

St Nicholas Catholic Primary School Newsletter

27th April 2018



*Living and Learning in
Spirit and in Truth*

Stars of the Week

Kuba Zaczynski
Ciara Tiach
Max Hugall
Shon Thomas
Finley Ballard
Michael Pylypiak-Clancy
Jesse McCrum
Lily Turner
Tilly Chacko
Naomi Ben
Leo Turner
Bethany Tomlinson
Olivia Mallett
Olivia Corners
Megan Davies
Jasper Morrell
Fidelis Ijeh
Asia Boot
James Dawes

Well done to you all!



Diary Dates

May	
4 th	Non Pupil day
7 th	Bank Holiday
10 th	Ascension Mass 1.45pm
14 th	EYFS Stay and Play 8.50 – 9.50
16 th	EYFS Stay and Play 8.50 – 9.50
17 th	Learning Assembly led by Okehampton
18 th	May Crowning Liturgy 9.15am led by Plympton
24 th	Year 3/4 Performance
25 th	Pentecost Liturgy 9.15am led by Drogo

Headteacher: Mrs A Folland

Headteacher's News

All teachers from Year 1 to 6 are involved in a piece of research around outcomes in maths at the moment. Regular looks at children's books and teacher's planning show us that children are making good progress within their maths units. However, when they take a test their performance drops.

Teacher's are using some of their maths lessons now to model how

to approach short tests and talking through their thoughts as they go.

The children are then having short, weekly experiences of timed test questions to see if this improves their results on the longer, half termly assessments. A bit like taking a driving test – you wouldn't be fully prepared if you hadn't practiced the test routes and skills before you take it!

We will be sharing the assessments with you at the end of the year.

Information

GDPR

You may be aware that from May, the rules around data protection are changing. The 'General Data Protection Regulation' (GDPR) will change how we can use your personal data and keep it safe, and will also strengthen your rights over your own data.

The point of this is to make sure sensitive or private information about yourselves and your children stays safe. Whilst it is similar to the current Data Protection Act in many ways, there are a few differences, so we need to make a few changes at the school in order to ensure we remain compliant.

One of these changes is that CAST will update our privacy notice. This will be issued to you in due course and will be available on our school website.

As part of our work to comply with the GDPR, we will also re-seek consent for using photographs or videos of your child on our website and Facebook, internal displays or other school materials. A Permissions form will soon be distributed to you per child. It will last until your child leaves the school but it is important to note that you may withdraw consent for any item at any time.

If you have any questions about how the GDPR affects you, or how our school is preparing, you can contact Ali Brocksom in the Office (abrocksom@stnics.uk)

Mrs Harding

Mrs Harding's secondment as Interim Headteacher at Our Lady of the Angels School in Torquay will continue until the end of the summer term.

Absences

Please remember that children must be off for 48 hours AFTER the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea. If they are brought back too early they will not be able to stay at school.

Please also advise Josie in the Office **in advance** about any appointments made in school time for your child/ren and bring appropriate evidence from the practitioner.

Swim School

Forms have been issued on Parentmail to all Yr 3/4 parents about Swim School later in the term. Please ensure these are filled in by **21st May** and that you indicate your child's level of ability so that they can be allocated to the correct group.

Forms have also been issued to children in Yr 5/6 to ensure we offer swimming lessons to children unable to swim 25 metres unaided. These must also be completed by 21st May,

British Values



Much of the recent work around Class Dojo has been about making learning values very explicit to the children.

Learning about how we learn and good learning behaviours are so important to learn as they prepare children to be fully rounded citizens and make a positive contribution to society as they grow up.

See if your child can tell you the 17 areas of reward that they can earn on class dojo!

Weekly Prayer

Conversation

Remembering that I am still in God's presence, I imagine Jesus himself standing or sitting beside me, and say whatever is on my mind, whatever is in my heart, speaking as one friend to another.



Please note....

- Hoodies may not be worn in school. Children may only wear bottle green jumpers or cardigans with the school logo.
- Baseball caps and hats may not be worn indoors.
- Shoes should be black. Trainers may not be worn unless for PE.
- Large bows, ribbons or tiaras may not be worn in hair.

Bus Service to and from St Peters

We surveyed parents last term who use the free, supervised bus service to and from St Peters School as we are no longer able to offer this service free of charge.

Parents overwhelmingly wanted the service to continue with a charge of 50p per trip.

This will start on 1st May. We will be selling a 10 Travelcard for £5 which you can purchase from the Office or (preferably) via Parentpay. Each time your child/ren travel a square will be marked as used for each child. The terms and conditions are as follows:

- We reserve the right to refuse travel without a valid Travelcard and you will be contacted to collect your child from school. It is *your responsibility* to ensure your child has a valid Travelcard if you wish them to use the service.
- We will not accept responsibility for lost or damaged tickets. You will need to purchase a new card to access the service.
- You can purchase up to 4 Travelcards per transaction and use them for your whole family.

If you have any queries please contact the Office.

Bus Supervisor Needed!!

We have a vacancy for an additional Bus Supervisor to supervise the children on the bus to / from St Peters each morning and afternoon - 1.5 hours per day. It will be paid at the Living Wage - £8.25 per hour. For more information and an application form please contact Ali in the office (abrocksom@stnics.uk) / 445403 ext 222.

Parish and Community News



Resurrection Rock

Well done to the children in the St Nicholas Choir who brilliantly performed 'Resurrection Rock' telling the Easter story last Tuesday at Blessed Sacrament Church. It included songs from Jesus Christ Superstar. They performed to raise money for SVP who chose to sponsor children in Southern India to receive education. It was considered 'a fine show which we all enjoyed'. Thank you to all parents who came to support their children and the school. The Choir's next engagement is to sing at the St Rita's Day Mass at St Rita's in Honiton.

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St Nicholas School is committed to safeguarding children.

Designated Child Protection Officer: **Mrs Angela Folland** Deputy Child Protection Officers: Mrs L Stone, Mrs S Beach, Mrs D Sparkes, Miss C Follows and Miss R Reynolds. Named Governor for Child Protection: Mrs Lucy Wills



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