



St Nicholas^{CE}
First School

learning and believing, growing and achieving

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Friday 16th March 2018

Dear Parents

Firstly I would like to thank all of the Year 3 and 4 children who took part in our Ex Cathedra day last week and performed for parents and the community down in church as part of Codsall Arts Week. The children had so much fun and enjoyed working alongside children from Birches First School! Thank you to all of the parents who shared their feedback about the event.



I would also like to say a very big thank you to Year 3 children and staff for an outstanding assembly for parents and families teaching us all about the legacy of the Vikings on our lands. I was so proud of the children for speaking clearly, confidently, not to forget the amazing singing. It was a real treat to watch and I felt very proud of our Year 3s. We hope all of our visitors enjoyed seeing their child perform on the stage and getting fully into the Viking spirit.



You may have seen the letter that came out about Sport Relief events which will take place in school next week organised by Miss Pugh and Mr Mills with staff. As well as Tom Daley's Daily Challenges children will have the opportunity to **come dressed as their favourite sporting hero on Friday 23rd March and donate £1 to the Sport**

Relief campaign. We are also setting an additional challenge for children to complete at home. **We will be holding a competition where we are asking children to invent a new sport.** Children will be required to think of a name for the game and give an explanation of the rules. Each child will then be entered into a year group competition where they could win a prize. The winning sport will be selected by our PE and Sports Coordinators

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(Miss Pugh, Mr Watkins and Mr Mills). I look forward to sharing the winning games that have been created in future school newsletters. Named entries must be handed in to class teachers please by Tuesday 27th March ready for judging and prizes to be given out on Thursday 29th March.

Please see below for our Easter programme of events coming up over the next few weeks also:

Thursday 22nd March 10am Year 1 Easter Performance

Friday 23rd March 2pm Year 1 Easter Performance

Sunday 25th March 2-4pm PTFA Easter Egg Hunt

Wednesday 28th March 10am Easter Church Service

Wednesday 28th March 3pm Easter Bonnet Parade (weather permitting)

Finally I must make parents aware that in July I will be expecting a new addition to my family. I will continue to be in school up to the due date as long as health allows. As such governors are currently putting in place plans to manage the period of time during my absence from school. I would anticipate, that all being well with little one, that I will return to school for the start of the Spring Term 2019. I have every faith in the staff in school and their ability to maintain the school's progress in my absence.

As was the case for those families here in 2016 when Ben was born, I will be in and out of school throughout my maternity leave and maintain close contact with school on a weekly basis. I will of course advise parents as to plans for September: Acting Headteacher, changes to staffing and transition of classes, well in advance of my maternity leave commencing to provide maximum stability and continuity.

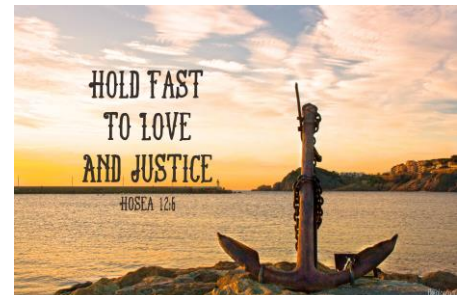
For now though we still have the remainder of the Spring Term and an action packed Summer Term curriculum and events programme to concentrate on with much to be achieved and this will continue to be our combined focus for the time being.

Wishing everyone a restful weekend.

Best wishes

Miss J Parker

Head Teacher



Thank you to all who supported our Book Fair last week raising money for the school to spend on books in the process! Thank you to Mrs Clay and her team for organising.

Last Thursday children in school spent some time thinking about [International Women's Day!](#) Please see the [school website](#) to see what children found out about influential women from history. At St Nicholas we celebrate the achievements of our girls and boys and we were really pleased with the way children were able to think carefully about equality, discrimination and justice (our half termly value) as part of the process. Well done children!

Superstars of the week!

Class/Award	Name	Reason
N1	Jenson Rhodes	For trying hard in Phonics, listening for the words the sounds were making.
N2	Elliott Griffiths-Hamson	For sequencing the life cycle of a butterfly.
RB	Willow Smith	For writing a super sentence about a caterpillar!
RP	Kai Rogers	For his wonderful writing about the Hungry Caterpillar!
1W	Jamie Liao	For continuous effort to improve his writing!
1R	Archie Spittle	For an excellent understanding of the Easter story and Salvation.
2A	Molly Camilleri	For excellent writing in History!
2S	Ellie Birch	For her super log book written as Charles Darwin. Excellent writing skills Ellie!
3HW	Joanna France	For a super attitude to learning in all curriculum areas.
3M	Maisie Millman	For an excellent, positive attitude to learning and for a wonderful Viking assembly.
4W	Isobel Lees	For excellent work and effort in all lessons and for helping friends!
4G	Karam Gandham	For excellent understanding of the meaning and symbolism in the Christian Holy Communion.

Thank you to all who have taken the time to return their parent surveys in respect of school lunches. These will be collated and collected by Chartwells our school lunch provider and considered alongside the issues the school has raised with them on your behalf. It is imperative that you use this opportunity to have your say, whether that be to express concern or appreciation of the lunches on offer, please do use it!

A big thank you to kitchen staff for our Year 1 Mother's Day lunch this week. This was well attended and enjoyed by the children and we hope our parent supporters.

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Change your password regularly so as to reduce opportunities for your account being hacked or your password being memorised by children. Parents be wary about leaving shopping accounts such as Amazon or games etc (where credit card details are stored) logged in to minimise opportunities for children to spend money with or without meaning to.