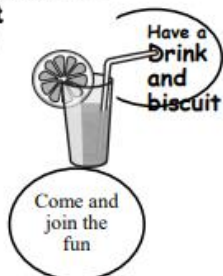
**3.30pm to 4.30pm in the School Hall**

**Theme : Jonah and the Whale -**

**Come and see what happened to him!**



**ACTIVITIES AND SONGS**



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.

Give permission for \_\_\_\_\_  
to come to the st.nic's@st.nic's service on Tuesday 28th November 2017  
They will be collected from school at 4.30pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (parent/guardian)

### Notices for first week back...

#### Don't forget

PTFA Film night Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February

St Nics @ St Nics is on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February

3M Forest School Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February

PTFA meeting 7pm Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February

World Book Day Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March

3HW Forest School Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March