

St Nicholas Catholic Primary School Newsletter

18th November 2016

Headteacher: Mrs A Folland



*Living and Learning in
Spirit and in Truth*

Stars of the Week

Ellis Mountstevens
Clarice Fernor-Oldfield
Briar Spreckley
Luke Woodland
Niall Flavin
Liam Lloyd
Jake Stentiford
Amy Gill
Caitlin Coles
Gerda Naujalyte
Cormac Hill
Daniel Goldsborough
Zofia Bytniewska
Frankie Ocampo
Evelyn Davis
Max Winton
Lily Turner
Caitlin Greenstreet
Michael Robinson
Katie Goldsborough
Hope Swift
Lily-Rose Jones
Michael Sparks

Well done to you all!



Diary Dates

November	
20 th	School led mass at Sacred Heart Church 9.30am
22 & 23 rd	Parent's Evenings 4.00 – 6.30pm
25 th	Christ the King liturgy led by Kingswear 9.15am
28 th	Class assembly led by Plympton Class 9.00am
29 th	Parent's Workshop – Maths
30 th	Theatre Alibi 7.00pm
December	
1 st	New Nursery welcome Talk 9.00am
2 nd	Christmas Fayre 5.30pm

Headteacher's News

Following our review of our writing standards over the last half term, teachers will be sharing ambitious targets for the end of the year with you next week. This is to ensure all children make better progress this year and our standards are higher. Ask your child about learning in the classroom as lessons are being delivered in a different way so that teachers can ensure this accelerated progress!

Thank you to all those parents who are ensuring their children take pride in their uniform. Please remember that children are now wearing white shirts and therefore must be wearing the school tie. At such a young age, learning to take pride in the uniform is part of maintaining the high standards we aim for as a school and this is certainly something parents can support us with.

Information

School Choir



St Nicholas School Choir were delighted and honoured to be asked to open the annual Exeter 'Christmas Light Switch On' event on Thursday in Princesshay. They serenaded the bus driver on the way into town and then sang Christmas songs to get the Princesshay shoppers in a festive mood. They will also be performing at

- our Christmas Fayre on the 2nd December at 5.30pm
- the CAFOD mass at Sacred Heart Church on the 3rd December
- singing carols to residents of a local residential home - an annual date and
- singing at the Blessed Sacrament Advent service on the 18th December

Meal Time Assistant Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Meal Time Assistant to work from 11.45 - 1.15pm Monday to Friday to start as soon as possible. We will welcome job share applications if you cannot work every day. £8.25 per hour (Living Wage). Please contact Ali Brocksom (abrocksom@stnics.uk / 445403 ext 222 for more information and an application form.

Christ the King Liturgy

We are celebrating our Christ the King liturgy on Friday 25th November at 9.15am in the school hall, led by Kingswear Class. Parents, parishioners and friends are very welcome to attend.

Parents Evening

Parent's Evenings will take place from 4.00pm – 6.30pm on the 22nd and 23rd November. If you have not yet booked an appointment please check your parentmail or see Josie in the Office. We are pleased that Usborne Books will be running a stall on both evenings. The more funds we raise through both the sponsored read and book sales the more free books we are given for the coloured book band boxes. Sponsored read forms and money must be brought back to School by Wednesday of next week.

British Values

Working Together as a Team

We have been talking to all the children about working with the staff to be the very best we can be as a school. In assemblies and in the classroom we have talked about:

- Being proud of our school by wearing the school uniform correctly
- Making a real effort to improve learning together by putting 110% effort into every lesson
- Understanding how each one of us contribute towards our school being successful

Kilve

Deposits must be paid by Friday 25th November in order to guarantee your child's place at Kilve in 2017. We would prefer payments via Parentpay, but payments by cheque or cash can be made to the Office.

Nicholas the Rhino

Nicholas the Rhino has returned and is standing at the entrance to the school. Please can parents ensure that children do **not** sit on his back and treat him carefully; we hope he will be there for many years to come.

Ringswell Avenue

If queuing to turn right from Ringswell Avenue during school pick up please could you consider turning left instead to avoid queues building up behind you and onto Honiton Road. By turning left you can then turn at the mini roundabout and come back down the hill. This may help to alleviate some of the frustrating problems at the busiest time of day.

Children in Need

Thank you very much for your support of Children in Need – your donations of money and cakes are much appreciated. We will post the total amount raised on the website and also post pictures of the children in their spotty clothes.

Parish and Community News

Unique Boutique

A quirky arts market offering original, handmade and locally crafted goods. Saturday 26 November. FREE entry, Exeter Phoenix, Bradninch Place, Gandy Street, Exeter, EX4 3LS 10am-5pm

PTA

Christmas fayre

A reminder our Christmas fayre is on Friday 2nd December - 5.30 -8pm

· Santa's Grotto: This year we will be booking slots for Santa's Grotto in advance of the fayre. PTA volunteers will be available to book a time slot after school at 3.15pm in the Atrium on the week leading up to the fayre from Friday 25th November until Thursday 1st December. We will also be available on the mornings of Tuesday 29th November and Wednesday 30th November between 8.45 and 9am. The cost of visiting Santa is £2.50 per child and will need to be paid at the time of booking.

· We will be holding a toy and book stall at the fayre and requests for donations of good condition and quality nearly new toys and books can be brought to school the week commencing 28th November.

· Donations of cakes would also be much appreciated for the cake stall and we ask for these to be brought in on the day of the fayre – 2nd December.

Theatre Alibi – 30th November 7pm

Tickets are selling fast for the production of The Boy that Climbed into the Moon on the 30th November....

Some pretty odd ideas are floating around Paul's street. There's Mabel, whose brother hides under a brown paper bag. And Clarence the poodle who thinks he can fly. But Paul has the oddest idea of all. He thinks that the moon is a big hole in the sky and he's going to climb into it...

Anything's possible in this warm and very funny story by David Almond, award-winning writer of Skellig and My Dad's A Birdman.

Please make sure you order your tickets by sending a named envelope into school with full payment to the PTA - £5 for adults, £4 for children. They will then be sent home with your child.

Reminders



Don't forget.....

- to regularly check the website news page and calendar
- to send in a dinner ticket if your child has had a meal without one. You will also receive a reminder text.
- to bring in evidence of any medical appointments your child has in school time for our records
- to bring in evidence of booked Able and Talented courses for our records.

Weekly Reflection

We pray for our parish, family and friends: that we may remember that God is with us in the hardest times and help and serve each other when things are difficult.
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. Named Governor for Child Protection: Mrs Lisa Thomas



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