

# St Nicholas Catholic Primary School Newsletter

21<sup>st</sup> October 2016

Headteacher: Mrs A Folland



*Living and Learning in  
Spirit and in Truth*

## Stars of the Week

Evie Jones  
Clara Gill  
Sullivan Curry  
Wiktorina Jankowska  
Alex Phillips  
Joshua Wills  
Amber Yau  
Elleisa Hinton  
Maisy Bristowe  
Jasper Morrell  
Maisy Bristowe  
Isaac Mills  
Elsie Daniel-Loughran  
George Bessant  
Aleena Joseph  
Lucas Heale  
William Hancox  
Grace O'Shea  
Alfie Down  
Ben Davey  
Caitlin Coles  
Lailah Wells

**Well done to you all!**



## Diary Dates

October	
31 <sup>st</sup>	Return to school Fire Safety Talks for Yrs 1/2 and 5/6
November	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Remembering Liturgy led by Dartmouth 9.15am
7 <sup>th</sup>	Class assembly led by Rougemont 9am
8 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS Stay and Play 8.50 – 9.50am
10 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS Stay and Play 8.50 – 9.50am
15 <sup>th</sup>	School Tours for new families 9.30am and 6pm
17 <sup>th</sup>	Parent's Workshop – Google apps 6pm

## Headteacher's News

You will be aware from previous correspondence that we are undertaking a whole school review of writing progress and we have booked an external moderator to visit on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November. The moderator will look at writing progress across the school and it would therefore be really helpful if you are able to send in your child's Literacy books from last year on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Many thanks!

Following a review of homework this half term, you will notice some changes after half term. Our focus will be on a new 'Spelling Stars' award that children will be working towards and securing multiplication skills through weekly homework practice. Watch out for a Maths workshop for parents in November to help you support your child's times tables!

## Information

### Foundation Governor Vacancy

St Nicholas School have a vacancy for a Foundation Governor who would be able to give time to attend meetings each half term and contribute to the school's improvement journey. If you are interested and would like to find out more please contact Ali Brocksom ([abrocksom@stnics.uk](mailto:abrocksom@stnics.uk) / 445403 ext 222)

### Absence due to illness

When contacting the school because your child is sick we must know the nature of the illness for our records. If you have not given us this information we will contact you. Please also note that if your child has had sickness or diarrhoea we ask that you keep them off school for 48 hours after the last bout to ensure it is not passed on. This is even if your child seems well and back to normal.

### Tours for Prospective Reception Children

We are holding tours on **15<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am and 6pm** for parents who have children who will enter Reception in September 2017. Please contact Ali Brocksom (details above) to book a place. We also have some spaces in our Nursery for Spring and Summer term. For a tour or more information please contact Ali. We can also offer before and after school club provision for children from 3 years old.

### School Admissions Arrangements Consultation

Please note that you can view the admission arrangements that Devon County Council and Devon schools are proposing for the 2018-19 academic year intake and for in year admissions at <https://new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place/arrangements-and-policies>. The consultation is open from 1 November to 6 January. Comments on the arrangements can be made by parents, settings and community groups with an interest in school admissions.

### Winter Uniform

We hope you all have a lovely half term break. All children should return in winter uniform including white shirt, school tie, school jumper or cardigan (with school logo), grey trousers or skirt / pinafore, white socks and black shoes. Uniform can be purchased from

### Photographs

We will arrange a catch up day for children who were away today when the photographs were being taken. This will be as soon as possible after half term.

### Parent View

A reminder that on the Ofsted website you can answer 10 questions about our school. Please go to <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> and click on 'Give your Views Now'. It is a short survey but will provide important information to them and is a chance for you to provide feedback.

## British Values

### Individual Liberty

In school we encourage children to accept responsibility for their behaviour and choices. The children have fed their ideas into the behaviour policy which is designed to teach children the rewards we receive for good choices and the consequences for poor choices.

The School council reps have now been elected by their classes and presented with their badge of office. They will be working with us to evaluate clubs and look for new extra curricular opportunities.

### Booking Breakfast and After School Club sessions

If you would like your child to attend extra Breakfast or After School Club sessions, please ensure that you book a session at least a day in advance. It is really important that we know which children we are expecting, so that we make sure we have enough staff to ensure the children's safety and provide enough food and resources for all of the children. Turning up to an unbooked session holds the risk of being turned away if we do not spaces available. For extra sessions please see me at school, email me at [rreynolds@stnics.uk](mailto:rreynolds@stnics.uk) or phone the BASC Phone: 07833 545070.

### Weekly Reflection

Lord,

*Give me the perseverance and patience to make time for prayer and for you. Help me to understand that you are always there for me and that my prayers, so far as they are for my good, will be heard. Amen.*

## Forward Dates

- **Fireworks Lunch** We are holding a special Firework lunch on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November including Bangers, rocket beans, whizzing corn and sparkler cookies.
- **Remembering Liturgy** We are holding a Remembering Liturgy on the 4<sup>th</sup> November in the school hall at 9.15am. Parents and friends are welcome to attend.
- **Remembrance Poppies** Mustard Seeds will be selling poppies in the atrium every morning from the 7<sup>th</sup> November in return for a donation.
- **PTA Non – Uniform Day** The PTA will be holding a non-uniform day on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November** in return for a donation to the Christmas Fayre. Please see below.
- **Children in Need** Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November is Children in Need day. All children are invited to wear spotty clothes in return for a donation.

## Parish and Community News

### Thank you

Thank you for all of the donations for our Harvest Liturgy last week which were given to the homeless in Exeter.

### Whizz Popping Science

At Tiverton library on the 5<sup>th</sup> November there will be a bonfire night inspired science workshop run by Sciencedipity. There are 2 workshops from 10-12pm or 1-3pm and each is £15. There will be many science activities including whizz popping eruptions, building rockets and fireworks in a jar. Refreshments will also be provided. To book go to [sciencedipity@outlook.com](mailto:sciencedipity@outlook.com) or call 07847006048.

### Maynard School Open Day

Year 7 taster day is on Tuesday 15 November To book please email [admissions@maynard.co.uk](mailto:admissions@maynard.co.uk) or call 01392 355998. A wide range of scholarships and awards are available for 11+ entry.

### Devon Guild Crafts

Riverside Mill, Bovey Tracey, Devon TQ13 9AF  
GET CREATIVE! There are free half-term Halloween activities on 26 & 27 October 2016 10.30am–12.30 & 1.30–4.00pm daily. Free and you can just drop-in.

### Choristerships in Exeter Cathedral Choir

- “Be a Chorister for a Day” – an informal day for children ages 7-9 to sing in the cathedral with Cathedral Choristers. Register for a place asap.
- Cathedral Chorister Auditions – Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017 – for children in Yrs 3,4, and 5. They should be of average academic ability and enjoy making music. They are not expected to be experienced singers. Funding is available.

Information on both of the above can be obtained from [www.exetercs.org](http://www.exetercs.org) or you can phone Lucy Lewis on 422763.

## PTA

### PTA Update

We had a great turnout for the discos last week (Key Stage 1 was probably the best turnout ever!) – Overall we raised just under £500 which is a fantastic effort. Thanks to all those who gave their time to prepare and help out on the evening.

Plans are well underway for the Christmas fayre on 2nd December and don't forget non-uniform day on November 9th to help with the Christmas hampers and tombola.

Alex Bosley – PTA Chair

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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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