

# St Nicholas Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Executive Headteacher: Mrs A Folland, Head of School: Miss K Reynolds

21<sup>st</sup> July 2020



*Living and Learning in  
Spirit and in Truth*

## Miss Goodman



Miss Goodman is getting married on Saturday and will be starting a new life in Wales. We wish her and her new husband much happiness for their future together. She is pictured above dressed as a bride for her last day in true St Nicholas tradition.

## Leavers

Today we sadly say goodbye to William, Annie, Maisy, Jemima and Seb. We wish them much happiness in their new schools.

## End of Year Prayer

May God's blessing go with us today, at the end of this school year we pray.

That you keep us safe and give us rest, so we start again renewed and refreshed.

Full of health, full of fun, ready to come and learn again.

May God's blessings await us next year, to embrace each new challenge without fear.

Fill this school with your love, and guide our hearts from above.

Full of faith, full of hope, full of joy, and full of love.

Amen.

## Executive Headteacher's News

Well, what a year it has been! As this strange academic year draws to a close there is plenty to reflect on.

The last six months have been a learning curve for all of us; how many of us would have expected the world to look like this last Christmas? The commitment of the staff has been tremendous under incredibly difficult circumstances. We have had the highest number of children in the Government directed

year groups and keyworkers across the Trust – a testament to the trust and positivity of parents. We have really missed the children who we have not been able to take back and are really looking forward to having them back in September – the St Nicholas Community just isn't the same without them.

To all of our families, whatever your circumstances, we wish you a restful and happy summer.

## Information

### Staffing

From September, I am delighted that Miss Reynolds will take up a permanent appointment as Head of School. She will retain the day to day running of the school and continue working with me on the school's strategic direction. This arrangement has been highly effective and her appointment is a testament to her success this year.

### Uniform

Children may come back to school in summer uniform. A reminder that the polo shirt colour has changed from white to bottle green and can be obtained from Thomas Moore or myclothing.com. The white polo shirt is acceptable until the end of October half term.

### Yr 6

Today we said goodbye to our Yr 6 children with a liturgy (posted on the website along with Yr 6 memories) and a presentation ceremony where we gave out the customary fish pins, yearbooks and prayer cards. Photos of each child receiving their gifts is also on the website.

## Spirit of Devon



It is a huge pleasure to award this years' Spirit of Devon award to Rebecca. Rebecca has shown the true spirit of St Nicholas throughout her time with us. Her light from within shines continually through her huge smile! She has contributed significantly to extracurricular opportunities and has always been a reliable member of the year group. She has willingly used her gifts in service to others and her positive attitude to life and its challenges is truly inspirational. Well done Rebecca!

**HAVE A LOVELY SUMMER HOLIDAY! WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER!**

## PTA Thanks

We want to say a big thank you to our PTA who have been so proactive and positive during the last few months. They have been so supportive to staff coming into school during the lockdown (even giving each member of staff a lockdown medal). We look forward to working with them next year.

## Track and Trace

### If you're told you've been in contact with a person who has coronavirus:

- stay at home (self-isolate) for 14 days from the day you were last in contact with the person – it can take up to 14 days for symptoms to appear
- do not leave your home for any reason – if you need food or medicine, order it online or by phone, or ask friends and family to drop it off at your home
- do not have visitors in your home, including friends and family – except for essential care
- try to avoid contact with anyone you live with as much as possible
- people you live with do not need to self-isolate if you do not have symptoms
- people in your support bubble do not need to self-isolate if you do not have symptoms

### If you get any symptoms of coronavirus (a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste):

- get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible
- anyone you live with must self-isolate until you've been tested and received your result
- anyone in your support bubble must self-isolate until you've been tested and received your result

### What to do when you get your test result

#### If you test negative (the test did not find coronavirus):

- keep self-isolating for 14 days from when you were last in contact with the person who has coronavirus – as you could get symptoms after being tested
- anyone you live with can stop self-isolating if they do not have symptoms
- anyone in your support bubble can stop self-isolating if they do not have symptoms

#### If you test positive (you have coronavirus):

- self-isolate for at least 7 days from when your symptoms started – even if it means you're self-isolating for longer than 14 days
- anyone you live with must self-isolate for 14 days from when your symptoms started
- anyone in your support bubble must self-isolate for 14 days from when your symptoms started

#### If you do not get symptoms of coronavirus

- you can stop self-isolating after 14 days
- you do not need to have a test

### How NHS Test and Trace will contact you

- You'll be contacted by email, text or phone.
- Text messages will come from NHStracing. Calls will come from 0300 0135000.
- Children under 18 will be contacted by phone wherever possible and asked for their parent or guardian's permission to continue the call.

## Attendance

We know this is a sensitive area but we are sharing with you the DfE expectation from September.

Please note that from September you once again have a legal obligation to ensure that your child attends school regularly. The school's attendance target is 95% for every child and if for any reason your child will not be in school at any time we would ask that you inform the school office as soon as possible. If you need to book any time off for your child you must come to the office and complete an Absence Request form. However, due to government legislation the school is now unable to authorise an absence unless the child's attendance is above 95% and it is for one of the following reasons: genuine illness; unavoidable medical/dental appointments (but try to make these outside of school hours if possible); days of religious observance; seeing a parent who is on leave from the armed forces; external examinations; when traveller children go on the road with their parents.

Should you choose to take your child out of school without the authorisation of the school, then Parental Responsibility Measures could be instigated. This could mean receiving any of the following; A Penalty Notice (assuming one has not been issued in the past 2 years); A summons to the Magistrate Court which could result in a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a term of imprisonment for up to 3 months.

## Free School Meals

Please see the Parentmail issued last week about Free School Meals. If you feel you may be eligible for this school funding please go to the Citizen Portal [https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal\\_LIVE/](https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/) or call the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

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**St Nicholas School is committed to safeguarding children.**

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