

St Nicholas Catholic Primary School Newsletter

28th April 2017



*Living and Learning in
Spirit and in Truth*

Stars of the Week

Bridie Robertson
Ewan Gliddon
James Dawes
James Botting
Noah Thomas
Thomas Crowe
Mercedes Bango
Maks Charteris
Toby Thomas
Maya Zaczynski
All of Dartmouth Class
Cohbi Whitfield
Tyrone Vicente
Ruben Chacko
Lauren Coles
Fidelis Ijeh
Alyanna Vicente
Alex Matawaran
Daniel Wilson
Filip Kowalski
Martha Curry



Well done to you all!



Diary Dates

May	
1 st	Bank Holiday – school closed
3 rd	Drop Off Drop In 8.45am
7 th	School Led Mass Blessed Sacrament 10.30am
8 th -12 th	SATS week
12 th	May Crowning liturgy led by Lydford 9.15am
15 th	Swim school begins for Yr 3/4
15 th & 17 th	EYFS Stay and Play 8.50am
18 th	Fisherman's Lunch

Headteacher: Mrs A Folland

Headteacher's News

Attendance is always a high priority as part of our safeguarding work. As you will be aware, the statutory assessments for Year 1 phonics, Year 2 and Year 6 SATs will be taking place over the next few weeks as well as the end of year assessments for Reception children. These assessments are a vital measure of the school's impact on learning.

Please ensure that your child is on time and attends school every day in order for us to prepare them as much as possible because children can become overly anxious if they do not feel prepared. All year groups are Teacher Assessed at the end of the year and their outcomes will be shared in their annual reports in the week beginning 10th July.

Information



Well done to Drogo Class who led the Easter liturgy so beautifully last Friday.

Sun

As the weather starts to get warmer please ensure your child/ren have sun hats, sun screen as appropriate and plenty of water.

I-bounce

Yr 1/2 had a fantastic time last week at i-bounce. Please see the website for photos.

Luke said *"I was surprised to see trampolines on the walls – it was very unusual. It was fun, especially doing tricks on the mat"*

Thea said *"it was really fun. We kept jumping into a pit"*

Martha said *"there was a dodgeball pit"*

William said *"it was fun and exciting"*

Niall said *"it was bouncy"*. Leo said *"It was good"*.

Alice said *"there was a big trampoline and it was nice"*.

Forms on Parentmail

Please make sure when you have a notification of a form to complete on Parentmail that you check and complete it asap. We are using this very useful function more and more to collect permissions and information from you to enable your child to take part in various activities such as the swimming gala, football matches, after school clubs and trips or to order items such as the Yr 6 yearbooks.

Sex and Relationship Education Workshop

Mrs Harding will be giving an overview of Sex and Relationship Education from Reception to Yr 6 on Wednesday 3rd May at 6pm in the Bickleigh Room in school. You will have the opportunity to find out how this subject is taught in the different key stages and to ask any questions you may have. Please e-mail abrocksom@stnics.uk if you are planning to attend.

British Values



This week's assembly was based on the story of Rapunzel so that the children could access the concept of crime and punishment.

The children discussed whether the punishments fitted the crimes and heard about how justice should be applied in a measured way to fit the wrong doing. We talked about the 10 commandments and how they give us or values for a Christian life.

Is locking a child in a tower for the theft of a lettuce just?



In a science lesson last week Mrs Quinn took Yr 1 children out to the entrance of the school to sit quietly and record all the sounds they could hear.

Weekly Prayer

Lord, thank you for walking with us through the seasons of our lives.

For the winter, when we are held safe in your arms through the darkness.

For the hope of spring, as we are filled with new promise and life.

For summer time, full of warmth and colour
And for autumn days as leaves fall to seed new growth.
You are always with us. Amen.

Would you like to be a School Governor and

- have an impact on the outcomes for children at St Nicholas School?
- be part of a dynamic team
- help to shape the direction of our school?
- Do you have experience or skills in HR, H&S or Premises Management?

We are looking for interested people who would be willing to give some time per term to join our Governing Body, either as a Foundation or a Community Governor.

If you are interested and would like some more information please contact the Clerk to Governors, Ali Brocksom (abrocksom@stnics.uk) or speak to our Headteacher, Mrs Folland or one of the other Governors (details on the website).

Resurrection Rock



Our Choir performed 'Resurrection Rock' last week at Blessed Sacrament Church, singing a variety of songs on the Easter theme. They are always a credit to the school and we are proud of their dedication and commitment to the choir. We have a number of choir events coming up including

invitation to sing at the St Ritas's day mass at St Rita's church in Honiton which will be led by Bishop Mark and live streamed on Facebook at midday on the 22nd May. The link is <http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgIe32stcKkZRYQoh0MDNA/live>

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT SCHOOL IS CLOSED ON MONDAY 1ST MAY FOR THE MAY BANK HOLIDAY.
WE HOPE YOU HAVE A LOVELY LONG WEEKEND!

Parish and Community News

Children's Dental Appointments

There are free dental appointments available for children at the Dental Education Facility in Exeter who are running paediatric clinics on Thursdays. Dental assessment and treatment will be carried out by dental students under the close supervision of qualified dental staff and are aimed to make dentistry accessible and fun for the under 13s. All treatment is free of charge. Families with children under 13 who do not have regular access to dentistry are encouraged to call 01392 346303 to arrange a dental assessment.

PTA

The PTA are planning this year's Summer Fayre and would like offers of sponsorship for the programme. If you own a business or know somebody who would like to sponsor our programme we can add your company logo and business details for a charge of £25. If you are interested please e-mail pta@stnics.uk.

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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

