



St Nicholas^{CE (VC)} First School

learning and believing, growing and achieving

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Dear Parents

Firstly may I thank you for coming out in force to discuss how your child has settled in to the term this week at our Parent Consultation sessions. The teachers enjoyed having an opportunity to learn more about your children, from you, whilst also sharing their targets, observations and moments to celebrate from the half term.

I would like to say a big thank you to all of our staff, and the many visitors to school we had this week, for their hard work in bringing our Emergency Services week to life. You may have heard about "The Great Trophy Robbery!" Having stumbled upon a crime scene, I raised the alarm with the police on Friday evening after my late meeting with support staff. When I recall the events of that night, Mrs Sparrow left a little bit earlier, followed by Mrs Tunney and Mrs Jackson, only for Mrs Tunney to run back in and get her scarf as it was a bit cold! Such were the witness statements provided by staff when interrogated by the unrelenting KS1 children as part of their thorough investigations.

To send children off to half term with no more doubt as to what has happened to the trophies, you will be glad to know the mystery was solved today, when Mr Mills, unwittingly walked in to school with his arms filled with freshly polished trophies, having taken them home at the weekend. Throughout the week the children have learned valuable lessons about:

- working with facts and not just assuming or blaming
- the concept of innocent until proven otherwise
- that sometimes things aren't as they first seem
- the work of the police and detectives
- solving problems
- asking probing and open questions
- reporting and communicating the outcomes of investigations verbally to a group and in writing
- the media's portrayal of crime

We hope you have enjoyed hearing about this work from your child.

I must say another big thank you to [West Midland's Ambulance Service Staff](#) (Mrs Spittle and Mrs Davies who came in to school this week as part of the [Restart A Heart](#) campaign. All children in KS1 and 2 have been taught lifesaving skills of resuscitation as well as how to put a casualty into the recovery position. The children have loved the very practical sessions, whilst also having an opportunity to ask questions and learn about the work of the Ambulance Service.

We hope you enjoy joining us for our parade today, a fitting end to a very memorable week for the children.

Wishing you a happy and safe half term break,
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Superstars of the week!

Class/Award	Name	Reason
N1	Thomas Lister	For being a super detective and sharing his knowledge about the ambulance service!
N2	Alannah Hamilton	For having a great first half term in Nursery. She has made lots of friends and is always kind and polite.
RB	Tomas Pike	For working hard in phonics this week, segmenting words and writing them on his whiteboard.
RP	Holly Gibson	For working hard in phonics and developing confidence in class.
1M	Maddison Orlowski	For always doing lovely writing and super Maths!
1R	Logan Brennan	For such enthusiasm and enjoyment shown when solving the mystery of the missing trophies!
2A	Bethany Cartwright	For an outstanding description of an Autumn wood.
2S	Jaimes Harris	For working really hard solving the mystery of the missing trophies!
3HW	Regan McLaughlin	For excellent effort and progress in Maths and Literacy.
3P	Dylan France	For completing his writing assessment very independently.
4C	Ollie Haycox	For using lots of WW2 information in his independent writing.
4S	Oliver Carey	For a super first half term in Year 4: being an excellent role model as a prefect!
Sportsperson of the week	Alfie Arnold	For showing great intelligence when playing games.

Mr Mills

A formal welcome to Mr Mills who joins us a trainee Teaching Assistant in school after half term, full time. Mr Mills has been recognised for the time given to school, his professional disposition and care, by governors and myself and will be working in school with children to support learning at all stages. He will continue to support lunchtimes and offer after school sports clubs (in his other role) and we are very pleased to be able to support him in moving in to the next stage of his career. I think you will agree he will be a great role model for our children! (It's a good job he didn't steal the trophies after all!) ☺

Sponsored Activity

Children have completed their sponsored emergency service challenge this week in school. Stretchers, water, red and blue lights and much fun were all involved. Can parents collect any donations and send them in to school as soon as possible after half term please in a named envelope. Any funds raised will be used to support the purchase of new reading resources throughout the school.



Remembrance Day Sales

After half term poppies and other items will be on sale at morning playtime to children in school. They will be sold each day from Tuesday 1st November through to Friday 4th November. We would ask that children bring no more than £2 to school (where possible in change), no sales will be made to children bringing monetary notes. As a school we have always enjoyed supporting this good cause and indeed sharing the significance of remembering those who fought for their country. Please note your child must be responsible for their own money and any items purchased. We cannot accept responsibility for any items that are lost, therefore children will be asked to put any purchased items securely in bags until home time.



Suggested Donation

Ruler Snap bands	£1
Pencil	50p
Rubber / Eraser	50p
Reflective Bag Tag	50p
Wristbands (Rubber)	50p
Friendship Bracelets (Elasticated)	£1
Fluffy Bug	50p
Tattoos	50p
Pencil Crayons	50p

School Dinners

As the weather is getting colder and Winter approaching we will cease to offer sandwiches and only be offering hot menu items as part of school dinners after half term. Salad and bread which accompany hot meals will of course continue to be available. Children who do not like hot menu items may as always choose to bring in sandwiches should they wish to.

Uniform for girls Having been asked by a small number of parents in recent weeks, I would like to clarify that we are happy for our girls to wear grey smart school trousers should parents wish for them to do so, particularly in the colder months. These should not be "skinny" style, leggings or culottes but smart trousers, not unlike those worn by the boys.



A few pics from our week in school, for more please see the school website!

