



**St Nicholas** CE (VC)  
**First School**  
learning and believing, growing and achieving

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Dear Parents

The month of September seems to have passed us by in the blink of an eye, although the colder and darker mornings are now upon us as October looms. We are pleased with the start that has been made by children in school and are looking forward to sharing our assessments and observations of your child with you at Parents Evening in a few weeks time.

I would like to thank everybody who came along to the PTFA AGM on Wednesday of this week. We were pleased to welcome some new faces who we hope will bring some new ideas to strengthen and build upon the work of the PTFA this year. Can I say on behalf of children, parents and staff a big thankyou to any outgoing PTFA members, in particular Mrs Kirsty Oswald who has taken on the role of chair over the last few years. Her work and the work of her team has raised considerable funding as well as providing some really lovely events and opportunities for our families to enjoy.

Newly appointed PTFA officers are as follows:

Chair : Louisa Griffiths (Mom to Adeline in Y2)  
Vice Chair : Joanne Robinson (Mom to Benjamin in Y1)  
Treasurer : Nicky Read (Mom to Alex in Y2)  
Secretary : Louize Jackson (Mom to Archie in Reception)

You may notice that our school letter head next week also bears the new logo of the Codsall Multi-Academy Trust (CMAT). As of Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October (tomorrow) the Multi-Academy Trust linking both St Nicholas and [Codsall Middle](#) will be formed and governors will be working closely (as will school leaders) to align some systems and processes, share resources and expertise for the betterment of both schools. Initially you will notice no difference, over time we hope you will see how the linking of the two schools creates more opportunities for children as well as their families. Indeed Mr Bowers and I have a comprehensive action plan outlining ways we can ensure that children in Codsall access the best education and social development opportunities possible from Nursery through to Year 8. The CMAT logo has four small circles emanating from the main hub representing each of the key stages within the Trust : EYFS, KS1, KS2 and KS3.

Finally a big thank you to all parents who were kind enough to support Mrs Dubberley-Potts with her Macmillan Coffee Afternoon which takes place this afternoon at 2pm in the school hall. We hope some of you will be able to pop in and enjoy some refreshments in support of this worthwhile cause.

Wishing you all a happy and peaceful weekend.

Best wishes  
Miss J Parker  
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# Superstars of the week!

Class/Award	Name	Reason
N1	Kai Rogers	For making an excellent house for the pigs in the bricks and cement and trying new activities.
N2	Gracie Watts	For a great retelling of the story of the Three Little Pigs when acting it out on the playground.
RB	Annabel Wainwright-Groucott	For listening well during worship time and showing how kind and helpful she is in class.
RP	Harry Woollaston	For listening well in his group work and being a helpful and kind friend.
1M	Oliver Sharratt	For super RE work, showing his understanding of baptism.
1R	Todd Purchase	For having a super settled week coming into school with a big smile on his face. Todd is brilliant at phonics too!
2A	Charlie Darlington	For showing a determined attitude in Maths.
2S	Henry Preston	For working hard on Literacy and trying hard to improve his handwriting.
3HW	Charlie Mitchell	For a very carefully written letter using a range of conjunctions as sentence starters.
3P	Amy Knowles	For great team work and friendship skills shown this week!
	Lewis Eastelow	For excellent balancing and control in Mrs Hammond's gymnastics lesson this week! Well done Lewis!
4C	Harrison Tompson	For excellent independent writing, working hard in maths and being very enthusiastic about reading!
4S	Murissa Powell	For consistent hard work during independent work in Writing and Maths.
Sportsperson of the week	Millie Maan	For excellent effort in PE this week. Mr Mills and I are very proud of you!

## Parent Sessions Next Week

### Phonics Workshop

Look out for letters that were sent out this week to EYFS and KS1 parents advertising our Phonics Workshops next week on Monday at 2.15pm and then again at 6pm. If you have attended in the past much of the presentation will be the same. However for those fancying a refresher or those new to school, Mrs Robb and Miss Pugh look forward to welcoming you along.

### Year 4 Parents Residential Meeting

An opportunity to learn more about the Y4 overnight residential visit to Laches Wood on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 6-7pm in the school hall. We would like to see parents of any children likely to participate in the visit attending.

