

St Nicholas Catholic Primary School Newsletter

1st March 2019



*Living and Learning in
Spirit and in Truth*

Stars of the Week

Compton - Dan
Plympton - Lizzie
Berry Pomeroy - Charlotte
Totnes - Charlie
Kingswear - Coco
Rougemont - Jeeva
Okehampton - Flynn
Lydford - Lizzie
Dartmouth - Jesse
Drogo - Georgia
Powderham - Korin
Nursery - Annie
Plympton - Evie
Berry Pomeroy - Ruben
Kingswear - Malachy
Totnes - Elsie
Rougemont - Joseph
Okehampton - Callum
Lydford - Sam
Dartmouth - Natalia
Drogo - Mia
Powderham - Joshua
Nursery - Robyn
Well done to you all!



Diary Dates

March	
5 th	Shrove Tuesday
6 th	Ash Wednesday Liturgy 9.15am led by Berry Pomeroy
7 th	World Book Day
12 th	Learning Assembly led by Rougemont
15 th	Red Nose Day
17 th	School led mass at Sacred Heart 9.30am

Headteacher: Mrs A Folland

Headteacher's News

It is such a joy to see our children avidly reading their way around the world!! Parents – please feel free to come to the library from 8.30 – 8.45am to help your child choose a new book. So far this academic year our children have read over 4 million words (from our school's Accelerated Reader data)!!

On Monday 11th March all children from Nursery to Year 6 will take part in an exciting day of art and drama led by RISE Theatre Company. The whole school will take part in a performance of 'The Mustard Seed' at 2.15pm. Parents are welcome to join us for this performance.

Information

Sickness Bug

We have a number of children currently off with a sick bug. Please can we remind you that children must be kept away from school for 48 hours after the last bout of sickness, to try to lessen the risk of others contracting the bug. Please make sure you contact the school by phone, email or using the Parentmail absence function to let us know your child is ill on each day they are off. **Please make sure that you advise us of the nature of their illness.**

Fairtrade Fortnight

Fair-trade Fortnight provides an opportunity to raise awareness of fair-trade products. A Fair-trade Tuck Shop is running every day at playtime for KS2 next week. Items cost 70p and 90p.

Art Materials – can you help?

Year 3 4 are collecting plastic bottle tops...any colour and any size. Please can you start saving them and bringing them in to year 3/4. They need as many as possible to make a Roman mosaic.

We also need cereal boxes and kitchen roll tubes for the RISE theatre and art day. Please give these to your child's teacher or bring to the Office.

Year 2 Treasure Hunt



Year 2 have been taking part in a treasure hunt today as part of their literacy lesson, starting to read a book about Pirate Tom. They had to go around the school solving clues to take them to the next location. The treasure (a pirate costume) was found by the chicken coop. Lexi, Mela, Grace and Maisie were very excited and said the morning had been "fun".

Foundation Stage Pirate Day



The Foundation Stage Pirate Day before half term was very exciting. The children walked the plank and found some treasure. Bonnie, Ivy and Betsy liked the pirate who came and squirted trick 'ketchup' (string) at the children and who also trapped Miss Goodman in the stocks. All of the children enjoyed finding the treasure which was lollipops and chocolate coins.

Safeguarding -Online Safety

We have had a number of reports of disturbing sites accessing games that the children may be playing online.

Parents please:-

- Ensure you know you're your children can access online
- Ensure children understand the importance of **not** giving personal information to anyone they do not know
- Tell your children no-one has the right to make them do anything they do not want to do
- Use parental controls to keep children safe

More information can be found at <https://www.cloudwards.net/how-to-protect-your-kids-online/> or <https://parentzone.org.uk/home>

Governors

We have a vacancy for a Foundation Governor to join our Local Governing Body. If you are interested in this very rewarding role and would be willing and able to give up some time each term to contribute towards the strategic management of the school please contact Ali Brocksom, Clerk to Governors by email (abrocksom@stnics.uk).

Upcoming Events

Shrove Tuesday – 5th March

On Shrove Tuesday we will be offering pancakes with fruit and caramel sauce for dessert

Ash Wednesday 6th March

The Ash Wednesday liturgy will be led by Berry Pomeroy Class and start at 9.15am. Parents and Carers are welcome to join us.

World Book Day – 7th March

On World Book Day we will be celebrating stories from around the world. Each class will read a book that takes them to a different country and will be asked to wear clothes in the colours of that country's flag. On the afternoon of World Book Day, they will celebrate the country they have visited with their class. The countries are as follows:

Nursery - KENYA - black, white, red, green
 Powderham - BURKINA FASO - red, yellow, green
 Drogo - MEXICO - green, white red
 Lydford - INDIA - orange, white, green. blue
 Okehampton - GREENLAND - red and white
 Dartmouth - NETHERLANDS - red, white and blue
 Kingswear - SCOTLAND - blue and white
 Rougemont - CHINA - red and yellow
 Totnes - TOBAGO - red, black and white
 Plympton - JAMAICA - green, yellow, black
 Berry Pomeroy - AMERICA - red, white and blue
 Compton - POLAND - red and white



We will also be having a special World Book Day lunch menu including Gruffalo Sausages or Hungry Caterpillar pasta (macaroni cheese) served with The Witches Sticks (potato wedges) and Mr Stink Beans (baked beans) or Jack's Magic Green Beans. For dessert we are offering The Snowman ice cream with Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Shortbread finger.

RISE Theatre

All children will take part in a theatre and art day – please see Headteacher's news.

Red Nose Day – Friday 15th March

Children will be invited to wear non uniform on this day and to buy an official 'red nose' from school costing £1.25 each.

Parish and Community News

Claire Barker, author of Knitbone Pepper at Exeter Library

On Saturday 16th March 11.30am at Exeter Library join Claire as she chats about Knitbone Pepper Ghost Dog and Picklewitch and Jack. Tickets £2 from Exeter Library.

Prayer – A Traditional Irish Blessing

May God give you.....

For every storm, a rainbow, for every tear, a smile,

For every care, a promise, and a blessing in each trial.

For every problem life sends, a faithful friend to share,

For every sigh, a sweet song, and an answer for each prayer.

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St Nicholas School is committed to safeguarding children.

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



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