



St Nicholas^{CE} First School

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Dear Parents

What a lovely week we have enjoyed this week in school, we've had lots of sunshine and of course culminating in our Royal Wedding lunch celebrations! I know many of the children have told me they will be watching some of the events on TV, as well as having little parties and get-togethers with family and friends.



This week we also enjoyed our Police Cadets passing out parade for the children who have been working with the local police to find out more about the British Value of Law. We are very proud of what they have accomplished in their sessions and hope that parents that attended their special celebration felt as proud of their children as we did.



This weekend the school football team have an early start at St Chad's Pattingham for the Pattingham Sixes Annual Football Tournament. This year we have a really strong squad and I would hope that our team a) play well and are successful in their games and more importantly b) do a good job of representing the school! We wish them all the best! The team will be led by Mr Mills and we are sure it will be a lovely morning out for spectators!

Well done this week to Brooke and Joel who did their little book sale at lunchtime, raising money to be spent on books of the children's choosing. We are proud of the way the other children have got behind their enterprising idea and been generous in donating books to be sold! Thank you to all who supported them!



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As you will be aware we have one more week in school (next week) and then we break up for the half term break. As I am sure you can imagine the weeks seem to be speeding by much too quickly for me with an impending maternity leave. Governors have formally appointed Miss Pugh to take on the role of Acting Head Teacher in my absence whenever that might start. It is my intention to work as far as possible up to my due date and beyond, if baby is settled where he/she is and is reluctant to put in an appearance. When I do start my maternity leave, Miss Pugh will be out of class full time and Miss Bolton and Mrs Stevens, two very experienced, longstanding St Nicholas EYFS teachers who return from maternity leave this term, will take on responsibility for RP through until the end of term.

Throughout this time the class will maintain support from the capable Mrs Carmell and Miss Brookes and so we would expect business as usual for the children. Miss Pugh will maintain oversight for the class also throughout this time, but will of course be released to manage the day to day running of the school and deal with any concerns, worries or issues raised by parents.

We will be writing to parents after the half term break with arrangements for Sports Days, new classes for September and induction arrangements etc for children. I can inform parents now however, that we will only have Miss Abbiss with us for a short time in the Autumn Term as the St Nicholas Baby Bug seems to be still very much in the air and she is expecting her first child in October.



We are all thrilled for her, but she will be greatly missed whilst away, having had a fabulous impact in the school both as a teacher and as SENCo in her time with us. She is anticipated to be away until the end of the year and so as such governors have taken the decision for her not be allocated a class for September so as to minimise any disruption to children with a change of teacher. Where possible the St Nicholas Governors are always mindful to make decisions that are in the best interest of the children and stability and not being led by financial/business decisions alone. This will mean that, with Mrs Robb, she is able to support Miss Pugh and help 2A children (her current class) transition smoothly into Year 3 in September. I am sure you will join me in congratulating her on her special news!

All parents should now have received their parent questionnaires which were sent home with children last week. Please do send them back to school as promptly as you are able to. Where possible it will be my intention to collate them prior to finishing work and respond to any concerns (where I know who they relate to) or address any recurring priorities raised in our school development plan and with governors. Your feedback really does matter to us.

Finally, Chartwells our school lunch providers have collated your feedback and are going to send it back to school by ways of information report for parents. They were pleased with lots of the positive comments and are going to provide parents with an informal chat/meeting on the 5th June (time TBC) to discuss issues around things like nutrition, portion size and menu. They have listened to what we had to say about menu and as such have developed a revised menu which has been published on the [school website](#) for you. Please do come along if you are somebody who has raised concerns with them or with me as this will be the chance to address them.

Please also see the info below about Summer packed lunches on offer to children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 only. To manage orders parents would need to book their child in a week in advance, using the form sent home for these, so as to manage the demand and adjust hot food numbers etc. accordingly. This is something we will trial for the next couple of weeks and if successful continue. It may be for those children who are not allergy sufferers that from time to time they can enjoy their packed lunches al fresco on the school field, which is something I know the children enjoy!

SAVE TIME... ORDER A CHARTWELLS PACKED LUNCH STARTS 4TH JUNE 2018



As an alternative to our tasty cooked meals we also offer delicious packed lunches. Our packed lunch menu, developed in line with the School Food Standards, includes 2 different types of fruit and vegetables providing 2 of your child's 5 a day!

IF YOUR CHILD IS IN RECEPTION, YEAR 1 OR YEAR 2 THEY ARE ENTITLED TO A

NUTRITIONALLY BALANCED PACKED LUNCH FOR FREE EACH DAY!

For more information about packed lunches, please contact Mrs Sally Cooper,
School Catering Manager, on 01902 841625

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Wishing you all a restful, sunny (I hope) weekend,

Best wishes
Miss J Parker
Head Teacher

Reminder to parents who use Breakfast Club, Little Nics or After School Club

As has been publicised both in the Wraparound Care Parent handbook and on many of the information letters sent home from our governor run provision, if a child is booked to attend a session, parents will be charged for this, irrespective of whether the child attends. In order to maintain staffing levels the school's governors have to employ staff based on the number of pupils booked in to attend.

Where children then don't attend this means that the provision may start running at a loss and impact on the general school budget. Governors and I are resolute that the provision of additional extended school day provisions to benefit parents work etc, must not take away from the provision of day to day statutory education and entitlement of the general school population and as such this is why we cannot deduct charges for non-attendance. School policy is that parents must give a month's notice to terminate a placement, which means the school can then plan and respond by adjusting staffing as required adequately, minimising any impact on budget.

Please do take note of this before booking your child in to our provision.

Superstars of the week!

Class/Award	Name	Reason
N1	Jenson Rhodes	For drawing a lovely under the sea picture!
N2	Junior Tobin	For trying really hard with his number work!
RB	Rosie Howell	For doing excellent halving and doubling!
RP	Molly Barlow	For her continued hard work in Maths halving jewels for the royal crown!
1W	Evie Watts	For excellent use of punctuation and effort in her writing!
1R	Leo Holden	For superb PE work throwing a ball accurately and working as part of a team!
2A	Laila Miller	For showing fantastic perseverance!
2S	Edie Rose	For working hard applying her skills and showing excellent understanding both in Maths and Literacy. Well done Edie!
3HW	Christian Thornton	For producing work of a high standard in all curriculum areas!
3M	Sophie Thorley	For listening to feedback and responding positively to improve his writing!
4W	Alex Woollaston	For great effort in Maths learning about fractions and concentration in Literacy!
4G	Memphis Lavelle	For his exceptional commitment to learning!

Digi Dude says:



Does your child understand the concept of Digital Citizenship? This means they understand:

- their rights online (to be treated with respect, not be trolled or abused etc)
- their responsibilities (to be respectful, to stay safe, to only access agreed sites and content, to report anything that is inappropriate etc)

We do this in school as part of our E Safety and Computing curriculum.

“Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.”

- First Peter 4:8