

14th July 2017

**Tuesday 18th July**

Year 1 Educational Visit to Ryton Pools Country Park

**Wednesday 19th July**

Optional Parent Evening 3.45-5.15pm

**Friday 21st July**

Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.30am

**Friday 21st July**

Break up for Summer

**Friday 1st September**

Teacher Training Day—school closed

**Monday 4th September**

Children return to school

**Tuesday 5th September**

Reception children start school

**A LIST OF DATES FOR THE AUTUMN TERM HAS BEEN PUT IN WITH YOUR CHILD'S REPORT.**

**Thank you**

I can hardly believe that another academic year has nearly come to a close. There have been so many amazing things to celebrate over the year. These, of course, do not happen without the support of our whole school community, so I would like to thank all of you for the time, support and dedication that you not only give to your children but to the school too. Many thanks to all our volunteers who come into school and help in lots of different ways including the members of the Friends, swimming helpers, readers, parents and family members. Have a great summer, enjoy the time spent with your children and the more relaxed approach to mornings.

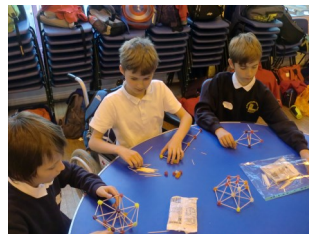
**Sports Update**

Well done to all the pupils who have represented St Nicholas in all the various sporting events that we have taken part in this year. Once again, St Nicholas have had wide spread success which is down to the commitment of the children, the dedication of the staff and the invaluable support of you, the parents, who transport children to events and much, much more. Your support is very much appreciated by the children and staff and Governors of our school.

**Year 2 Fun Friday 5-8pm Friday 30th June**



By Poppy-May ' At Fun Friday we did lots of things like playing games with Miss Witts and Mrs Howl, going on the ipads with Mr Kolb and making jelly fish with Mrs Long. We ate hot dogs and burgers, then yummy ice cream. My favourite was making jelly fish.'



**Year 5 Curriculum Day Alcester Academy** By Poppy & Isabelle 'When we arrived at Alcester Academy we were all really excited for our first lesson. Our first lesson was English. In English we designed a packet, name and slogan for our new Jaffa cakes. It was great fun. In Science we made bath bombs out of different chemicals. We made them for someone we loved. After that we had Maths. In Maths we had to build the highest and most stable tower of sweets and cocktail sticks. It was awesome. All in all we had a fun day and Alcester Academy is a wonderful school.'



**Sports Day**

Thank you to everyone for making Sports Day a huge success. The children behaved brilliantly and the events were well organised and managed by staff and helpers. Particular thanks goes to the Friends for providing the refreshments and the BBQ and

to Bernie Hughes for the ice cream, it really made the day a family occasion, enjoyed by all. Congratulations to the children who took part, and well done to Oversley, who won the event.



**Tuesday 11th July Values Church Service**

The whole school celebrated our Christian Values on Tuesday with a special Church Service. Thank you to Reverend Sue for leading this along with Mr Kolb. Thank you also to the parents who joined us. We and your children really appreciate your support.



We would also like to thank Mrs Pillinger who led an assembly in school on Monday 10th July about Justice. The children thoroughly enjoyed it and had a better understanding of how and why rules are made.

**Wednesday 12th July**



The Year 6 Leavers' Concert 'School Daze' was amazing and certainly brought a tear to my eye! We seem to have teachers, Head teachers, actors and singers in the making. They all made us very proud. There were so many positive comments made by parents which really made it feel special. Thank you.

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

**Friday 14th July**

We are looking forward to the Year 6 prom tonight. It is always such a fabulous evening for the children and the staff and such a pleasure to see the children arrive in many different styles. A big thank you to 'The Friends' and Year 6 parents who have helped put this together to ensure an amazing night for our children.

**Year 6 Leavers' Assembly**

All parents of Year 6 are invited to attend the leavers' assembly next Friday 21st July at 9.30am. We will be saying our goodbyes to Year 6 and giving out awards for special achievements. (You may need tissues!).

