

# St Nicholas Catholic Primary School Newsletter

15<sup>th</sup> September 2017



*Living and Learning in  
Spirit and in Truth*

Headteacher: Mrs A Folland

## Headteacher's News

Welcome back to a new school year. We extend a particular welcome to all of our new children and families who have joined our school community.

This year promises to be full of exciting opportunities to develop new initiatives and improve on those already underway. Look out on our Facebook page and school website to find out more about all that is happening in school.

## Stars of the Week

Freddie Arun  
Chloe Bertorelli  
Jayden Gallin  
Karla Burns  
Tylia Trump  
Jayden Johnson  
Malachy Ryan  
Archie Boyle  
Nicholas Noto  
Angelina Shibu  
Shola Dow  
Zara Gardner  
Tianna Bond  
Sophia Hinton  
Robbie Cook  
Tilly Randall  
Cody  
Callum Lovell

Well done to you all!



## Information

### Car Park and Parking

Please would parents old and new note:

- The staff car park is **ONLY** for staff and a few parents who have been specific granted a permit for reasons. Parents **may not park or** drive through the car park to drop off children. Staff are increasingly finding it difficult to park in the mornings and are therefore late in getting to class to teach your children. Cars are a safeguarding risk to children and also block the school bus.
- Parents are advised to avoid Ringswell Avenue at pick up and drop off times and find another place to park and walk (e.g. Broadfields or Lower Hill Barton Road).
- There are yellow lines on Ringswell Avenue to increase the visibility and safety of the children. Drivers must not park on these. Also please do not park across resident's drives.

### Free School Meals

The FSM Service will be launching a new online self-service platform to enable you to access a free school meal eligibility check. It is an easy way to apply for free school meals online and you can make an application anywhere at any time. You will need to set up an account and it will take less than a minute to apply. You will get an instant decision. You can access the portal at

[https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal\\_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl+%2fCCSCitizenPortal\\_live](https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl+%2fCCSCitizenPortal_live)

Alternatively you can call 03451551019 and request a paper form.



## Diary Dates

September	
19 <sup>th</sup>	Parent's London meeting 3.15pm  Yr 1/2 Parent's Workshop (Phonics) 3.30pm
20 <sup>th</sup>	Drop Off Drop in 8.45am
21 <sup>st</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Yr 5 London Trip
26 <sup>th</sup>	New School Year Mass 9.15am led by Mustard Seeds  Yr 2 Parent's Workshop 3.30pm

## Universal Free School Meals – Reception to Year 2

If you have a child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 you will be aware that the school is funded by the Government to provide your child with a free meal. In order for the school to receive this funding, your child needs to have to school meal on the three census days that take place during this school year – these dates are Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October (Autumn term), Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January (Spring term) and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May (Summer term). If your child doesn't have a meal on these days it will affect the funding we receive as these dates are the only ones that count towards our funding. We would be grateful for your assistance with this.

### Lost Property

We disposed of all unclaimed lost property at the end of last term but are already amazed at the amount of lost property collected in a week. Please can you come and check the boxes in the foyer if your child has lost a coat, jumper or other item already. We would also ask that you ensure all items brought into school are clearly named.

### Christmas Cards

As you know we usually work with the children to design Christmas cards which are available for parents to buy once printed. Due to the extremely poor standard of customer service received last year by the company involved we will not be producing cards this year.

**British Values**

Did you know that there is a legal requirement to teach British Values and Prevention of extremism within schools? Watch this space for a regular update of what this means, how we approach it with 3 – 11 year olds and support you can give at home!

**Diocese Youth Rally  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October 1-6pm**

At St Rita's Centre Honiton

Ages 8-17 £5 admission

Many games and activities including It's a Knockout, Netball, Football, Gladiators, Bungee Run, BBQ and Youth Mass. Information to follow on Parentmail.

