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First School

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Dear Parents

I hope you and your children enjoyed the half term! It was lovely to bump into some of the children on Thursday and see so many coming to rehearse for Theatre Company's production of Aladdin and Mr Smith's Football Tournament. We hope those involved had fun!

This half term will be action packed as always with our various performances, Christmas activities and events and of course our PTFA Firework night this evening. We hope that those who come along have an enjoyable evening. As always I have briefed children in assembly about what they should do in the event of becoming separated from their parents at the event. Obviously despite the lighting around the site and additional lights, the evening will be very dark and we do not want children wandering around lost or even out of the confines of the school grounds.



Therefore we would ask that any children who become separated from their adults (even if another adult they know finds them), come independently or escorted to the Year 4 classrooms, (outdoor mobiles up on the hill next to the pathway). Please do not try and find a child's parents yourself, as this can lead to the parent who is missing their child to be unduly distressed when you inevitably miss them in the hubbub of the crowd. By coming to the classroom, children will be taken in safely and an announcement can be made instantly to reassure parents that their child is safe and sound. It is also easy then for parents to come and collect their children.



I have also spoken to children about the fact that although this is a school PTFA event, many people come and enjoy the fireworks who we do not know and so we have to stay close to our parents. I am aware that children can be over confident in the familiar and safe, school environment, but as I am sure you can appreciate

we still need to be vigilant as gates are open and many members of the public join us. Thank you for your help with ensuring the safety of all of our children.

I am aware that the PTFA will be combing the field on Saturday morning to collect up any firework debris in readiness for the children to be back at school on Monday morning. If anyone is able to come along and support this (children love running up and down seeing how many bits they can collect), then please feel free to just turn up at 9am. Your help will be greatly appreciated. I always find a way to

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**Ephesians
3:16**

I pray that
out of his
glorious riches
he may
strengthen you
with power
through his
Spirit in your
inner being.

thank and reward any children that do come and help in an assembly in recognition of their contribution to the school community.

Finally may I say a very **BIG** thank you to everyone who has sent their sponsor monies in to school this week. Can we ask that any remaining donations come into school as soon as possible. We look forward to letting you know how much you have raised through your hard work in due course!

Whether enjoying fireworks with us, at other events or at home, please do stay safe!

Kind regards

Miss J Parker
Head Teacher



On Friday 18th November children are invited to come to school for Children In Need in something spotty. This can be spotty socks, jumpers, t-shirts, leggings, trousers etc. It might be something you already have or even something you make.

Children may also wear any Children In Need paraphernalia they can find such as Pudsey ears or jumpers and so on. We would ask that in turn children bring a small donation in to be given to the national appeal which is being supported once again by Lloyd's Bank. This will be collected in on entry to school in the morning. On the day we will have a series of activities including:

- an exercise book sale – we have lots of no longer used small books to dispose of and would like to offer children the opportunity to buy these for use at home for 20p a book. They are useful for drawing, keeping a diary, scrapbooking, writing shopping lists or practising handwriting or maths work. Please only send your child in with a maximum of £1 to be spent on books (5 books) to minimise the children losing large amounts of money.
- a game of musical spots, a move and groove activity that some of our younger children take part in within the school hall in a party type atmosphere with staff from Lloyd's Bank.
- a decorate a spotty biscuit activity led by Lloyd's staff with the older children

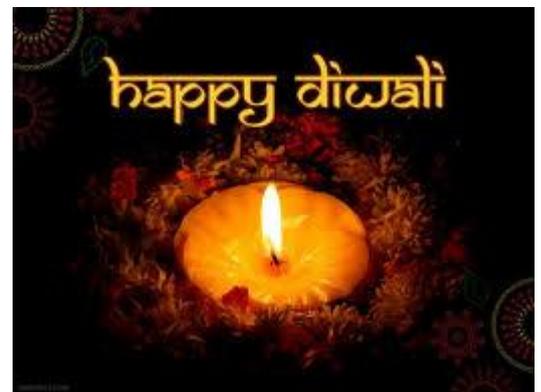
- the announcement of the winners of the Children In Need colouring competition as judged by Lloyd's Bank staff. This has been launched with children in assembly this week! Children need to draw their own Pudsey or Blush dressed in a spotty outfit and return it to school by 18th November for judging.



Children will all be given a small memento of the day to bring home courtesy of Lloyd's Bank. This event will reinforce the assembly children shared thinking about those in need as well as work that children will complete on Friday with their teachers and friends. We hope this is something your children will want to get involved in.

Happy Diwali!

Wishing all of our families who celebrated Diwali on Sunday and this week, the very best wishes for this very special celebration. For more information about this festival or for some simple activities to enjoy with children, please click [here](#). We will be joined by Mrs Sharma for a special Diwali assembly and workshops for KS2 soon!



BRRRRRR!!!!!!

This week the children have enjoyed dry but chilly playtimes. Can we ask all parents to please ensure that their children have adequate outdoor clothing such as a thick coat, hats, gloves and scarf. Please label these so that in the event of them becoming lost we can return them to you. It is always heartbreaking at the end of a term when we inevitably have to dispose of unclaimed, unnamed lost property that has accumulated. When items are clearly named staff and I will always deliver them safely to the relevant class to your child.

Admissions Information

If you have a child due to start school next September in Nursery or Reception, then please check the school [website](#) for latest information from Staffordshire you may need to be aware of. As always if you have any further questions please do contact Staffordshire direct or pop in and have a chat with our very own Mrs Currall who will always be happy to assist you.

Superstars of the week!

Class/Award	Name	Reason
N1	Bella Reynolds	For trying hard to learn new sounds in phonics.
N2	Holly Perry	For being a kind friend to those who have been upset or needed a little help!
RB	Evie Watts	For her fabulous firework picture and writing to describe the firework sounds!
RP	Evie Evans	For excellent independent writing about Guy Fawkes.
1M	Joshua Rushton	For lovely firework poetry ideas!
1R	Noah Lewis	For a very settled and calm start to this half term and working really hard when counting in 2s and 10s. Well done!
2A	Zara Sahota	For doing a fantastic piece of writing in Literacy this week!
2S	Ashley Forward	For working really hard on his reading and writing and moving up with his challenge in Literacy
3HW	Dylan Cotterill	For super independent work in maths this week. Also a special mention from Miss Parker for the confident way he spoke to a visitor about his learning and the way things work at St Nics! A wonderful ambassador for Year 3!
3P	Sophie Swift	For really trying hard in her reading sessions, showing continued improvement!
4C	Olivia Grainger	For effort and determination shown when getting to grips with fractions this week.
4S	Chetan Dhani	For being an effective learner and asking thoughtful, relevant questions.
Sportsperson of the week	Junior Leighton	For showing such independence now in the swimming pool.

St Nics Vs Birches Football Result

Well done to the school football team who went along to Birches First School this week for a 5 a side game. Although the result was 5-2 in Birches favour the team played well together and are to be commended! Thanks to Miss Cranston and Mr Mills for taking them along with their parents!

Well done to **George Evans** and Daddy for their wonderful pumpkin sale, raising in excess of £40 for school fund. Thank you to all who supported the sale of these home grown, rather enormous pumpkins.

