



St Nicholas^{CE}
First School

learning and believing, growing and achieving

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Friday 22nd September 2017

Dear Parents

This week we have welcomed the School Library in to school to celebrate the reading that our children committed to over the holidays as part of the Animal Agents Reading Challenge. We have been delighted to see how many children have been reading, it definitely helps the children keep practising the skills taught in school over the long break. Thanks for your encouragement of this!

This week the Assistant Head Teachers (Mrs Robb and Miss Pugh) and I have been busy visiting classrooms to sample learning. We have been monitoring how the children have settled in to new routines as well as their attitudes to learning. I have particularly enjoyed a [Godly Play](#) session based on The Parable of The Lost Son in an RE lesson in 1R and a challenging lesson in Year 4 where children were composing their own stories about WW2 and evacuation. A big thank you to staff and children for their hard work and enthusiasm in sharing these sessions with me!

Here are 1R enjoying the story being shared by Mrs Robb!



A big thank you to all the parents who attended the PTFA AGM this week. Elected to stand in the various roles were:

Louisa Griffiths (PTFA Chair),

Nicola Read (PTFA Treasurer),

Ruth Duckworth (PTFA Secretary)

Can we publically thank all who played their part in providing so many lovely events for the school last year for the time they have given to the school. Without these events much needed funds for the "nice to have" items would not always be available and the children and families would miss out on a wide range of enriching and social opportunities. See later in the newsletter for some of these.

Have a good weekend,

Miss J Parker Head Teacher

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Black Tie Ball Saturday 2nd December

Tickets for the [Black Tie Ball](#) (advertised last week) go on sale this weekend (Saturday) at the highlighted link. Please note this event is not exclusively for St Nicholas parents, you may choose to book a table for friends and extended family. NB there are limited tickets available so please do book in fast if you would like to come along. All monies raised will go towards funding play equipment for children in the school.

PTFA Football Tournament Saturday 30th September

Please return any team registration forms for our first ever football tournament event for adults by no later than Wednesday 27th to allow Mr Mills to arrange fixtures for the day. Again this is open to non-parents of the school, work teams may compete or friends, but all with the knowledge that the game will be played in a spirit of good cheer. Individuals welcomed to enter for the PTFA to arrange into teams.

Strictly Come Dancing Teacher Style

If you enjoyed the Carpool Karaoke at the end of term, we have another treat (?!?) for you in the form of the Strictly Come Dancing event which will take place on Friday 17th November.



Mrs Carey has picked out of the hat the pairings and groups who will perform in a range of styles for parents and children to vote on. Staff will be busy practising over the coming months, before and after school, all in the bid to be crowned Strictly St Nics winners. Tickets will go on sale for the event which is to be held at Codsall Community High School, starting at 7.30pm in coming weeks.

Mrs Carey will be shooting footage of the training sessions, sharing the highs and lows of the grueling rehearsal schedule. We hope you and your children will enjoy coming along to support this, where there will be refreshments on sale and a little raffle. Look out for info coming soon. If you want to see Mrs Clay sashay, Mr Bailey shake his stuff or Mrs Richard's and Miss Parker's foray into Street Dance (yes again) then this is not to be missed!

A message from Rev Simon

St.Nic's@St.Nic's is the after school activity put on by St. Nicholas Church in school, usually on the 4th Tuesday of the month. We begin at 3.30pm in the Hall with some time to relax and have a drink & biscuit. We then have a different theme or story, explored in a fun way with craft activities & songs. Flyers with permission slips for Years 1 -4 are given out at school. Reception pupils are welcome if

accompanied by a carer - and carers of older children are also welcome. This month - on Tuesday 26th September - we are thinking about 'praise' - and we'll be making some musical instruments to use in our song at the end.



Sunday 1st October

Harvest @ St. Nic's

11.15am

All age Harvest Service

**Donations of non-perishables for
Wolverhampton**

Foodbank & collection for

WaterAid

1.00pm @ Codsall Village Hall

Big Harvest Lunch

Bring & Share lunch

and farewell to Simon & Sarah

All welcome!

