



St Nicholas^{CE (VC)} First School

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Dear Parents

Another busy week has come to a close at St Nicholas this week! Many of us have enjoyed seeing the children from Theatre Company perform Aladdin down at Codsall Community High School. As a staff we have been so impressed by the standard of the performance and hope parents were as proud of the children as we have been. A big well done and thank you to Mrs Carey and Miss Jessop and their volunteers for the way they have worked with the children since September.

This week a number of children enjoyed their first [Mad Science](#) Club session. We were inundated with children wishing to take part and have actually needed to put on 3 sessions on a Monday evening to accommodate all interested children. Last week Miss Pugh and I also made arrangements for our Reception and Year 1 children to have a special club just for them. As such we are pleased to inform parents that we will be welcoming [Rugby Tots](#) to school for the Summer Term.

Staff and governors have reviewed our jewellery in PE policy this week which is informed by the national body [AFPE](#)'s practice. As such I would like to share with parents again the school's requirements for children to be safely dressed in PE lessons. Please see a summary below taken from the policy:

- Jewellery should not be worn in P.E. and earrings should be removed for the lesson. Where piercings are still healing within the advised 6 weeks period and a pupil is unable to remove their earrings, then that pupil will not actively participate in the lesson in line with these guidelines. Therefore we would ask that any children who are to have their ears pierced have them done around the summer holidays to minimise the need for the children to miss lessons. *Please note it is not possible for parents to get around this rule by 'granting permission'.*
- If religious bangles are worn by pupils, these will be permitted to remain on the child, however it must be covered by a sweat band to avoid injury during these lessons. *It is the parents' responsibility to ensure that all pupils requiring a sweat band for covering provide this which is then kept in the child's PE bag.*

Thank you for your consideration and support with this. We want all of our children to participate in their PE lessons fully.

Over the next few weeks we will be working with our colleagues from the local support team who will be auditing our school attendance as well as that of children and families. Can we ask that any parents who have yet to account for their child's absence, get in touch with the school office to do so as soon as is possible. The local support team will be contacting families where they wish to discuss attendance and are able to offer support and guidance.

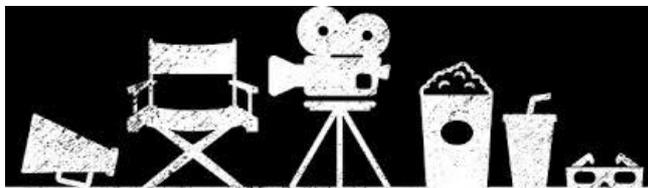
Wishing everyone a lovely weekend,
Best wishes
Miss J Parker
Head Teacher

Don't forget St Nics@St Nics next Tuesday in school at 3.30pm. The story that will be shared is "Jesus gets lost".

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Superstars of the week!

Class/Award	Name	Reason
N1	Freya Callicott	For using great imagination when talking about the Giant in Jack and the Beanstalk.
N2	Jacob Eastelow	For making a lovely giant in the playdough and a tall tower to reach the castle.
RB	George Qualters	For working really hard in his phonics groups, learning his phase 3 sounds.
RP	Harry Haycox	For his excellent effort in his number work, adding and taking away!
1M	Ruben Patel	For a brilliant retelling of Rumpelstiltskin and checking his writing carefully.
1R	Lea Plimmer	For super history work drawing and labelling a Motte and Bailey castle.
2A	Sasha De Souza	For trying really hard in Maths and Literacy this week and also being such a helpful girl to others!
2S	Maya Gill	For working very hard to include adjectives and exciting verbs in her storm description.
3HW	Ellie Barlow	For writing a super story opening in the first person, including character's thoughts and feelings.
3P	Maisie Vandriel	For having a super week and being a kind and caring member of the class. Well done!
4C	Hannah Gough	For great work punctuating direct speech.
4S	Melease Smith	For consistent effort and hard work in all curriculum areas, but especially Maths!
Sportsperson of the week	Sophie Price	For excellent balance and co-ordination in PE. (Miss Parker has seen this in Aladdin too!)
Fantastic Forest Schooler	Seb Sedgemore and Liam Lewis	For such enthusiasm and interest in the session. Mrs McKinnon was unable to choose between the two boys they were both outstanding!
	Ben Robinson	For such sheer enjoyment and team work within the session to build a moat and a castle!



