



St Nicholas^{CE}
First School

learning and believing, growing and achieving



Friday 19th January 2018

Dear Parents

This week the children have enjoyed an Eco-Day led by Miss Griffiths in school as part of our Eco-Campaign. We enjoyed seeing some of the recycled items the children had made and sharing their creativity. Thank you for your support with this at home. The children enjoyed learning about sustainability, energy efficiency and the importance of healthy lifestyles as part of the day and shared what they had learnt in a special end of the day assembly time.

A big well done to children in Year 4 who shared a worship they had prepared about Epiphany with the rest of the school. Children planned the act of worship, thinking about how they would engage the very full hall and used some lovely multimedia resources. We look forward to seeing how each group gets on at taking the lead over the coming weeks!

Another well done, this time to Year 3 for their first few swimming lessons. On Monday I had an email from a gentleman who is not linked to the school, who saw the children up at the leisure centre last week and commented upon their orderly presentation, good behaviour and manners. I was very proud to congratulate the children.

The PTFA met this week and are starting to plan events and activities for the next two terms. If anyone is able to support at events, even though they cannot get to the actual meetings please do let myself or a member of the PTFA know. We are continually looking for more support to enable us to sustain and offer as many events as we do.

This week staff had some E-Safety training to ensure we are all up to date and able to meet our duty to safeguard our children. Please check out the following links to ensure you understand what children may be exposed to through social media etc and do arrange to see Mr Gough or myself if you want to discuss anything more or need further information about anything.

Please note these links may be more suitable for adults and older children Y3/4 upwards as part of an information sharing/family discussion. Some children may find them scary.

[Where's Klaus](#) (a video showing how unsafe children can be in their own homes)

[Think U Know](#) (a video about online grooming and people not being who they say they are)

[Friends online](#) (a video showing how strange our online behaviour is)

Another interesting concept we have been discussing is about how we can teach children that not everything they read online is true, think fake news and Wikipedia etc. For any parents that wish to use it, it may be worth showing your child the [Dog Island](#) website, letting them see what they can find out from the site and then sharing this link with them from the [Snopes website](#) which is a fact checking site that exposes the website as fake, set up as an example by students who were exploring how easy it is to fool people when they read something online.

I hope some of these links may be of interest to some of our parents.

Best wishes`

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Head Teacher

Keep photos and videos to yourself; when you upload something online it can stay there forever!

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Superstars of the week!

Class/Award	Name	Reason
N1	Cole Quinton	For doing lots of challenges and trying hard in phonics.
N2	Jake Jones	For finding shapes in the environment.
RB	Thomas Lister	For always persevering when faced with a challenge.
RP	Jessica Duckworth	Her wonderful imaginative writing about what is at the top of the beanstalk.
1W	Alfie Mellors	For excellent sorting and classifying of materials in Science.
1R	Elsie-Beau Rushton	For writing a super character description of Rumpelstiltskin.
2A	Ruben Patel	For being an excellent role model and always putting 100% effort into all he does!
2S	Joe Howell	For a super piece of descriptive writing all about "The Storm!"
3HW	Ruby Evans	For a super work ethic and making very good progress in Maths and English.
3M	Sophie Price	For an excellent Science investigation into colours and light.
4W	Thomas Purchase	For making excellent progress and advancing with his reading!
4G	Evie Guest	For thoughtful contributions when exploring how the features of a Gurdwara express the values and beliefs of Sikhism.

Ron The Crossing Patrol Man

As you may have read it is with regret that I must inform you that your school crossing patrol warden – Mr Ron Hyde, who operates at the zebra crossing on Bakers Way will retire from his post. Ron hopes to work through until February half term, after which he will leave. We have a collection for a little gift for him from the school community and intend to invite him in to offer our thanks, should anyone wish to donate, please do hand any monies in to the school office. He will be very much missed by all I am sure, I know many of the children and parents enjoy a friendly chat with him and value the service he has provided.

With regard to the vacancy that will be created by Ron's impending departure, the Local Authority has currently placed a full suspension on all recruitment pending the outcome of a proposed service review. This could affect the service budget and have a significant impact upon a large percentage of crossing points across the county. I will advise should I have any news on this in due course.

A polite plea from Harriet who is stationed at the crossing patrol on the corner of Chillington Dr and the Wolverhampton Rd, is for all cars to stop when they see her and children crossing, as opposed to swerving around them and for cars to slow down on the approach. Thank you.