

# St Nicholas Catholic Primary School Newsletter

13<sup>th</sup> July 2018



*Living and Learning in  
Spirit and in Truth*

Headteacher: Mrs A Folland

## Headteacher's News

We are really pleased with the outcomes of assessments this year. You have already had your child's statutory annual report in March, but next week we will be sending out the End of Year statements of achievement.

The Year 6 SATs results were returned on Tuesday and we are really pleased that the Maths outcomes are hugely improved this year. Next week we will produce the annual report on outcomes for the school which will show you the standards achieved at the key

statutory assessment points.

Across the school, the children have responded well to raised expectation – the Primary Writing Project is having a really positive impact on children's engagement and enjoyment of reading and writing. The work we have done to give children more experience on maths tests and strategies to access these tests has also paid off.

Well done to all the children for their efforts and achievements.

## Stars of the Week

Archie Boyle  
Luke Travill  
Noah Bloor  
Ava Thomas  
Christian Collier  
Amelie Hemming-Reynolds  
Oliver Wilson  
Larissa Currie  
Olivia Corners  
Rohan Anthony  
Billy Jones  
Riley Collier  
Neve Kelland  
Rebecca Loaring  
Grace O'Shea  
George Avery  
Noah Thomas  
Emily Haig

**Well done to you all!**

## Information

### Donations

We would be grateful for any donations of clean pants and socks for use throughout the school. Please pass them to Sarah Beach. In addition, if your child has come home in any borrowed clothes please ensure they are washed and returned to school by the end of term.

### Yr 6 Performance

The Yr 6 performances of Mystery at Magpie Manor (supported by Yr 5) will take place in the school hall next Tuesday 17th July at 2pm and 7pm. Children need to be back in school at 6.30pm to prepare for the evening show at 7pm.

### Maureen Raven

At Celebration Assembly today we say goodbye to Maureen Raven who has worked in the school as a Mealtime Assistant for 33 years. We thank her for her dedication to the school and children and wish her health and happiness for her future.

## Parish and Community News

### Live Simply

As part of the parish *livesimply* initiative, a sale of pre-loved baby and children's clothes (**up to the age of 5 years**) as well as maternity clothes will be held at Blessed Sacrament church on Saturday, 28 July, 9:30-11:30am. The money raised will be donated to Refugee Support Devon. If you have suitable clothes (clean and of good quality!) that your children have outgrown, please donate them by using the boxes provided in the school foyer and in the Foundation Stage area. Second-hand school uniforms are welcome too. Instead of buying new clothes, come along on the 28<sup>th</sup> to help support the reuse principle, reduce the amount of clothes that go to waste and support a local charity. For further information, contact [livesimplyexeter@gmail.com](mailto:livesimplyexeter@gmail.com).

### Torquay Girls' Grammar School Open Days

For admission to Year 7 in September 2019 Tuesday 26th June 2018 2:00pm-3:30pm or 6:30pm-8:30pm Thursday 6th September 2018 6:30pm-8:30pm There is no need to pre-book – just turn up on the day. Dr Smith (Headteacher), will give a presentation and explain the admissions procedure. You will also have the opportunity to tour the school and meet with the staff, speak to the girls and ask questions. Telephone: 01803 613215 • E-mail: [admin@tggsacademy.org](mailto:admin@tggsacademy.org)



## Diary Dates

July	
16	Haven Banks Dartmouth
17	Haven Banks Kingswear
	Yr 5/6 performance 2pm and 7pm
19	Haven Banks Plympton
20	Haven Banks Okehampton Yr 6 Leaver's Mass 1.45pm
23	Haven Banks Berry Pomeroy
24	Yr 6 Leaver's disco 3.30 – 5pm
25	End of Year assembly 9.15am <b>Break up for Summer</b>
September	
5	Children return to school

### **Safeguarding Information: Fortnite Factsheet**

Fortnite is an online video game where players compete to be the last person standing in a post-apocalyptic world. The most popular version is Fortnite: Battle Royale, which sees up to 100 players pitted against each other to stay alive on an island. Players can build and demolish structures, and collect weapons, supplies and armour to help them along the way. Players shoot each other using a range of lethal weapons, but the brightly-coloured, cartoon-style graphics and lack of bloodshed mean it doesn't feel too gory or graphic.

