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St. Nicholas CE
First School, Codsall
Belvide Gardens
Codsall
Wolverhampton

Wednesday 4th March 2020

Dear Year 3 Parent

I am writing to inform you that today we had to evacuate children and their belongings from the Year 3 classrooms, when we identified that a small rodent had made its way into the classroom. This is an isolated incident.

We believe it to have come into school in a box of Viking materials that had been stored in the school sheds and left in the classroom overnight. As you would expect these have now been destroyed and removed from the building.

As you can imagine we have taken every measure within our power to safeguard the children and attend to the classroom to make it safe for the children's return to it tomorrow. We have followed Staffordshire Health and Safety instruction and carried out the necessary action as outlined below.

Pest control have been in to school to support the removal of our furry friend and to survey the site for evidence of any further intruders.

Chartwells, our cleaning providers will be working with school staff to carry out a thorough clean of the affected area in readiness for the children to use the classroom. Whilst at this point in time we have no evidence that the rodent has visited both classrooms we are carrying this out in both Year 3 rooms and the adjoining toilet and cloakroom areas as an additional precaution.

Handwashing as part of the Covid-19 recommendations remains a high priority and children have been instructed to wash and hand gel their hands throughout the day also.

As I am sure you can imagine the children have found this all very exciting, please be reassured that they have been taught in other areas of the school throughout the day and have not re-entered the classrooms since our little visitor was first seen.

We expect normal service to resume tomorrow and will be guided by the recommendations of pest control.

Best wishes

Miss J Parker

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