Superstars of the week!

Class/Award	Name	Reason
N1	Cerys Gibby	For always wanting to have a go at new activities.
N2	Joey Millman	For trying hard to move up the zone board by doing lots of learning activities!
RB	Archie Williams	For showing excellent behaviour all week!
RP	Sylvie Turner-Reid	For her excellent manners and wonderful reading!
1W	Georgia Knight	For an amazing rhyming poem about weather!
1R	Stanley Flynn-Jones	For working really hard with his cursive handwriting.
2A	Maddison Orlowski	For an excellent piece of writing as part of Inspiration Day!
2S	Isaac Danbury	For working hard in his topic and his fact sheet on Africa.
3HW	Anila Floyd	For a super attitude to learning in all subjects!
3M	Luke Tomney	For fantastic understanding of place value.
4W	Leo Ward	For working well in all lessons and giving 100%.
4G	Annabelle Berry	For wonderful language choices in her writing.

Reminder – Harvest Project 2017

Following our successful fundraiser last year with Send a Cow, this year we will be raising money for WaterAid with St. Nicholas Church. We would like the children to use an empty water bottle, decorate it and then collect loose change in their bottles over the weeks leading up to our Harvest Festival service on 10th October. We would ask that all water bottle donations are brought to school the Friday before so that monies can be collected and then adapted to make rain shakers which the children will take to church to accompany our hymn "The Water of Life".

There will be a prize for the best decorated bottle in each class and the class that raises the most will have an extra playtime! Whilst Nursery and Reception children do not come to church for the Harvest Service, they are actively encouraged to join in and have some fun supporting this good cause.



 **WaterAid**

Parking Meeting

On Tuesday evening a very well attended meeting of residents (in the majority), grandparents and parents was attended, held by Councillor Robbie Marshall to discuss the issues around the school with parking. A particularly big thank you to those families with children at the school that were able to come along!

There were many issues discussed and questions posed to myself as Head Teacher as to what the school was doing about the issue. As you know I regularly send out reminders in newsletters about the following:

- Double parking (on both sides of the road)
- Parking on the bends
- Mistreatment of pedestrians (who are being expected to walk in the road or move for cars mounting the pavement)
- Obstructing driveways of residents
- Discourteous behaviour of children or adults (letting children run on resident's gardens or driveways).

The overwhelming feeling was that the residents themselves can put up with extra traffic flow at peak times, noise, parking (that is safe, legal and sensible) after all many of them knowingly chose to live within close proximity to a school. However what they are very concerned about is the danger and inconvenience to children, pedestrians, babies in pushchairs, the disabled, elderly and how it is only a matter of time before an accident happens.

The meeting was also attended by the Highway Agency, Staffordshire Council Travel Plan Organisers and a PCSO who were on hand to answer questions. As a result of discussions it was resolved to:

1. Consider consulting on and implementing double yellow lines to dangerous hotspots including bends,
2. Deployment of civil enforcement officers more regularly to ticket and fine offenders.
3. Use of community speedwatch cameras. Staffordshire are actively seeking volunteers to man these. If you want to be involved please email PCSO Louise at louise.jones@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk
4. To introduce a [twenty is plenty](#) scheme around the school.
5. To educate pupils and incentivise walking to school.
6. To re-establish the walking bus from Codsall Village Hall and maybe further on in to the village (up by the High School)
7. To plea once again to parents to park safely and courteously.

I have to say I did feel a little bit embarrassed to hear some of the tales of incidents that were reported at the meeting. Please do help us by thinking of the school's reputation and relationship with the community, **but more importantly your child's and everybody else's**

children's safety. I fear that should anybody be hurt, due to double parking an emergency vehicle would struggle to access the scene and potentially save a life. This really matters and takes up so much of the school's time, but is really only an issue the parent community can solve. Please do take this seriously and do your bit to keep everyone safe!

