



St Nicholas^{CE} First School

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Friday 20th April 2018

Dear Parents

We hope you enjoyed the Easter break, even if it was a little bit rainy! The children have returned to school smartly in a mixture of winter and summer uniform (which is fine) and we look forward to some sunny days with them this term.

This week Mrs Lowe and the lunchtime team have been excited to let the children loose with the equipment funded by the PTFA to support lunchtimes. Using a multitude of different items from tyres, to ropes and tarpaulins, we have had den building and team work activities, skipping and the usual activities going on the playground and it has been a pleasure to watch. Thank you to the PTFA for donating the funds to this and to Mrs Lowe for organising and timetabling access to it for children.

This Summer Term always seems to fly by very quickly indeed. Next week our Year 4s will go off on their Residential Visit to Laches Wood and this week they have been preparing to go with their teachers. Please do come and see us at the start of next week Year 4 parents if you have any questions or worries you wish to raise well before the children's Thursday departure. If any Year 4 parents want to collect children early on the Friday once they have returned (many children appreciate this as they are tired) this is possible from 2.45pm please onwards.

I have been asked to bring to your attention again the attendance information that came home just before the holidays. May I remind parents that holidays in term time should be avoided at all costs and can be subject to fines. Forms for any holiday requests are found in the main entrance to school.

This week our Nursery children and Year 4 children have been notified of their places for Reception and Year 5 (at Middle School). We hope all parents feel they know what to do if they have any queries or issues they wish to raise in relation to this. However should anyone be unsure I would recommend contacting the [School Admissions Team](#) at Staffordshire. Before half term we notified parents of places that had been allocated for Nursery September 2018. Can we urge those parents who plan to take up the place that has been offered, to send forms back in to school as soon as possible, to allow Miss Pugh and I to plan places being allocated and staffing requirements for wraparound care.

On Monday 30th April at 3.30pm we are giving Y4 pupil Jess an opportunity to raise money for a Cancer charity, following the loss of a number of family friends and relatives, in advance of her completing a Tough Mudder event. As such she will be selling homemade nut-free cupcakes from under the playground shelter on the KS1 and 2 playground under the shelter. These will cost 20-50p each. I hope some of our children will wish to support her in her efforts. I will give another reminder closer to the time next week too!

Best wishes

Miss J Parker

Head Teacher

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Dates for this half term

24 April 2018 – St Nics @ St Nics 3.30-4.30pm
25 April 2018 3.30-4pm – Afternoon Nursery and reception Open Classroom
26 April 2018 – 27 April 2018 Year 4 visit to Laches Wood
30 April 2018 3.30pm – Jess from Y4s Cake Sale After School
05 May 2018 – PTFA Gin Night (see flier sent out for details, all welcome)
07 May 2018 – Bank Holiday Mayday
09 May 2018 – Swindon Cricket Club working with Year 3 and 4
15 May 2018 – Children’s book sale organised by Brooke and Joel in Year 3 (more details in future)
19 May 2018 – Pattingham Sixes football tournament for invited pupils
21 and 22 May 2018 – Y4 Experience Church am
25 May 2018 – Break up for half term
04 June 2018 – School reopens

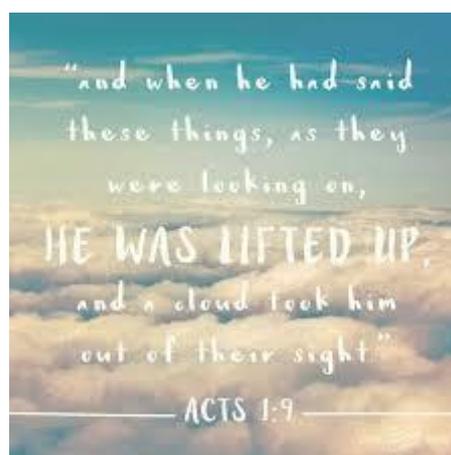
For Topic Webs/plans for each year group for the Summer Term please click here:

[N](#), [R](#), [Y1](#), [Y2](#), [Y3](#), [Y4](#)



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Check out our new PTFA Facebook Page advertising events and sharing requests for support. Find out how you can get involved and help, even if you can't attend meetings!



Superstars of the week!

Class/Award	Name	Reason
N1	Lilly Stabler	For sharing her home learning about our "deep under" topic in Nursery!
N2	Eva Coxill	For showing good learning behaviours when concentrating hard on her phonics!
RB	Mia Bennett-Simpson	For reading all her phase 3 tricky words beautifully today!
RP	Holly Millman	For her wonderful sentence writing using her phonics carefully!
1W	Sofia Bishop	For using excellent punctuation in her independent writing.
1R	Theo Tranter	For excellent effort with his writing in Literacy.
2A	Lexii Williams	For excellent effort in topic writing! Well done Lexii!
2S	Isaac Danbury	For an enthusiastic approach to researching and writing a journal about Charles Darwin and sharing information about his world traveller relative!
3HW	Tyler Smith	For excellent spelling of common exception words!
3M	Zak Jevons	For great maths work on angles, parallel and perpendicular lines.
4W	Jack Brentnall	For super focus and concentration in lessons. Jack is a superstar learner!
4G	Alexander Fletcher	For investigating how an author presents themes in a range of texts.

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Does your child have a wifi or 4G enabled mobile phone or device in their bedroom overnight? If not why not insist that this is brought downstairs at bedtime. This will mean that sleep time is precisely that, but also that parents can monitor incoming communication for appropriateness as they wish to.

Sun Cream

Can we ask that children have 24 hr sun cream applied before school as far as possible in the warmer weather please. If children bring cream to school (this should be a last resort) they must be able to apply it for themselves. We will of course remind them to drink as much as possible and stay in the shade where possible too.