To play, the age recommendation is 12 and above due to 'mild violence', although you don't have to provide your age when creating an account, so younger children can still log on easily.

Fortnite: Battle Royale is free to download on PC/Mac, Xbox, Playstation, Nintendo Switch and iOS devices (Apple phones and tablets). It's coming to Android soon. It has about 45 million monthly users worldwide including the England football team, who reportedly played it in their World Cup downtime.

#### **What are the concerns?**

You may have seen news reports or heard concerns raised about the:

- Communication between players: a chat function allows players to talk to each other either over a headset and microphone, or using messaging. Children could use it to speak to strangers, or it could put them at risk of cyberbullying
- In-app purchases: players can build up large bills on their parents' accounts by buying cosmetic items like outfits for your character and better-looking weapons (otherwise known as 'skins')
- Addictive nature of the game: anecdotal stories tell of children staying up all night to play, or falling asleep in lessons after playing for too long. Some commentators attribute this to the communal feel of the game – you can play with your friends – and the game is different every time you play, keeping it fresh

#### **What safety options are available to parents?**

- Use the parental controls on the gaming device. Most devices allow you to set time limits on game play, set age limits for content, and restrict in-app purchases.
- Visit the website 'ask about games' for links to detailed instructions on the device your child uses – the site covers Playstation 3, Playstation 4, Xbox 360, Xbox One, Apple and Android phones, and Nintendo Switch.

[www.askaboutgames.com/advice/parental-controls](http://www.askaboutgames.com/advice/parental-controls)

- The battles in Fortnite last around 20 minutes. When trying to limit your child's screen time, make the most of this natural stopping point. Set a limit in terms of matches rather than hours and minutes, or set time limits in 20 minute increments.
- Turn off the voice chat feature. Speak to your child to make sure they know this feature exists, and encourage them to use the options below if they encounter someone who is offensive or inappropriate. You can disable the voice chat function in the game if you:
  - Open the settings menu (the 3 lines on the right-hand-side of the screen), then choose the 'cog' icon
  - Select the 'audio' tab
  - You should be able to turn off 'voice chat' by tapping the arrows next to it
- You can also 'mute' individual players in the game by:
  - Pausing the game
  - Hovering over the player you wish to mute
  - Selecting the mute button (a loudspeaker icon)

#### **Make sure your child knows how to report inappropriate behaviour**

You or your child can report players who make them uncomfortable using the in-game feedback tool (located in the main menu). You can also use the 'support' section of the Epic Games site (the makers of Fortnite). You're asked to select the platform you play the game on, the game mode you're playing, and then you can select 'report player'. You can provide more detail such as the player's name, and attach a screenshot.

Support, Epic Games: [https://fortnitehelp.epicgames.com/customer/portal/emails/new?b\\_id=9729&q=email+us](https://fortnitehelp.epicgames.com/customer/portal/emails/new?b_id=9729&q=email+us)

#### **What else can I do?**

- Download and play the game to help you understand it
- Talk to your child about what they're doing online, and make sure they know they can talk to you about anything that has upset them
- Check your bank statements and gaming system account balance regularly to look for in-app purchases you're not happy with, and to make sure your child isn't getting around any passwords you've set up

#### **More sources of support**

- Non-profit organisation Internet Matters has put together 5 top tips to manage children's screen time. <https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/5-top-tips-to-manage-childrens-screentime/>
- The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) has a range of resources for parents on internet safety. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>
- The NSPCC has also teamed up with O2 to offer advice to parents. You can call their free helpline on 0808 800 5002, or make an appointment with an O2 Guru in an O2 store. <https://guru.secure.force.com/O2DeskStoreLocator>