

27th January

Tuesday 7th February

Reception Chinese New Year Celebrations - 2.15pm

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Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 14th February

Braiswick Photographic

20th—24th February Half Term

Wednesday 1st March

Year 6 SATs Information Meeting 3.30pm

Thursday 2nd March

Year 2 SATs Information Meeting 2.40pm

Friday 3rd March

Bingo Night

Tuesday 7th & 8th March

Parents Evenings 4-7 pm

Thursday 9th March

Year 5 Physics Day

Monday 13th March

Year 4 Shakespeare Workshop

Week beginning 20th March

Shakespeare Week

Thursday 23rd March

Mother's Day Assembly Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 9.10am

Friday 24th March

Mother's Day Assembly Key Stage 2 9.10am

Friday 31st March

Disco

Wednesday 5th April

Year 5 Easter Assembly 9.10am

Thursday 6th April

Year 5 Easter Assembly 9.10am

Friday 7th April

Break up for Easter

**Next Newsletter;
Friday 10th February**

Good luck to the **Indoor Athletics team** who are representing St Nicholas in a competition being held this afternoon at Alcester Grammar School.

Gymnastics Competition - this was due to take place on Tues 24th January but has been postponed and will now take place on Monday 27th March - parents of children involved have been advised with a separate letter.

Film Night Years 3&4

The film the children will be watching after school today is 'The Secret Life of Pets'. We hope they enjoy it!



The Friends would be very grateful for any donations of unwanted Christmas gifts that parents/families may have. Please hand them in at the school office.

Reception Chinese New Year Celebrations

The parents of children in Reception are invited to watch the Chinese New Year Celebrations at 2.15pm, Tuesday 7th February. A separate letter will be sent home with your child with full details on.

Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 7th February it is 'Safer Internet Day'. The e-cadets will be delivering an e-safety assembly to both KS1 and KS2 to introduce this years slogan 'Be the change: Unite for a better internet'. Children will then take part in a variety of activities across the school. The day offers the opportunity to highlight positive uses of technology and to explore

the role we all play in helping to create a better and safer online community. By working together we can help to create a better internet



Ready, Steady, Cook...

Year 4 launched their topic 'World's Kitchen' this Monday in school- Mrs Renaldi *Red Tomatoes* and Mrs Kabriano *Green Peppers* had a live pizza cook off in the style of 'Ready Steady Cook'. The children had a chance to taste both chef's speciality pizzas and vote for their favourite. Green Peppers won!



Bingo Evening

Friday 3rd March-

The Friends will be holding their first fund raising Bingo evening at the school. A separate letter has been sent home—please ask at the office if you have not received this.



Absence & Lateness

The school's attendance target is 97% which is inline with other schools in our area and certainly the expectation for an outstanding school. As we approach the half way stage in the school year, Governors and I will be monitoring the attendance levels of all children. Parents will be notified where there are initial concerns about attendance and/or

where attendance will be monitored. Children below 90% attendance will need to have their attendance monitored. At the end of this period a statutory referral will need to be made to the Attendance Compliance Enforcement Team if attendance levels have not improved. We will also be monitoring children who are late, where children are persistently late, a referral may be made to Attendance Compliance Enforcement Team. For more information please see the school's Attendance Policy which can be found on the website.

Staffing

Cleaning Vacancy - we have a vacancy for a cleaner. Term time only to start on Mon 27th Feb, 12.5hrs per week, Mon-Fri 3.30-6pm. To apply for this position please contact the school office.



We are very excited to announce that you will soon be able to pay for school dinners via ParentPay! This is an online system which parents can use to pay school. Please look out for your account activation letter which will be sent home next week for children in Years 3-6. This will have more details on. At the moment you are only able to pay for school dinners, but in the future we hope to be able to use ParentPay for all payments to school.

Forest School

You may have noticed a large log stump on the field. This will soon become part of our Forest School area and we kindly ask parents to not let their children play/climb on it for health & safety reasons.

**Mrs Karen O'Shea
Head of School**

DRAGONS

From the children.....

For the last two weeks, St Nicholas has had a topic on dragons.

In Reception they have been reading 'Room on the Broom', 'Zog', and 'There's No Such Thing as a Dragon'. They also have been creating names for dragons they have drawn and built houses from a story called 'Nian' to protect the villagers.



In Year 1, they have been investigating levers and sliders to create moving pictures with a knight and a dragon that they have designed. Year 2 have discovered eggs and wrote letters, a report, a character profile and made their own dragons egg. In maths, they were sharing dragon eggs between two nests. They also made up and learnt by heart a new song.



Year 3 have been learning about how to train your dragon, made a massive life-like dragon model with collaging. They made up their own dragons and for their tables they made up tribe names and member names.



In Year 4 they read 'The Story of Nian' and made puppets for a performance to Reception. They wrote playscripts for the puppet show. They described Nian. They sketched dragons, made logic and tangrams. In PE they made up a dance.

Year 5 were based on 'George and the Dragon'. They made papier maché dragons and wrote poems and read a legend.

Finally in Year 6 they have been doing Art, writing questions for an interview, made an advert poster, hot seated their talk partners, made a persuasive speech and a balanced argument.



Our school have done a variety of activities over the few weeks.

We all enjoyed learning about DRAGONS!



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Year 6