



St Nicholas^{CE (VC)} First School

learning and believing, growing and achieving



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Dear Parents

This week I must write and remind parents about keeping their children safe online. This week I have met with the children in KS2 to discuss some of the online games they play that have chat facilities built in to them. Just one of these games is "Roblox" which looks like a Minecraft type game (in my simple knowledge of such things) and I am aware that children from within our school from Y2-4 may be playing this.



The game can be played on phones, tablets or laptops etc and whilst at first glance it can seem innocent, this has led to children within the school being contacted by strangers who have asked questions of the children that are personal or inappropriate. Please do also talk to your children about this and be mindful that we would never give strangers free access to our children out and about, we need to safeguard them equally well in the online world. A big thank you to the family that shared information about this with me, in doing so you may well help many other children and families. Why not check out the [NSPCC website](#) for more information about keeping your family safe online.

Mrs Swan and Miss Cranston have had a successful pre-visit to Laches Wood this week to risk assess the site and organise a programme of activities for our Year 4 children to enjoy in May. They are both very excited about this special time with the children and look forward to telling the children more about it in due course.

Can I remind parents to book on to the [Parents Evening Booking System](#) to make an appointment to see class teachers. This is an important opportunity for you to come and discuss your child's learning. We would hope that all children are represented.

As you will have read in previous communications from school we do have a number of different illnesses that are being shared between the children and staff in school. May I remind parents that there is a 48 hour absence required following a sickness or diarrhoea bout. In addition to this can we ask for parent support please with reminding and instilling in the children a sense of hygiene. We have talked again to the children about the importance of basics such as covering our mouths and noses when we sneeze, carrying tissue in our pockets and of course washing our hands. We will be rewarding and acknowledging children showing excellent hygiene and manners.



Have a great weekend
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Superstars of the week!

| Class/Award | Name | Reason |
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| N1 | Caspar Evans | For engaging well in our shape work, making different 2D shapes with the construction materials. |
| N2 | Rosie Howell | For always being enthusiastic in our phonics and trying hard to learn her sounds. |
| RB | Harrison Foxall | For trying really hard in his Maths lessons this week! Keep up the good work! |
| RP | Max Tomney | For lovely writing and excellent effort and concentration, trying hard in class every single day! |
| 1M | Maddison Orlowski | For super Science work all about materials. |
| 1R | Emily Jarvis | For super 3D Maths work this week, talking about shapes and the number of faces they have. |
| 2A | Joel Proverbs | For tackling fraction problems with a positive attitude in Maths. |
| 2S | Alex Read | For working really hard to achieve his star challenges in Maths and English! |
| 3HW | Ruby Bassi | For working hard in all lessons and solving challenging 2 step problems in Maths. |
| 3P | May Chitty | For a wonderful piece of independent work on fractured fairy tales. Well done! |
| 4C | Harrison Tompson | For fabulous subtraction using a number line this week! |
| 4S | Sam Woodward | For an excellent painting of his Greek pot. |
| Sportsperson of the week | Mason McLaughlin | For excellent control when cartwheeling safely over Dori in PE! |
| Fantastic Forest Schooler | Noah Lewis | For full engagement and concentration in a very tricky activity! |

Next Friday our School Council children will be walking down to the Co-op with a number of Year 4 children also (letters to come out to invited pupils) to receive our new bins. In addition to this we would like to offer the children the opportunity to donate any item of grocery shopping (a bit like Harvest Festival) to school for Fairtrade Fortnight. The item donated does not necessarily have to be Fairtrade, maybe something you have in a cupboard at home. The Co-op will then distribute on behalf of St Nics and Birches First School to the homeless and needy of Wolverhampton. In return for charitable donations, the Co-op will give all children who participate a voucher to redeem in store for a healthy Fairtrade banana. We hope you will get involved!

*Seek the kingdom of God above all else
and live righteously, 
and He will give you everything you need.*

- Matthew 6:33

Ice Skating – Don't forget the PTFA Ice Skating event

Saturday 11th February St Nicholas School – Walton Gardens Entrance

£6 per person for 45 minute session with skate hire



Sales on the playground will take place Monday 6 – Friday 10 February – don't miss out, once the last few spaces are booked we will not be able to take any further bookings.

Parking

Parking is becoming an issue again in and around the school, especially with cars parked around the entrance to Belvide Garden on the bend. We had a near miss reported this week, which left all concerned distressed and this is something I have again spoken to the Highways Agency about. I have been advised that we need to log every incident or near miss with them over the next few months and that they will also be sending staff out to monitor the situation.

I am meeting with Gavin Williamson MP this morning, after his visit to talk to the Year 4 pupils about democracy, to seek his support in us starting a petition to get a parking restriction (yellow lines etc), put in place around this area. I hope this is something that residents, parents and staff will get behind and support. Since joining the school almost three years ago, this has been a constant issue (and indeed long before that) and I feel that together to ensure this is taken seriously before an actual accident occurs, we need to take action.

If any parents feel they are able to help such a campaign by collecting signatures from residents, parents and the community, raising the issue in writing with Gavin Williamson, then please see Mrs Currall or myself. Please click [here](#) to sign the online petition and should you wish to support this cause please feel free to share the link to the petition on your personal social media site. We need as much evidence of the voice of the community as possible to try and bring about change.

https://www.change.org/p/please-support-parking-problem-around-st-nicholas-ce-first-school-codsall?recruiter=675439337&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=copylink

Nursery Pupils 30 Hour Free Childcare Offer From September

We will be able to offer our working parents the [30 hour free childcare](#) offer from [September 2017](#). If you think you are eligible please contact Miss Parker the school office for more details.

Eligibility rules for 30 hours free childcare:

- Your child will be aged 3 or 4
- Both parents must be working - or the sole parent is working in a lone parent family
- Each parent earns, on average, a weekly minimum equivalent to 16 hours at National Minimum Wage or National Living Wage
- Each parent must have an annual income of less than £100,000
- You live in England.