**Dinner Money**

Another reminder that dinner money will be increasing in September to £2.20. Please could all parents ensure that dinner monies for this term have been paid for before the end of term. Any debt will not be written off and will be carried forward into the next academic year.

**Free School Meals—Year 3**

Children moving into Year 3 next year will no longer receive the Infant Free School Meals. Your child may however, be entitled to receive free school meals. It is very quick and easy to check, please follow the link [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals) Or phone **01926 359189**

**Breakfast Club** - Reminder – there are important changes for September 2017. All children who would like a place on Breakfast Club in September need to book onto the online system. This includes children who currently attend this term. There are still a few places available. To book go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.uk](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk) The event code is 3sya6. Bookings close at 4pm today.

**Reports & Optional Parent Evening**

Reports have been sent home with your child today. There is a reply slip included and a questionnaire. We would really appreciate it if these could be returned to school by Monday 17th July, many thanks.

### Year 4 Cake Sale

On Thursday 13th July Year 4 held a cake sale and a sponsored sports afternoon in memory of Oli Bahlmann. The money raised is going to Glenfield Hospital in Leicester. We were overwhelmed by the support not only from year 4 parents, but children and parents from across our school. An amazing £203 was raised from the cake sale. Please could sponsorship money be brought into school by Weds 19th. Many thanks.

The children were handing back their change and saying things like: "Please take this, it's for such a good cause." We could not be any prouder and it just shows what caring and considerate children they are. Well done to everyone involved. It was truly magical!  
From Chris & Ava 'On Thurs 13th July Year4 brought in cakes to raise money for Leicester Hospital. Year 6 were also helping Mrs Howl set up an obstacle course. It had stepping stones, dodge the ball and the trim trail. All the teachers were amazed by how many cakes the students brought in and we all loved eating all the cakes and biscuits.'



### Staffing News

We would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye and thank you to Nikki Davies who heads up our catering team.

Nikki has worked at St Nicholas for 17 years and worked tirelessly to produce healthy meals for our children, and staff.

Nikki is hanging up her oven gloves and moving on to start the next adventure in her life. Good luck !

We are pleased to be welcoming back Julia Druce, who has been on maternity leave this year.

Katherine Wright will also be joining our team in September. She will be the teaching assistant working alongside Mrs Long and her Year 2 class.

During the six weeks holidays BikeRight! will be running Learn to Ride classes and Level 1 Bikeability classes at Stratford upon Avon School (24, 25 and 26 July) and Warwick Racecourse (23, 24 and 25th August). The Learn To Ride classes are for children aged between 5 and 11 years old who cannot yet ride a bike. There are limited spaces so it will be on a first come first serve basis.



BikeRight!

### Warwickshire Bikeability - Summer 2017

Date	Time	Course	Venue
Mon 24 July	9.30am – 11.30am	Level 1 Bikeability only (28 places left)	Stratford Upon Avon School Alcester Road, CV37 9DH
Mon 24 July and Tues 25 July	9.30am-4.00pm	Level 2 Bikeability (2 places left)	
Mon 24, Tues 25, Wed 26 July	1:00pm-3:00pm	Children's Learn To Ride (11 places)	
Wednesday 23 August	9.30am – 11.30am	Level 1 Bikeability only (29 places left)	Warwick Race Course Warwick CV34 6HN
Wed 23, Thurs 24, Fri 25 August	1:00pm-3:00pm	Children's Learn To Ride (10 places left)	

Children attending Bikeability will need a roadworthy bike and a helmet

**Bikeability Level 1** – A 2 hour course taught in a traffic free environment - £10\* per cyclist

**Bikeability Level 2** – A 2 x full day course taught in a traffic free environment and local roads near the venue - £20\* per cyclist

**Children's Learn To Ride** – This is aimed at children aged 5-11 years old who cannot ride a bike.

Three two-hour lessons over the 3 days and is £50\* per child. Will need their own bike (without stabilisers).

Please note that course dates/times may be subject to change or cancellation if undersubscribed  
\*Fee is not refundable.

Advanced bookings and payment required to secure a place.

To book please call 0121 200 2266 or book via our website at

[www.bikeright.co.uk/warwickshire/holiday\\_courses](http://www.bikeright.co.uk/warwickshire/holiday_courses)