



# St Nicholas<sup>CE (VC)</sup> First School

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Dear Parents

Just to remind you that we are looking forward to our school disco this evening. We will dismiss our KS1 and KS2 children on to the main playground at the end of the discos in year group order, so please do make yourself visible by giving staff a wave when you see your child. We will dismiss children from the following doors for ease of identification:

Year 1 – Year 1 doors

Year 2 - entrance by Miss Parker's office and lost property

Year 3 – Year 1 doors

Year 4 – entrance by Miss Parker's office and lost property

A big thank you to everyone who supported the EYFS Summer Shakeabout last Friday. Even with the damp weather the children enjoyed their physical activities and fruit kebabs and refreshments, all whilst raising funds to be spent in their classrooms next term.

We have been having a few issues of late with regard to our IT systems. Firstly our broadband has recently been changed by Entrust (Staffordshire) and keeps dropping in and out, so apologies to anyone who has had to wait a bit longer than normal for a response to an email etc.

Additionally as we increase the number of devices in school, we are finding that we need to invest now in our wifi and IT infrastructure. This is planned for the Summer holidays. In addition to this, thanks to a generous donation from [Capgemini](#) who one of our parents works for, we will be installing an IT corridor in main school for all children to access. We will be calling this our IT Super Highway! Also we will be putting a bank of four fixed computers in the shared area between the two Reception classrooms. We look forward to giving the children access to these new areas after the Whit week holiday.

I have been asked by teachers to mention homework expectations. In Reception, Years 1 and 2 homework is greatly encouraged to support learning in school and promote discussion at home about what a child is learning. In KS2 this is also the case, however we would expect that all children complete the homework set every week in order to ensure children are taught the necessary skills of managing their work, being independent and taking responsibility for themselves. This really helps with transition to Middle School education. When children in KS2 do not complete their homework, teachers may ask them to stay in and complete this at playtime, where they are able to support as required. If you are having difficulties in getting your child to do their homework, please do not make this a prolonged battle, remind them of the consequences of not completing it. NB If ever a child finds homework too hard then please do not put them under too much pressure, just send a little note in to school or speak to your child's teacher.

I have discussed the My Maths homework site also this week with parents and teachers. If your child is unable to access My Maths as they do not have a suitable device to provide access, then please do let us know. We will not keep children in at playtimes based on their inability to access My Maths. However we do have the option available for those

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children who require it, for them to use computers in Mrs Robb's classroom on a Wednesday lunchtime and complete what has been set, should they wish to. I hope this makes sense.

Best wishes  
Miss J Parker  
Head Teacher

## Superstars of the week!

Class/Award	Name	Reason
<b>N1</b>	Luke Allcott	For challenging himself in lots of different areas around the classroom.
<b>N2</b>	Jake Orłowski	For confidently joining in with carpet time activities.
<b>RB</b>	Sian Younger	For lovely counting spots on the ladybird and writing great number sessions!
<b>RP</b>	Olivia Wilson	For trying really hard and challenging herself in her number work, reading and writing.
<b>1M</b>	Jacob Rhead	For being a fantastic weather forecast presenter!
<b>1R</b>	Joe Howells	For writing sentences joined with and for his explanation about the water cycle!
<b>2A</b>	Adeline Griffiths Hamson	For trying really hard with her handwriting and earning her handwriting pen!
<b>2S</b>	Nicholas Jevons	For working consistently hard in all areas of the curriculum and showing a determined effort to achieve his three star challenges. Well done Nick keep up the hard work!
<b>3HW</b>	Jack Brentnall	For super application of multiplication methods in Numeracy!
<b>3P</b>	Archie Mack	For consistently outstanding effort across the curriculum.
<b>4C</b>	Gabriel Thornton	For a great contribution during RE. He wrote some lovely ways in which people had been a good neighbour.
<b>4S</b>	Taylor Rossington	For an excellent understanding of rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000.
<b>Sportsperson of the week</b>	Noah Lewis	For another consistently good performance in the school football team in which he scored 2 of the 9 St Nicholas goals!