### Nursery Family Workshop

A session where children can work alongside their parents on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October at :

**9.30am N1 Parents**

**2pm N2 Parents**

in the school hall. If any parents are unsure about what this entails please see Miss Griffiths or Mrs Madeley.

### Tiddlers and Toddlers

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 9am in the school hall. All welcome. £1.50 to include refreshments.



**Proud of our work!**

### **Robot Building In Year 1**



**Isaiah  
12:2**  
Surely  
God is

my salvation; I will  
trust and not be  
afraid. The Lord is  
my strength and  
my song; he has  
become my  
salvation."

### **Harvest Festival**

Parents are invited to our Harvest Festival at church on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 10am**. We will be collecting tins packets, fresh fruit and vegetables to donate to [Wolverhampton Food Bank](#). If you are able to donate anything please send non-perishables into school on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October** and fruit, vegetables and perishables on **Tuesday morning**. A sample of the produce will then be taken to Church on Tuesday morning. Thanks for your support for both the Church and school at harvest time. Please click [here](#) to see the Wolverhampton Food Bank Shopping list for ideas.

*St Nicholas Church Harvest Festival is at 11am this Sunday. Please also feel free to take any donations as above along in support.*

## **School Photograph Information**

### Individual/Sibling Group Photographs

The school photographer will be in school on **Tuesday 4th October 2016** to take individual photographs of each child in school. These photographs will be taken during the day and parents do not need to wait with the children. Please ensure that children are wearing smart winter uniform on this occasion.

A photographer, from Tempest, will be having a sitting before school at 8.00 a.m. which is **only** for families who would like pictures taken where siblings attend different schools or where a sibling is of pre-school age. **Families where all the children attend St Nicholas will have their photographs taken together at some point during the school day, in addition to their individual photo, and do not need to attend this session.** If you require a pre-school sibling photograph please wait on the ramp leading to Wraparound/Nursery classroom.

N1 Nursery children should be taken to the school hall at the start of their session, whilst parents are in school for their safety and security, and N2 children should arrive at the main entrance to school where they will be met and led to the Reception classrooms for the initial part of their afternoon session.

As above N2 parents wishing to have a photograph of their child taken with younger siblings should indicate this to Nursery staff when dropping them off and they should then wait at the Nursery gate to be escorted to the photographer in the Wraparound classroom. Members of staff will fetch any older siblings attending St Nicholas who also need a photograph taken with the younger sibling.

## Nationality Information Required

This year we have been asked to provide new information to the local authority and in turn the DFE in relation to nationality as part of our October Census. Can any parents that have not already made us aware of their nationality in school data collection forms contact Mrs Currall in the school office by telephone on 01902 842998, in person or by email at [jan.currall@st-nicholas.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:jan.currall@st-nicholas.staffs.sch.uk) by Thursday 6th October. Information required is:

Country of Birth – This new item records the pupil's Country of Birth, as stated by the parent/guardian.

Pupil Nationality – This new item records the pupil's nationality, as stated by the parent/guardian. For pupils who have Multiple Nationality (also known as Dual Nationality), more than one nationality may be recorded.

Thank you for your help with this in advance.



The poster features a green background. On the left, there is a photograph of a black and white cow in a field. To the right of the photo, the text 'Send a Cow 2016' is written in a bold, black font. Below this, there is a circular logo containing a stylized figure of a person holding a cow, with the text 'Send a Cow' underneath. The main body of the poster contains a paragraph of text in black, followed by a line of text in red.

**Send a Cow 2016**

Thank you for your support with our Send a Cow charity event. The staff and children have already enjoyed sharing the children's beautifully decorated cows and lovely prayers. Your generous donations are being totalled by each class and both staff and children are excited to see which class will raise the most.

**Please send your cow by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October so all the cows can be displayed on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> on the school field (weather permitting).**

Following a very serious and cleanly fought election campaign, we are pleased to announce the children in Y1-4 have elected the following School Council representatives for this year:

Year 1 Euan Robb and Sophie Oswald

Year 2 Freya Parkes and Joel Proverbs

Year 3 Jessica Timmins, Dori Fear and Joe Dubberley

Year 4 Murissa Powell, Tanaya Kauldhar and Olivia Kilvert