**Weekly Prayer**

**Lord God,**

At the beginning of this new term teach us to

**be your hands and feet  
where we are,**

At the beginning of this new term teach us to

**love as you love us**

At the beginning of this new term teach us to

**pray for those in need**

**So that You are honored and  
glorified**

Amen

**After School Sports at St Nicholas School**

During the year we will be offering a number of after school clubs on Wednesdays. These include

- Yr 1-3 Rugby Club running during the Autumn term (40 places)
- Invasions games/sports club for year 4-6 starting 21st Feb for 6 weeks.
- Cricket for year 1-3 starting 18th April for 6 weeks.
- Tennis for year 4-6 starting 6th June for 6 weeks.

All clubs will be run by Andy Baylis, a sports coach who has worked with us for a number of years. They will all run from 3.15 – 4.15pm. All sessions will cost £1.

These will be advertised through Parentmail and will be offered on a first come - first served basis. Mrs Turner will operate waiting lists for all clubs in case any children drop out (nturner@stnics.uk)

**Parish and Community News****Celebrate South West**

Information and booking forms for Celebrate South West were distributed by Parentmail this week. The Catholic Charismatic conference takes place at Notre Dame School in Plymouth over the weekend of 14 – 15 October. Celebrate conferences enable people to join together in a faith filled and vibrant atmosphere to celebrate the love of God. It is a weekend for the whole family with inspiring speakers and workshops, lively praise and worship, drama and the Goodnews bookshop. Mass will be celebrated and Adoration and Reconciliation will be available. There will also be a crèche. Booking closes on the 7<sup>th</sup> October. Please check your Parentmail for the booking form or you can also book online by going to <https://www.celebrateconference.org/south-west/>

**Parklife Heavitree Annual Fun Day**

September 17th 11:30am - 5pm in Heavitree Park. Live music all day, craft stalls, food, drinks, ale and wine, lots of kids activities and stalls, giant slide, circus entertainer, children's yoga and drama workshops. For more info see our face book page [facebook.com/parklifeheavitree](https://facebook.com/parklifeheavitree) or email [kate@parlifeheavitree.org.uk](mailto:kate@parlifeheavitree.org.uk)

**The Exeter Children's Orchestra (ECO) Open Day**

**Saturday 16th September** Anybody can come along and join in from 10am - 12pm. We run a policy of "no scary auditions" and the music will be selected to enable everyone to join in. For those newer to music, we also have a separate **Junior Orchestra** from 11am - 12pm, so it would be great to also see those not as confident come along and join in too! Obviously everyone will need to bring their instruments with them, and a music stand is always helpful! We cater for Recorders, Flutes, Clarinets, Oboes, Saxophones (all kinds), Bassoons, Trumpets and Cornets, Tenor Horns, Baritone Horns, French Horns, Trombones, (Bass or Treble Clef), Tubas, Violins, Violas, Cellos, String Bases (including bass guitars) and Percussionists. We'd even be happy to see harpists! We will be serving refreshments, and we also run a tuck shop! We also have a Facebook page and if anyone wanted to see what we do, there is a selection on there from recent concerts. <https://www.facebook.com/exeterchildrensorchestra/>

**Sportshall Event** Running – Jumping – Throwing Games and Co-ordination FUN! Our events are fun, exciting and successfully introduces children to a variety of athletic disciplines. Light up glitter shot puts, turbo javelins, and speed bounce are all proven very engaging. We coach in small groups which ensures everybody feels comfortable joining in and we encourage as much cheering as they can manage. Saturday 23rd September 2017 The Riverside, Exeter EX4 1AF Ages 4-11yrs £7.00 per child non-member £6.00 per child member. This is a pre book event so don't delay as limited spaces available Register online: [www.sw-athletics-academy.co.uk](http://www.sw-athletics-academy.co.uk) Or call 07745 616852 for further information

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**St Nicholas School is committed to safeguarding children.**

Designated Child Protection Officer: Mrs Amelia Harding Deputy Child Protection Officers: Mrs L Stone, Mrs A Folland and Mrs S Beach. Named Governor for Child Protection: Mrs Lisa Thomas



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