

# St Nicholas Catholic Primary School Newsletter

15<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Headteacher: Mrs A Folland



*Living and Learning in  
Spirit and in Truth*

## Stars of the Week

Josna Josebin  
Isolde Rooney  
Finnley Johnson  
Feyona Jomon  
Felicia Joseph  
Amelie Turner  
Abishek Matthew  
Isabella Corners  
Alex Klajmon  
Daniele Beltrame

**Well done to you all!**



## Diary Dates

### January 2018

3rd	Children return to school
5th	Epiphany Liturgy led by Rougemont 9.15am



**We wish you all a very  
happy and holy  
Christmas and a very  
happy 2018.**

## Headteacher's News

A huge well done to all of our children who have shared the Christmas story through their nativity celebrations and to KS2 who shared and explained about the 12 days of Christmas. The Christmas story is central to our Christian community and it is always special to hear it told by children.

The true spirit of St Nicholas can be seen in the generosity of the children in the donations to the Catholic Children's Society. To understand that we are part of a community is such an important value for children to have.

On behalf of the staff and children, I wish you a very happy and holy Christmas and hope that you have lots of family fun over the holiday.

## Information

### Staffing

We are saying goodbye to Mr Lambert who is going to live and teach in Oxfordshire and Miss Williams who has been with us since September. We thank both of them very much for their hard work in the time they have been with us, and for all they have done for their children in Lydford and Okehampton Classes. We wish them both much happiness and success for their futures.

Mrs Jordan is currently on maternity leave following the birth of her daughter and has decided to leave her teaching post. We wish her and her new family much happiness.

Catherine Odams is leaving her Teaching Assistant role after 10 years, although she will be continuing in the Breakfast and After School Club. We thank her for her dedication and work over this decade and for all she has done for the children in her care.

### St Nicholas Day Mass – 6<sup>th</sup> December



We had a very special morning celebrating St Nicholas Day and our 10th anniversary on the Ringswell Avenue site. We were delighted that the Bishop, along with Fr Harry Doyle and Fr Jonathan Stewart, celebrated mass for the whole school, staff, parents, governors old and new and parishioners. At the mass Bishop Mark commissioned a sculpture of St Nicholas for the school which will be unveiled at a later date. We also heard the new St Nicholas school prayer for the first time. After the mass we all celebrated with cake. Please see the website for many more photos.

### PTA Christmas Fayre

The PTA Christmas fayre raised an amazing profit of £2095.09. Thank you to the PTA Team for all their hard work in organising this fantastic event and to children, families, friends and staff for their support.

### New Foundation Governor



We are pleased to welcome a new Foundation Governor, Mrs Patricia Venn-Rees for a 4 year term. She is a parishioner of Holy Cross Church in Topsham. We look forward to her joining our Governing Body.

## Christmas Mass Times

Blessed Sacrament Church	Sacred Heart Church
<b><u>24 December</u></b> Mass at 9.00- for Advent 4 Mass at 10.30am - for Advent 4 Vigil Mass 6.00pm Vigil of readings and carols 11.30pm Followed by Midnight Mass  <b><u>Christmas Day</u></b> Masses at 9.00 and 10.30am NO evening Mass  <b><u>Boxing Day - Feast of St Stephen</u></b> Mass 9.30am  There will be a Mass on New Year's Day at 12.00 noon.	<b><u>December 24</u></b> Mass at 9.30 am - for Advent 4 Mass at 11.00 am - for Advent 4 Vigil Mass at 6.00 pm Polish Mass at 10.00 pm Readings and Carols at 11.30 pm, followed by Midnight Mass  <b><u>Christmas Day</u></b> Mass at 9.30 am and 11.00 am Mass at 2.30 pm in Polish  <b><u>Boxing Day</u></b> Mass at 10.00 am

### Christmas Events

Thank you to all who came to support the children at the various lovely nativities and liturgies over the last few weeks. Photos of all are on the school website. Also see the website for photos of our annual Christmas lunch and sing-a-long!

### PE Kits

Your child/ren will be bringing home their PE kits to be washed over the holidays. Please could you all check that your child has brought home their own PE kit and school uniform. If so, please make sure it is clearly labelled.

### Parking and Driving on Ringswell Avenue

Once again we ask for you to have care and consideration for our neighbours on Ringswell Avenue when driving to park and collect your children. Please find other places to park other than Ringswell Avenue and avoid the stress of finding a parking place; please do not park in the school car park unless you have a permit; please do not reverse into neighbour's driveways when turning your car; please do not block neighbour's driveways when parking to collect your children; please do not drive on the pavement.

### Severe Weather Procedures

In the event of an emergency or bad weather leading to the school being closed

- you will be informed by text message (if you are registered on parentmail); the website will have a message on the home page; Heart Radio and Devon Radio will have updates; [Devon County Council School's Closures](#) page will also have a message. If you are still in any doubt please call the School as there may be a message on the answer phone or there will be a member of staff to advise you.

**Please ensure that your child comes in every day with a coat as we encourage children to go outside.**

### Epiphany Liturgy

Rougemont Class are leading our Epiphany Liturgy at 9.15am in the school hall on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January. Parents are very welcome to attend.

### St Nicholas School Prayer

Loving Father,  
 St Nicholas, was an example of friendship and love.  
 Help us to be like him; faithful to you,  
 willing to serve others and generous to those in need.  
 Fill our hearts with joy so that all may see your light  
 shining in our school.  
 Through Christ our Lord.  
 Amen.



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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, Mrs Denise Sparkes. Named Governor for Child Protection: Mrs Lucy Wills



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