

St Nicholas Catholic Primary School Newsletter

29th March 2018



Living and Learning in Spirit and in Truth

Headteacher: Mrs A Folland

Headteacher's News

On behalf of the school staffing team I hope you all have a very happy and restful Easter break and look forward to seeing you all on the 16th April when we will all return for the Summer term.

Angela Folland.

Stars of the Week

Rachel Bosley
Robin Phillips
William Hancox
Olivia Domagalska
George Codling
Bethany Dunn
Maisy Bristowe
Wiktoria Kalinowska
Lexi Sampson
Korin Calgie
William Hancox
Amy Gill
Aliya Joseph
Rougemont Class
Keevan Davey
Conor Sercombe
Lucas Ryan
Brooklyn Salisbury

Well done to you all!



Diary Dates

March	
29 th	Break up
April	
16 th	Children back at school
17 th – 18 th	Yr 3/4 residential trip to Heatree
19 th	Parent's Workshop Sex and Relationship Education 3.30pm
20 th	Easter Liturgy 9.15am led by Kingswear
29 th	School led mass at Sacred Heart Church 9.30am

Information

Parents' / Carer's Lunch

We were delighted to welcome 30 parents and carers for a roast chicken lunch with their children recently. It was a lovely occasion that we will definitely repeat. Comments included:

"It was one of the nicest events I've been to at St Nicholas. Everyone put so much effort in. The food was delicious. The staff were friendly and welcoming."

"Lunch was lovely! Very delicious! I don't remember school dinners being as tasty!"

"Lovely opportunity to spend lunch with the children"

"I would love to do it again"

Passport Applications

While we are happy to complete passport applications for a donation of £3 to the PTA, please note that we will not do this unless they are signed and all parts are completed by you first. If the forms are incomplete in any way we will not sign them and they will be returned to you.

Let's Go Fly a Kite



The Yr 1/2 children had a fantastic (and rain free) day at Exmouth last week flying kites they had made at school. The conditions for kite flying were perfect! They also enjoyed a boat trip to explore the coastline.

Liturgies



Congratulations to Dartmouth Class who led the Supper of the Lord liturgy on Tuesday. After processing into the hall with palms, children laid the table and then had their feet washed by Fr Jonathan.

Each class was involved in our beautiful Way of the Cross liturgy today



**FRIDAY 20th APRIL**

5.30 - 6.30pm - Nursery,
Reception and Years 1 & 2

6.45 - 8.00pm - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Entry: £1.50 per child

Please note!

All children must be accompanied
by a responsible adult for the
duration of the event!

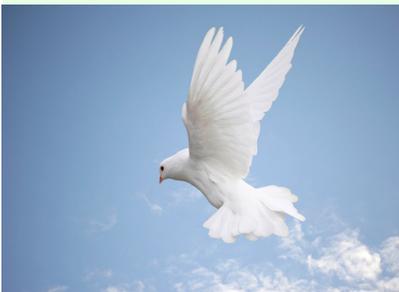
Prayer**Freedom**

Lord, I let go of the
worries, resentments and
fears

That I can sometimes hold
on to so tightly.

Let me open my hands
and my heart to receive
freely

All the gifts that I need at
this time.

**Job Vacancies**

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.

We also have a vacancy for a meal time assistant to work 1.5 hours per day Monday to Friday from 11.45am.

These posts could be combined and we will consider job sharing. Each will be paid at the Living Wage - £8.25 per hour. The closing date is the 20th April 2018. Interview date to be confirmed.

For more information and an application form please contact Ali in the office (abrocksom@stnics.uk) / 445403 ext 222.

Staff Survey

Part of the work of the Governing Body is to ensure that staff are being properly looked after and considered in the running of the School. Staff are therefore invited to complete a survey each year which the Governing Body then reviews in its regular meetings. This year's staff survey has now been completed and Governors are very pleased with the results. It shows an overall 88% positive response from the staff with 26 out of 27 questions showing a better overall score than last year.

Positives included a sense of teamwork and support across the staff, having a clear vision for the school and having confidence in the school leadership team. It was also great to see that staff enjoy the work they do and have clear expectations set for them.

Governors would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Folland and the staff of the school for the hard work and commitment they show throughout the school year.

Should you have any questions on this or any other matter related to governance of the school you can find our contact details on the school website.

Alex Hill, Community Governor

Parish and Community News**Resurrection Rock**SVP Fundraiser

Peter Kelly was really passionate about linking St Nicholas School with the great local work of the SVP. The children are performing the Easter story in thanksgiving for Peter and a retiring collection will be made for the SVP.

Please come along to Blessed Sacrament Church on **Tuesday 24th April at 7pm** to enjoy a musical evening using songs from Jesus Christ, Superstar and Resurrection Rock to tell the wonderful Easter story.

Hand in Hand Parenting Course

Tuesdays from 1st May from 12.30 – 3pm for 6 consecutive weeks for parents of children from birth to thirteen years old. The venue will be central Exeter but is to be confirmed. This is a free Hand in Hand parenting course in partnership with Devon Family Resource. More information can be found at www.handinhandparenting.org You will discover how to

- Make changes to the automatic parenting responses that are not working for you
- Listen to your child so they feel connected and valued
- Understand your child's emotions and what they are really asking for when they cry, have tantrums or display challenging behaviours
- Set clear limits with warmth
- Resolve your child's fears and much more.

Contact Sanchia to book on sanchia.hyltonsmith@eci.org.uk / 07966993198

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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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