



St Nicholas^{CE (VC)} First School

learning and believing, growing and achieving

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Dear Parents

Thank you for your support for our Children In Need fundraising efforts today. We hope the children enjoyed dressing up as much as we did! We have enjoyed a range of activities in school today supported by staff from Lloyds Bank. I must say a big thank you to management at our local Co-op store also for the generous donation of biscuits and icing to enable children in Y2-4 to make their spotty biscuits on this special day!

A big well done to the St Nicholas football team who went off to St Christopher's this week to play football. The children that went along played as a team, representing the school well and demonstrating the sporting values that are important to us at St Nicholas.



Please don't forget we have our next Big Read next Friday (25th November), please do remember to send your child to school with a book of their choice to enjoy in the session. I look forward to visiting classrooms and talking to children about their choice of book next week as part of my monitoring activities.

I must give a special mention this week to the ladies in our Nursery team. The team led by Miss Griffiths really do give the children the very best learning opportunities possible. The atmosphere in our Nursery is so calm and purposeful. This week the children have been reading ["Don't Put Your Finger In The Jelly Nelly"](#) By [Nick Sharratt](#) and as such have been experiencing and playing with foods and textures, including spaghetti cutting, spaghetti brush painting, doughnut decorating and much more.

Letters will start coming home soon for Nursery, Reception and Year 2 Christmas Nativities.

This year we are trialling with Reception children the use of an online booking system. Parents will be given an information sheet advising how to access the booking system and will then be able to choose a maximum of 2 tickets for each performance, with the opportunity to go on a reserve list should any places remain. Tickets will not be necessary as guests should simply give the child's name on the door to enable the places booked to be checked off - ensuring that the maximum capacity in the hall is not exceeded.

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Should it prove successful, we will be able to carry out other consent or booking based activities using this such as booking Parents Evening appointments etc. I will report back as to its effectiveness in due course. All other classes will receive paper based tickets, with an allocation of two per performance. As always feel free to swap about amongst yourselves on the playground as you see fit.

Year 3 and 4 children will also be sharing some musical offerings, as well as their poems and prayers in their KS2 church service on Tues 13th December. As well as this they will be encouraged to come along to the village [Carols Around The Tree](#) event on Friday 2nd December (as below) where KS2 children will sing songs that they have prepared in school. Finally our KS2 choir children will be very busy too taking part in the opening of the Christmas Tree Festival down at church where I believe we will also be joined by (fairly recently appointed Chief Whip) [Gavin Williamson MP](#), as well as going out into the community to sing carols at a small number of care homes for the elderly.

Year 3 parents will also be invited to a Christmassy music afternoon to showcase what they have learned with Mrs Smith our music teacher (see separate letter of invitation in due course). Year 1 will share their [Passion Play](#) (Easter) in the Spring Term and Year 4 as always will do their show stopper performance at the end of the year as their finale moment at St Nicholas. It is always a special time for parents and staff when we watch your children perform.

I hope you have a fun filled weekend and look forward to welcoming the children back in to school on Monday.

Best wishes

Miss J Parker
Head Teacher



★ Christmas Fair ★

FRIDAY 2nd DECEMBER

3:00 pm TO 8:30 pm

CODSALL VILLAGE CENTRE

2016 BIGGER & BETTER

★ LATE LOCAL SHOPPING

MORE MARKET STALLS

MORE STREET ENTERTAINERS

MORE HOT FOOD & DRINKS

MORE FAIRGROUND RIDES

MORE LIVE MUSIC INCLUDING:
"S UNHONEY", LOCAL ARTISTS,
& THE SALVATION ARMY BAND

VISIT BY "WOLFIE" ★



Santa Bearing Gifts

FROM 7:00pm

CAROLS AROUND THE TREE 

WITH LOCAL SCHOOLS & ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH CHOIR

PICK UP A FREE PROGRAMME

THE VILLAGE CENTRE WILL BE CLOSED TO THROUGH TRAFFIC from 2:00pm > 9:30pm
UPDATES & MORE ON OUR WEB SITE at www.codsallchristmasfair.co.uk

Superstars of the week!

Class/Award	Name	Reason
N1	Sophie Spittle	For trying really hard to remember her lines for the Christmas play, now being able to do it on her own.
N2	Mia Tomlinson	For trying really hard with the puzzles and exploring the activities around Nursery.
RB	George Fear	For very good addition work this week.
RP	Oscar Bergeret	For building confidence in accessing activities around the classroom.
1M	Gabrielle Lowe	For some excellent art work (see later in newsletter!)
1R	Angel Johnson	For excellent maths work using pictures to work out her times tables.
2A	Ettie-Belle Rushton	For working hard in Maths and tackling new challenges confidently with a determined attitude!
2S	Miley Palmer	For working hard in Maths and overcoming difficulties when facing new challenges by being determined!
3HW	Dominic Teale	For showing maturity and understanding in work and relationships!
3P	May Chitty	For working hard in our Literacy lessons and never giving up.
4C	Sebastian Edwards	For using a really lovely prepositional phrase to extend a simile.
4S	Madison Evans	For increased confidence in her Maths and English work and producing some very good work as a result.
Sportspersons of the week	Gabriel Thornton and Hannah Gough	For determination and effort shown on House Sports morning, Mrs Swan was very proud of you both!

Well done to the children in 1M who this week have produced stunning Tudor house pictures, having thought about the features and studied pictures carefully. I think you will agree given the age of the children in Year 1 these are quite amazing! These pics belong to Lily-May Morris, Seb Sedgemore, Gabrielle Lowe and Oliver Gittens!

