



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

learning and believing, growing and achieving

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Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017

Dear Parents

What lovely half term weather we had! I hope the children enjoyed getting out and about with their families and enjoyed a rest after a busy half term. We have had a great start back this week and teachers are already getting excited about the learning for the half term. This is always a busy time as you know with lots of events for the families to enjoy. Tonight we have our annual Fireworks evening, which we hope some of you will come along to support. The display is usually spectacular and all the usual flashy paraphernalia, food and drink will be on sale at the event. A big thank you in advance to the PTFA for their organisation of this much enjoyed event!

As some parents may have heard, Miss Varricchione, the Head Teacher from Birches First School, is expecting a baby in January and will be away from school on maternity leave through the Spring and Summer Terms. Mrs Ferretti an experienced member of staff will lead the school for the majority of the week, but governors have agreed that I should be on hand to support as required on a weekly basis. Birches First School is due to join Codsall Academy Trust in December (or thereabouts) and I am sure there will be much good practice that can be shared across the schools.

This week Miss French started with us as Mrs Witcombe's replacement in 3HW, the children enjoyed a good first day with her on Tuesday and I am sure parents will get to know her over the course of the year.

You may have seen the installation of the EYFS play area on the Reception playground. The children have already enjoyed getting to grips with the different activities it provides and are having a lot of fun. We hope to further develop the KS1 and 2 provision through lottery funding bids, combined with PTFA donations during the course of the year.

Have a great weekend. If going to firework events at school or otherwise please do impress upon children the safety rules and about staying by a grown up. I will as always be available in the Nursery classroom on the microphone should anyone require First Aid from St John's Ambulance or be separated from their child. I will tell children this so should they become lost they know where to come to a safe adult who can put out a message on the PA system for parents.

Best wishes

Miss J Parker

Head Teacher

### **Advance Notice of a diary date for Year 1 Parents!**

We will be inviting you in to school for a Christmas craft session on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** where you will be able to work alongside your child and make a Nativity in a shoebox. This is a session which parents like to attend and will be offered at the following times:

**1W 9.30-11.00am 1R 1.45-3.15pm**

Children will bring letters home with more details for this later in the term.

Email: [headteacher@st-nicholas.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@st-nicholas.staffs.sch.uk)  
Enquiries: 01902 842998  
Web: [st-nicholas.staffs.sch.uk](http://st-nicholas.staffs.sch.uk)

# Superstars of the week!

Class/Award	Name	Reason
<b>N1</b>	Pippa Clark-Dixon	For making a lovely zero pond and practising writing the numeral 0 in the shaving foam.
<b>N2</b>	Joshua Bambrough	For exploring his learning environment and asking lots of questions.
<b>RB</b>	Joshua Jones	For making a fantastic poster about Guy Fawkes.
<b>RP</b>	Taran Bassi	For joining in our learning about Bonfire Night really well and having great ideas.
<b>1W</b>	Archie Hill	For fantastic throwing skills in PE lessons.
<b>1R</b>	Holly Gibson	For fantastic PE work throwing a ball in different ways!
<b>2A</b>	Maisie Younger	For always being ready to learn! An excellent role model!
<b>2S</b>	Avni Chodha	For her wonderful and descriptive writing on the folk tale "How the Night Came".
<b>3HW</b>	Bethany Cartwright	For writing a super character description with a range of words to build tension.
<b>3M</b>	India Williams	For the most amazing building of the Colosseum for her Roman project!
<b>4W</b>	Ellie Barlow	For an excellent story based in WW2 Britain.
<b>4G</b>	Georgina Daker	For excellent translation of polygons and identifying co-ordinates.

## CLEANING SERVICES

### Job Opportunity

Vacancies available for Cleaners in Codsall areas  
Between 5 – 10 hours/week – from £7.50/hour  
Monday – Friday term time

NVQ Training available

This position is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Check under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974

Uniform Provided

Entrust is committed to Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults.

If interested or require any further information please call the recruitment line on  
**0800 083513**

# All aboard the Walking Bus!



Our school would like to re-introduce the Walking Bus operating from the Village Hall, in order to help alleviate some of the congestion within the vicinity of school.

The school would like to see if there are enough parents who would be interested in helping out as volunteer drivers. We already have a couple of volunteers who have expressed an interest but would welcome anyone who could help out even if it was just one morning each week.



To find out more - with no obligation - please come along to an informal meeting at school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 9.00am. The Walking Bus Co-ordinator from Staffordshire County Council will explain the process of setting the Walking Bus up and what is involved in becoming a volunteer.

We look forward to seeing you then - if you are unable to attend but would like information about the scheme please get in touch with the school office.



## Children In Need Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November

On Children In Need Day the staff of St Nics will be putting on their once in a lifetime performance of Strictly Come Dancing at Codsall High School. A small number of tickets are available still in the school office and should be paid for by cash.

On Friday we would like to invite children to wear their own clothes to school, dance inspired where possible (think tutus, leg warmers etc – but suitably warm clothes for the cold playtimes) for a donation of £1 towards Children In Need.

