



**St Nicholas**<sup>CE</sup>  
**First School**

learning and believing, growing and achieving

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Dear Parents

This week the children have enjoyed their first Inspiration Day in their new classes. For those who are new to St Nicholas, Inspiration Days are an engaging and inspiring day at the start of each topic where the children's learning comes alive. Teachers plan for an exciting day that 'hooks' the children into their learning, igniting their enthusiasm to learn more. We have seen Reception children taking a sensory walk through jelly and sand, year 1 making wind catchers, year 2 packing their bags to go to Africa, year 3 making Roman shields and year 4 making Anderson shelters – what a busy day it was. The children had a wonderful day with one Reception boy telling me 'We put our feet in jelly, it was so funny, it felt like squishy worms' what a great description. It is wonderful when families support their child's topic, talking about learning at home, sending in photographs and artefacts. If you feel you have something to offer a certain topic please do get in touch with your child's class teacher and they would love to involve you.

This week saw the start of our First Aid Club held on a Monday after school for year 4 children. This is a wonderful club ran by Mrs Clay and Mrs Jackson who teach the children essential lifesaving skills. The club lasts the full academic year and at the end of the year the children will have built up a range of skills such as the recovery position, treating minor grazes and how to call for help (to name a few skills), the children then all receive a certificate. We look forward to watching the children's skills develop over time.

### **Homework**

Before the summer we sent out a parent survey to gather parents views on homework, the senior leadership team have since met and looked at everyone's response. As a result, this half-term year 3 will be trialing a new homework system (details were sent out on Monday), at the end of the half-term we will be gathering staff, children and parental views and hope to roll out a new homework policy after October half-term. For Nursery, Reception, Yr 1, Y2 and Yr4, homework is as normal, if you are unsure please see your child's class teacher.

Best wishes  
Miss S Pugh  
Acting Head Teacher



In assembly this week the children were shown two animals who were adopted as part of the fund raising by Year 2 (current year 3), supporting the World Wildlife Fund in the summer term. During the holidays we received our adoption certificates and these rather lovely polar bear and penguin soft toys. We would like to say a big thank you to all the children and parents who baked cakes and to those that gave generously to raise funds. Well done!



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# *Superstars of the Week!*

<b>Class/Award</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Reason</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	Lewis Miller	For following Nursery rules and being a kind friend.
	Bertie Callicott	For accessing lots of new activities and following the Nursery rules.
<b>RB</b>	Beatrice Chandler	For having a super week settling into Reception.
<b>RBP</b>	Eden Cunningham	For sharing her 'All about me' bag confidently with the rest of the class. We know lots about Eden now, well done!
<b>1M</b>	Henry Shenton	Super talking about our topic 'weather' on Inspiration Day.
<b>1R</b>	Star Johnson	For excellent independent work all week and being amazingly kind and helpful.
<b>2W</b>	Holly Gibson	Excellent use of conjunctions and punctuation.
<b>2S</b>	Charlie Cooper	Working hard in maths and completing extra challenges.
<b>3SH</b>	Oliver Sharratt	Making a super Roman shield on Inspiration Day.
<b>3P</b>	Reginald Myers	For his creativity in Design and Technology and for being a great centurion on Inspiration Day.
<b>4H</b>	Thomas Read-Arnold	Engaging with his topic of WW2.
<b>4G</b>	Joanne France	Her perseverance in all she does, never give up!

## Express and Star Big Thank You Awards 2018 – Young Star Award

We are so proud of Zak Jeavons in 4H. Zak has been nominated for the Express and Star Big Thank You, Young Star Award 2018 for the interest and support he shows homeless people within the local community. Zak told me he doesn't like seeing people without a warm home and decided he would like to help them. Zak has since been saving his pocket money to buy gloves, socks, hand warmers and a few treats, he is now saving up to buy sleeping bags ready for the winter season. Zak has donated to the Good Shepherd Ministry and taken food to the Homeless Outreach Team, Zak looks forward to helping the team when he is a little older. Zak says he always gives homeless people a wave and a smile which he hopes brightens their day.

Zak will feature in the Express and Star supplement on October 18th. Readers will be asked to collect special voting tokens and vote for a winner in each category between October 18th to November 17th. Whatever the outcome, Zak will then attend a presentation evening in January next year, at Molineux Stadium, where the winners will be announced. I look forward to updating you all on Zak's quest to help the homeless.



Let's all get behind Zak and congratulate him on this wonderful achievement. Well done Zak!!

## St Nic's Parking Buddies

PCSO Louise James called in to school this week and has given us the Parking Buddies for a week. The parking buddies are part of our school initiative to make the roads safer around our school. The parking buddies are there to remind all road users to be considerate to other road users and make it safe for all our children

We thank all those families who have signed up to our St Nic's Parking Pledge, they are showing the St Nic's community that they are supporting our safer road initiative. There is still time for everyone to have a parking permit, you just need to sign and agree to our parking pledge and return it to school. Pop by the school office for more information.



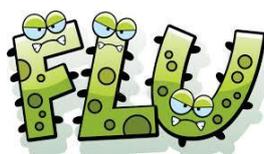
If anyone uses Twitter, Louise our PCSO Encourages you to follow her @CodsallPCSO for more information about keeping our roads safe.



## YEAR 3 and 4 CHANGE TO MENU

Due to the theatre trip on Friday 28<sup>th</sup>, school lunch on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> will be Fish and Chips for year 3 and 4 only. All Year 3 and 4 children require sandwiches (home or pre-ordered from school) on

## Flu Vaccine Consent



Children in Reception to Year 4 have received their flu vaccine pack this week. Please return to school by as soon as possible to assist their admin. Without consent your child will not receive their vaccine.

## Parents Phonic Workshop

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 6pm

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## St Nics @ St Nics Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

All children and siblings welcome, Nursery and Reception children must be accompanied by an adult.

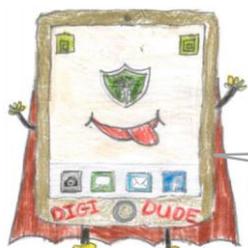
St Nics @ St Nics is an after school activity run once a month by volunteers from St. Nicholas Church. Please come along!

## Tie Your Hair Up

A reminder that all children with hair that is long enough to be secured in a bobble, tie their hair up with a green bobble. This is to prevent the spread of head lice and is also a requirement of our Physical Education policy. Please note green bows only.



**PTFA  
AGM MEETING**  
7pm Wednesday  
26<sup>th</sup> September  
All welcome to attend.



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