



St Nicholas^{CE}
First School

learning and believing, growing and achieving

St. Nicholas CE
First School, Codsall
Belvide Gardens
Codsall
Wolverhampton
WV8 1AN

Dear Parents

Firstly may I remind you all that this evening we will enjoy our Summer Fayre from 5pm-7.30pm on the school playground and field. There will be lots to enjoy as usual, as well as a special inflatable challenge this year for children in Year 2 upwards. We will be dancing as usual, starting at 6.30pm, starting with Nursery and Reception and working our way through the year groups. This year the theme will be the [British Values](#), songs as below:

N&R - Born This Way - Lady Gaga - Self Respect

Year 1 - Liberty Walk - Miley Cyrus - Liberty

Year 2 - Freedom - Pharrell Williams - Freedom

Year 3 - Black or White - Michael Jackson - Tolerance/Respect

Year 4 - Faith - Stevie Wonder/Ariana Grande – Faith

Since the last newsletter we have had an exciting time in school. On Friday we had a visit from Saba, a secondary school teacher who is a Muslim. She came in to talk to children and staff in Years 1-4 about her faith and children learnt lots about similarities and differences between Christianity and Islam. A big thank you to Rev Simon and Mrs Witcombe for organising our visitor, it has helped children understand more about world faiths as part of our RE curriculum. At St Nicholas children are taught 66% of the RE curriculum through Christianity, with the remaining 33% of curriculum time devoted to learning about and learning from Sikhism and Islam. Visitors in to school and visits out help bring this learning to life for the children. The children enjoyed the talk so much they ended with an impromptu round of applause for our visitor! See the end of the newsletter for a message from Rev Simon about this!

Also on Friday we had our PTFA Year 1 and 2 Parent and Child Forest School Event. The children, parents and staff had a lovely few hours building dens, toasting marshmallows, taking on the locust eating challenge (really!), enjoying a chip supper and singing campfire songs. A big thank you to the PTFA, Mrs MacKinnon our Forest School teacher, staff and parents for making the event such a success!

Next week we hope to send out to parents school reports, providing a record of your child's achievements throughout the year and any statutory assessment information (Year 1 Phonic screen, Year 2 Phonic Screen retakes and Year 2 SATs). Please do send any feedback to us on the form enclosed in your envelope, either to your child's teacher or confidentially via the school office where they will be handed to myself. We will also be holding an open house drop in style Parents Evening on Thursday 13th July between 4-6pm in children's classrooms. There is no need to book in for this one, just come along if you can. Parents are more than welcome to bring their children along too, in fact it might be really nice to look at books etc together with your child.

Email: headteacher@st-nicholas.staffs.sch.uk
Enquiries: 01902 842998
Web: st-nicholas.staffs.sch.uk

It is hard to believe that we only have 3 more weeks left of this academic year! May I remind parents that we will have our whole school end of term service on Monday 17th July at 10am in church, all are welcome to come along. I hope to see you at the fayre later on.

Best wishes

Miss J Parker Head Teacher

Superstars of the week!

Class/Award	Name	Reason
N1	Isla Howells	For some lovely writing all about her hamster!
N2	Heidi Powell	For engaging well in our Rainbow Fish activities and taking on challenges!
RB	Georgia Knight	For trying hard to listen and join in with class Maths sessions.
RP	Oscar Bergeret	For working really hard with his reading and writing.
1M	Clara Butler-Montero	For always working so hard, always listening and doing her very best!
1R	Demi Younger	For performing her poem beautifully in class linked to the text.
2A	Summer Dubberley-Potts	For embracing our free choice, challenge Maths. Summer has been very focused this week to try tricky work!
2S	Hayden Harris	For his excellent work in Science on investigating mini beasts and our work based on our visit to Baggeridge Park.
3HW	Jessica Timmins	For excellent interest and attitude on the trip to Enginuity this week!
3P	Lewis Eastelow	For demonstrating passion and creativity on our class trip.
4C	Jayden Kang	For his help with music this week during our final play rehearsals!
4S	Murissa Powell	For consistent hard work and always showing high standards of behaviour!
Sportsperson of the week	The St Nicholas Cross Country County Champions	Daniel Harley, Jake Shore, Alfie Mitchell and Charlie Bissell did us proud once again and will leave St Nicholas as reigning champions!

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

- Rom 8:13

County Cross Country Champs!



PCSOs Visit
Year 2
pupils this
week!

PTFA Forest
School
Evening!



A message from Rev Simon

I was delighted to be at the assembly last Friday when we welcomed Saba, who came to explain her faith as a Muslim. At the beginning of the assembly Miss Parker explained very carefully that Saba was here to help us understand her beliefs, and that most pupils at the school would say that they are Christians.

Saba described her faith, including the five pillars of Islam. As it was Ramadan, she told us about fasting, and the festival of Eid which was coming up - and her delight in being able to share a time of feasting and celebration with her family. She summarised what being a Muslim meant to her, talking about being generous, and thankful, and kind to all people.

The children asked some interesting questions, and then Miss Parker asked them if they could find three things which were similar about Christianity and Islam, and three things which were different. This helped reinforce the most important message, which was that our different faiths have much in common, and where we believe different things we are able to respect each other.



Year 2 pond dipping at Baggeridge!

A trip to the library to sign up for the Summer Reading challenge

