



St Nicholas^{CE (VC)} First School

learning and believing, growing and achieving

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Dear Parents

I hope you all had a fabulous half term! It seemed to fly by as half terms always seem to, I hope nobody was too adversely affected by Storm Doris! Having been away myself in the Alps, I was surprised to come home and find it colder and more blustery here than high up in the mountains!

This first week back has been busy in school with the annual World Book Day celebrations. Didn't the children and staff look great? See later on in the newsletter for pics of some of our book characters! The children and staff throughout school have shared a story, in an age appropriate way, based on the concept of being scared of the dark and space. The book, chosen by Mrs Robb, is called [The Darkest Dark](#) by [Chris Hadfield](#). To support this work we enjoyed sessions with Mrs Carey from Reception to Year 3 to explore the themes of the text through dance, for some of our more physical children this will have helped cement ideas that are promoted in the book. We hope your children have enjoyed it!

This week we have also welcomed Rev Simon into school to talk to the KS2 children about [Ash Wednesday](#) and the significance of this event in the Christian calendar in the lead up to Easter. Children have learnt about Lent in class and school worship sessions and I know many of them have enjoyed scrummy pancakes at home too!

A big thank you to PTFA members who have been in school this week supporting the children to make their Mother's Day candles. They have turned out really beautifully so far and we hope that parents will feel that they are a lovely token for families to keep.

This week Mrs Currall and I had the annual register inspection where the Education Welfare team scrutinise the school register and records and look at attendance of children and families. One issue that was highlighted was the growing number of families that are arriving at school persistently late. This is always recorded in the register and impacts upon the children being ready to settle quickly in the morning to lessons, causing disruption also to those who are in school on time. We all know that from time to time life gets in the way of timekeeping, with a sickly baby, a broken down car or other eventualities, but where possible we do expect all children to be at school punctually by 8.45am please. Thanks for your help with this.

Best wishes
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Superstars of the week!

Class/Award	Name	Reason
N1	Eva Murday	For beginning to challenge herself by carrying out the Nursery challenges!
N2	Jake Orlowski	For trying hard when counting the moon rocks in Maths!
RB	Joseph Johnston	For wonderful engagement and participation in our new space theme, enjoying class discussions, activities and dancing!
RP	Tilly Millman	For her excellent behaviour and effort in learning all week!
1M	Lexii Williams	For super listening in Geography and knowing the four countries of Great Britain.
1R	Benjamin Robinson	For excellent topic work, drawing a map from an aerial photograph! Also spotted by Miss Parker for being helpful at playtime!
2A	Christian Thornton	For putting in 100% effort in to all lessons this week! Well done Christian!
2S	George Evans	For working hard in Literacy and meeting all his three star challenges.
3HW	Magdalena Aver	For working continually hard in all subjects, producing an emotive portrait in the style of "The Scream"
3P	Alexander Fletcher	For outstanding work in Maths lessons and for working hard to improve his presentation. Well done!
4C	Mya Sahota	For careful and confident work this week in Maths looking at fractions.
4S	Wesley Hobbs-Moore	For excellent addition and creation of word problems this week!
Sportsperson of the week	Isaac Giles	For his sheer passion for all sports, Isaac always starts school with a beaming smile, after an active sporty morning at Breakfast Club!
Fantastic Forest Schooler	There will be two next week instead of one as 1R are having their session on Friday afternoon, instead of Thursday this week!	



KIDS kit kaboodle & SALE



Saturday 18th March


CODSALL


Trinity Methodist Church
Histons Hill WV8 2ER

10.30am–12.30pm

Sale of quality pre-loved children's clothes, toys, games,
nursery equipment and accessories from pregnancy to 10yrs.

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St Nics Got Talent!

Coming soon for all KS1 and 2 Pupils! Children might like to start practising their performances ready for the audition stage of the show.

Auditions will take place on **Thurs 16th and Fri 17th March**. Children who wish to take part in the audition process will need to complete a registration of interest form which will come home next week from Miss Bolton. Children selected who progress to the finals stage must be free on the evening of Friday 31st March at 6pm. Whilst we appreciate that all of the children are talented in their own ways, we can only have a finite number of performers at the final, so please do not be too disheartened if your child is not selected for the final stage, the confidence to have a go and

audition will be much celebrated and acknowledged in its own right anyway. Do look out for letters!

Advance Notice – Easter Bonnet Parade 3pm



This year again we will be asking children that wish to, to participate in an Easter Bonnet Parade in school on Tuesday 4th April.

Bonnets can be as simple or as intricate as you wish and can be heavily led by the children, you do not need to go out and buy anything special for this. Often children like decorating an existing hat or making one out of card and gluing on things like mini eggs, small chick cake decorations, straw, egg

designs, daffodils etc. (Just a few ideas – I am sure you are much more creative than I am!) There are lots of ideas online if you type Easter bonnet into Google.

We would ask children to bring them into school on the morning of Tuesday 4th April and they would then be worn in a special Easter Bonnet Parade. This would take place from 3pm on the school playground (weather permitting). Children will come out in their year groups (one year group at a time) and complete a circuit of the playground for parents to and families to see what they have created. Children who do not take part will remain in the classroom. We would anticipate getting all year groups round by 3.30pm at which point children can go home as normal. N1 children are actively encouraged to come back to join in and could come into N2 from 2.50pm onwards.

World Book Day 2017!



Our very own "Belle", Mr Mills! ☺



Year 2 Dance based on The Darkest Dark



Staff enjoying World Book Day!