

3rd March 2017

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

Tuesday 14th March

Year 1 Phonics Workshop for parents 2.30pm

Tuesday 14th March

MAT consultation Drop in Session 6.30pm.

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

Tuesday 28th March

Year 5 to Alcester Academy 'Alice in Wonderland'

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 17th March

Breakfast Club

Invoices for Breakfast Club will be sent home next week as payment is now due for this half term to Easter. Please could payments be made by 17th March.

Mrs Karen O'Shea
Head of School

Staffing

Mrs Holdstock, the School Bursar has informed the Governors that she will be retiring in May. Mrs Holdstock has been at the school for 19 years and will be hugely missed by children, staff and parents. On behalf of the staff and governors I would like to thank her for all of her hard work and dedication to the school over nearly two decades and wish her a very happy retirement.

Parents' Consultation Evenings for this term will be on 7th & 8th March. If you have not already done so, please book your slot online via the website below

www.schoolinterviews.co.uk and follow these simple instructions.

Enter the event code **nqtb**

Enter your details - name, email address, child/children's names etc.

Choose the relevant teacher for your child/children
Choose times
BOOKINGS CLOSE ON 7th MARCH at 11AM.

If you do not have internet access, there is a computer available to use in the school office.

Reminder there will be no After School Clubs held on 7th & 8th March.

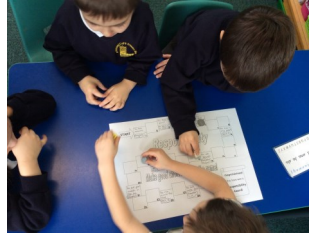
Multi Academy Trust

A pack has been sent home today regarding St Nicholas C of E Primary School forming a Multi Academy Trust. A consultation period will begin on Monday 6th March and run until Friday 31st March. **A consultation drop in session will be held Tuesday 14th March between 6.30-7.30pm.** Governors and Senior Leadership will be available to listen to any concerns you may have.

SATs Parent Information Meetings for Year 2 and Year 6 took place this week. For those parents who were unable to attend packs will be sent home with your child. Please let the office know if you haven't received one.

Values afternoon

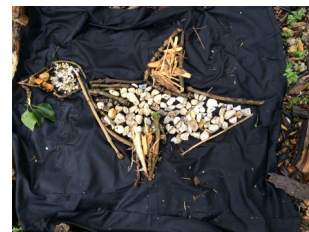
On Monday 27th February, the school held its first values afternoon.



Each year group studied a different Value in depth and showed their understanding through creativity, partnership, poetry and computer work.



The support that we had from parents was fantastic and we would like to say thank you for coming and sharing your children's learning.



The Christian value that we are finding out about this half term is **RESPECT**. The next home school value should have come home with the children today. If you did not receive this can you please let the office know.

There is lots of information on these and it would be lovely if you could share them with your children and family. The activities will enhance and deepen the children's understanding of the value.

NSPCC Assembly



Deborah Sharp from the NSPCC came into school on Thursday 2nd March and delivered an assembly to the children.

This was about having the right to stay safe and who to speak to if they had any worries.

Next week the children are going to participate in Buddy's Big Workout during PPA time with the sports team.

On your child's PPA day, they can come to school wearing sports clothes all day. On this occasion football tops will be allowed.

Sponsorship forms have been sent home with the children today; however we understand that you were all very generous last term with your donations so this time we are asking for a suggested donation of **£1** for the children wearing non-uniform all day. This money will need to go into the envelope provided so that the children get their own badge when the envelopes are collected on March 24th. If, of course, you would like to add more to the envelope or sponsor your children, you are more than welcome. These donations will be passed directly on to the NSPCC for all the great work they do for children and keeping them safe.

Photographs

All families should have received the proof cards of the photographs that were taken of their children. These were sent out before half term. If parents would like to order any you can do so online, or return the order forms and payment to the school office by Friday 10th March. Children who missed having their photograph taken due to illness can have it taken in June.

Bingo Evening tonight
Friday 3rd March
7.30pm, eyes down
8pm.



The Friends will be holding their first fund raising Bingo evening at the school tonight. If you would like to attend you can just turn up to play. The hot food option is unavailable unless you have already pre booked. You can bring your own drinks, nibbles etc. Please remember this is an adult only event.



ParentPay

We have been informed today that unfortunately ParentPay are no longer able to accept American Express cards as payment.

On Tuesday 14th March we will be holding a **Year 1 Phonics Screening Workshop** at 2.30pm - letters will be sent home next week. Please ask at the office if you don't receive one.

Parking—We have had reports from parents who are concerned about the double parking at the junction of St Faiths Road and Gunnings Road. Double parking narrows the road for emergency vehicle access and makes it difficult for pedestrians to cross. It is important that all parents from St Nicholas use common sense and think of the safety of the children when parking.

Baby & Child First Aid Course

We have been offered a baby and child first aid course for parents which would be held at school. There would be a cost of £5.00 per person and it will last for 2 hours. If anyone is interested could you contact the school office and we will see if there are sufficient numbers to run the course. The content of the course can be found on the website below.

<https://www.acfirstaid.co.uk/first-aid/baby-and-child-first-aid>

AC FIRST AID

Road Safety Assembly



On Thursday 16th February the JRSO team (and friends) produced an assembly on how to cross the road safely and how not to cross a road safely. They made a fantastic powerpoint and created and performed a little act. There was also a competition for Arrive Alive and the winners will be announced on Monday 6th March and you will be told in the next assembly or newsletter.

By Yarden, James & Jess.

Pancake races

The children had great fun, despite the sleet/ rain. They were all cold and wet but all entered into the spirit of the event with cheers and smiles.

On Tuesday 28th February an excited adrenaline-filled Year 6 took part in the 53rd Annual Pancake Races. Unfortunately, the rain was drenching all of us from head to toe as we stood happily watching the curious nursery children run as fast as they could down the crowd-filled wet High Street. Finally it was our turn. We all nervously collected a lightweight, small frying pan with a tasty scotch pancake which had been nibbled on by the first nursery children! On the starting line I was feeling so ecstatic that my legs were like jelly!

"1, 2, 3, GO!" I could feel the cold wind pushing against my face and hear the excited crowd cheering me on. Suddenly, I noticed the finishing line was coming up to greet me. I finally came to a standstill and looked back to see my classmates all crossing the red and white striped finish line. Then it hit me. I had come 2nd!

By Arran

