

St Nicholas Catholic Primary School Newsletter

7th May 2019



*Living and Learning in
Spirit and in Truth*

Headteacher: Mrs A Folland

Headteacher's News

There is great excitement in school today! We have 4 new beautiful chickens for the children to look after. Foundation Stage have a lovely brown Lohman Brown, KS1 have a 'Devon Blue' – which is white (with a fantastic hairdo!) but lays blue eggs! Year 3/4 have 'Blue Maran' – the grey one; and Y5/6 have a 'Bovans Nera' which has a magnificent gold neck and head! As of today,

the children will have access to the garden area at lunchtimes. This means they can use the picnic benches, den build in the shrubs and generally enjoy the green space. This is just the beginning of our exciting plans to enhance well-being and learning through the use of our lovely school grounds. Have a look at the website for some photos of our children playing today

Information

Groundforce Morning

A huge thank you to parents, friends and staff who came to help to clear the forest area. It was a really successful morning and will make a real difference to the children's playtimes when they are able to access this space. Many thanks to Nick, Andy, James, Bryn, Martyn, Mark, Claire and Chris, Denise, Cat, Emily and Sasha.

Summer Uniform

A reminder that Summer uniform can be worn now up to October half term. This includes a white polo top with school logo, bottle green jumper or cardigan with school logo, grey skirt, shorts or trousers OR green / white checked summer dress or skirt / top; white, grey or black socks, black shoes (no trainers). Uniform can be obtained from Thomas Moore on Fore Street, Exeter or from www.myclothing.com (5% of all purchases from myclothing.com is donated back to the school). No jewellery should be worn except for stud earrings.

Big Battery Hunt

We are continuing to collect old batteries for recycling. Please give them to your child's teacher or the Office.

Office changes

The office team have gone through a restructure recently. Due to changes in working hours the office is likely to be closed from around 3.30pm each day and there will also be less cover during the day. Please bear this in mind if you need to contact or come to the office.

Health and Safety Audit

Following a recent health and safety audit we are delighted to advise that our school have achieved 100% conformance. This is a reflection of all the hard work undertaken by our staff to ensure the school is a safe and secure environment, fully compliant with DCC regulations.

May Crowning Liturgy

On 10th May we are holding our May Crowning liturgy at 9.15am, led by Totnes Class. Parents and carers are welcome to join us in the school hall for this celebration.

Haven Banks

Please note you only have until 10th May to secure your child's place at Haven Banks this term. Please see Parentmail for full details about the activities on offer and pay in full on Parentpay.

Resurrection Rock

Well done to the choir who sang in Resurrection Rock last week at Blessed Sacrament Church. They were a credit to the school

Stars of the Week

Compton - Ilaria
Plympton - Callum
Berry Pomeroy - Ruben
Totnes - Orla
Kingswear - Lily
Rougemont - Chloe
Okehampton - Danny
Lydford - Tadgh
Dartmouth - Danielius
Drogo - Poppy
Powderham - Andrea
Nursery - Zaheer
Compton - Elleisa
Totnes - Tylia
Kingswear - Lucas
Rougemont. Whole class
Okehampton - Lily
Lydford - Victor
Dartmouth - Mela
Powderham - Ivy
Nursery- Charlie

Well done to you all!



Diary Dates

May	
6 th	Bank Holiday
7 th	PTA Meeting 7pm
10 th	May Crowning Liturgy led by Totnes Class
W/C 13 th	Yr 6 SATs week
27 – 31 st	Half term
June	
3 rd	Whole Class photos
4 th & 6 th	EYFS Stay and Play
7 th	Pentecost Liturgy 9.15am Ice Cream Friday

Safeguarding

The children have helped us to write the risk assessment for using the garden area.

This includes not eating berries, being away of thorns and branches.

We have also talked about playing safely with spades in the digging patches and other equipment they may use.

The children understand that, with the privilege of being able play in the garden, comes the responsibility to act safely.

Heart of the Week



(from last week of Lent)

- Compton - Megha
- Plympton - Shona
- Berry Pomeroy - Finn
- Totnes - Milosz
- Kingswear - Zofia
- Rougemont – Martha
- Okehampton - Clara
- Lydford - Hunter
- Dartmouth - Layla
- Drogo – Poppy & Molly
- Powderham - Naomi
- Nursery - Maja

Prayer

Lord, the resurrection of Your Son has given us new life and renewed hope.

Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal.

Grant us wisdom to know what we must do, the will to want to do it, the courage to undertake it, the perseverance to continue to do it and the strength to complete it.

Amen

Heatree

Despite the weather the Yr 4 children had a fun filled time at Heatree last week. Please see the website for more photos.



PTA News



Date for your Diaries . . . Ice Cream Fridays!!

The PTA will be selling ice creams after school in the playground (3.15pm - 3.45pm) each Friday in June. Not just for the children - the grownups are welcome to indulge as well! Starts Friday 7th June! All proceeds will be going towards the new landscaping project for the school.

The PTA are in the process of organising events for the summer term including a summer fayre. We would love to have parents to provide ideas and support for the events and also help in organising. We have a number of meetings this term at 7pm all in school.

Please come along to the meetings and support us. Meetings are on Tuesday 7th May, Wednesday 22nd May, Tuesday 11th June and Wednesday 26th June. If you are unable to make a meeting but want to help please post us a message on the PTA Facebook page (not the school page) Many thanks – Alex Bosley – PTA Chair

Parish News

DIOCESE CATECHETICALSUMMER CAMPS 2019

Applications are now being taken for places at the Plymouth Diocese Catechetical Summer Camps, to be held at Grangehurst, Buckfast Abbey. There are three camps running this year: one Junior Camp, one Senior Camp and one camp (St Petroc's) for students in school years 11-13. Camp details and application forms can be obtained from your parish priest or on-line from the camp website: www.pdsummercamps.org.uk Prompt applications are advisable.

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St Nicholas School is committed to safeguarding children.

Designated Child Protection Lead: **Mrs Angela Folland** Deputy Child Protection Leads: Miss K Reynolds, Mrs S Beach, Mrs D Sparkes, Miss C Follows, Mrs A Griss and Miss R Reynolds. Named Governor for Child Protection: Mrs Lucy Wills



DIOCESE OF PLYMOUTH