Don't forget we have our PTFA Film Night on Monday after school. The four films will be supported by teachers throughout the school.

PTFA Meeting Next Week – **Wednesday 25th January at 7.30pm** in Class 3P. Please enter school via the main front office. This meeting will be to plan our Easter activities, please do come along if you are able to!

DO SOMETHING BOOKY

Advance Notice – World Book Day Thursday March 2nd 2017

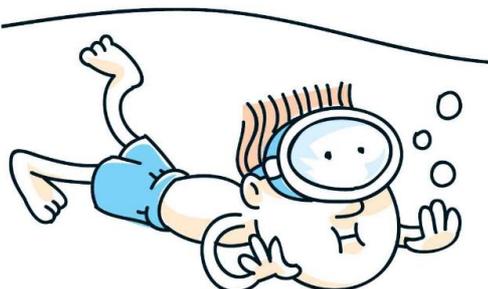
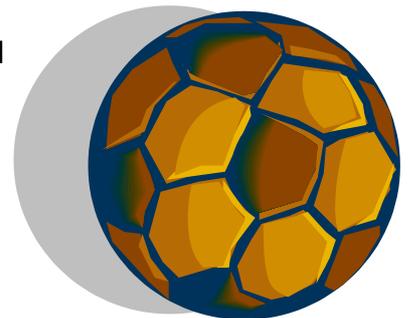
As usual we will be asking children to dress up as their favourite book character for World Book Day in school. Our office staff have already organised their costumes for this annual event in school. Why not check out the [World Book Day](#) website for ideas?

Don't forget we have our **Big Read** in school also next Friday (27th January), please ensure your child has their choice of reading book in school to enjoy on the day.

Sporting News...

A Special Fixture

We welcome pupils from [Cherry Trees](#) School in Wombourne to St Nicholas on 2nd February to play a game of football within the school day. The team are keen to get out and play different schools in proper matches and we think this will be a lovely opportunity for some of our children. Whilst we have our football squad who play in a local first school league, this will be an opportunity for other children who may not always be chosen for the squad to enjoy a friendly game. It will be a lovely event for the school and I hope that our children will make our visitors feel very welcome and learn something about the inclusive nature of sport.



A big well done to all of our Year 3 swimmers who had their first school swimming lesson this week. Although one or two pupils were a little nervous, they managed very well in their session.

The Midcounties Co-operative

This week we have had a really productive meeting with the team from the Co-operative. As part of the meeting we have organised a calendar of activities that will help us together to instil in the children a real sense of pride in the local community, as well as support them in understanding some complex issues around health, safety and ethics.

As part of the meeting our KS2 Council Representatives came to meet with our visitors to seek their support in funding some new bins for the KS1 and 2 playground to help us reduce litter. This term and next we are going to have a real focus on this and the School Council children will be writing to parents and speaking to children to ask for their support in keeping the school grounds clean, tidy and safe. My visitors were really impressed with the children and their good ideas and as such have agreed to fund some Percy Penguin themed bins to be used in school.

Did you know?

If any St Nicholas children go into their local Co-op supermarket in school uniform on a Friday they will be entitled to a **free piece of fruit** from the store. I think the idea of Free Fruit Friday is a lovely way to encourage your child to eat more fruit and maybe try something that they haven't before. Do let us know if you take advantage of this generous, healthy offer. Maybe email in a photo of your child in uniform with their fruit, if you are happy for this to be shared for use by the Co-op!



Big School Birdwatch

On **Friday 17th February** (the last day before half term), the children and staff will take some time to look outdoors at the birds we have in and around St Nicholas First School. We hope to carry out some bird spotting activities, helping the children to learn more about the birds that are commonly found nearby. Click on the picture to the left to find out more about the activities you can do at home too! Our Year 1 children are going to be painting some bird boxes to be sited in school too. Why not get involved at home?





Year 3
Viking
Day!