A special well done this week to Dylan France in Year 3 for his amazing rock presentation. (available to see on the school website). We were in awe of his amazing fossils and Dylan presented his information to the class beautifully!

## **And then there were 5 (pregnant staff that is!!!)**

This week we announce that we have two more members of staff that are expecting! We are delighted to congratulate Mrs Swan (Year 4) who is expecting a baby around November time and Mrs Hughes (Reception) who will be expecting her 2<sup>nd</sup> child also in the Autumn term. I am currently advertising for a new teacher to join us for September to manage this period and ensure that there is no disruption to class teaching. I look forward to confirming who your child will be taught by in September if your child is in Years 1-4 at some point after the half term break. I am sure we will all wish the staff well at this special time.

I must also inform parents that unfortunately Miss Sullivan has been signed off for the moment with a pregnancy related condition and it is unlikely that she will be back in work before starting her maternity leave. I am arranging for her to pop back in to school before the end of the year to see children, staff and parents and I believe our Toddler group will be arranging a little Toddler celebration for her in coming weeks. Miss Sullivan is very much missing the children and the families and sends her best wishes!

## **Dogs on the playground**

Polite reminder that dogs are not allowed on the school playground, whether this be carried or walking. This is a policy that is to ensure the safety of all site users. Our playground in the evening is very congested and busy with lots of noises, unpredictable movements etc, we do not want any dog to be distressed and possibly cause injury to a child on school property (or indeed off).

## **Football Result St Nicholas 9 v Lane Green 3**

A very big well done to our school football team, who went off to Lane Green on Monday to play an away fixture. With a 12 goal total, the game was filled with lots of excitement and the team that played can be incredibly proud of themselves. (Please see the match report written by the pupils below). They go off to St Chad's in Pattingham this weekend to participate in a local First Schools tournament which is sure to be a lot of fun too. Please do feel free to go along and cheer the children on! Thank you to Miss Cranston and Mr Mills for their work with the football team!



## **Match Report Written By Year 4 (thank you boys)**

St Nicholas arrived at Lane Green in good shape from training. St Nicholas won 9-3. The game kicked off and Isaac scored straight away, putting St Nicholas 1-0 up. Not long after, Alfie put a long throw into the box where Isaac grabbed a second goal on the half volley. Then, Noah got the ball on the edge of the box and put the ball in the back of the net.

A couple of minutes later, St Nicholas decided to make two subs with Daniel and Tyler coming on. Somehow, Daniel scored with his first touch. After the whistle, Daniel scored again. From the middle of the park, Tyler put a through ball to Isaac who grabbed his first half hat-trick. Suddenly, Isaac scored again similar to his last one. Luckily, their deflected block went in. HT 7-1.

A corner was whipped in by Tyler and met Noah who hit the post. St Nicholas won another corner in which Noah was a lot luckier this time who kneed it into the bottom corner. Then Lane Green opened up St Nicholas defence and slotted it past Sam.

We were devastated, because Alfie scored an own goal. Lane Green were trying to catch up with us, then Alfie scored a stunning free kick. Then Alfie put a wonderful cross to Caide's feet and attempted an overhead kick which ended up hitting the post. The game finished 9-3 to St Nicholas.

## **Spanish Lessons for September 2017**

We have been approached about offering Spanish lessons for children in Years 2 and 3 after school from 3.30-4.30pm in September. There is an indicative cost of £80 for 7 weeks, which we appreciate is more costly than many clubs we offer already. If you feel that your child would benefit from attending and would like to register your interest please contact [lindsey.richards@st-nicholas.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:lindsey.richards@st-nicholas.staffs.sch.uk) or pop into the office and let us know. Once we have assessed a level of interest we can make a decision as to whether we have enough to make it viable and proceed from there.

## **Well done Year 2 Pupils!**

Year 2 have been busy completing their end of key stage assessments over the past two weeks, we thought we would share with parents how impressed how we have been with how the children have approached these tasks showing determination to do their best. Well done Year 2! These assessments will now be moderated alongside teacher assessments and shared with you in your child's end of term report. Thank you for support for your children and for not drawing their attention to the tests, they have completed them in a stress-free environment, in which they have had every opportunity to demonstrate their best at this point in the year