

# St Nicholas Catholic Primary School Newsletter

16<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Headteacher: Mrs A Folland



*Living and Learning in Spirit and in Truth*



Congratulations to Lauren Stone, our Assistant Head who had her baby, Darcey Matilda, on the 12<sup>th</sup> December. Mother and baby are both doing well.



## Diary Dates

January 2017	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Children return to school
6 <sup>th</sup>	Epiphany Liturgy led by Totnes 9.15am



**We wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas and a very happy 2017.**

## Headteacher's News

A huge well done to all of our children who have shared the Christmas story through their nativity celebrations and to KS2 who shared and explained lots of fun Christmas traditions. The Christmas story is central to our Christian community and it is always special to hear it told by children.

The true spirit of St Nicholas can be seen in the generosity of the children in the CAFOD world gifts that they have bought for children and families around the world. To understand that we are part of a global community is such an important value for children to have.

On behalf of the staff and children, I wish you a very happy and holy Christmas and hope that you have lots of family fun over the holiday.

## Information

### Parent's Survey

Governors and SLT were very pleased with the responses (below) to our recent parent's survey on Parentmail. Thank you to all who took part.

<b>My child is happy and well looked after at St Nicholas School</b>	
Strongly Agree / Agree	<b>96.5%</b>
<b>My child feels safe and supported at St Nicholas School.</b>	
Strongly Agree / Agree	<b>97.2%</b>
<b>The School provides and promotes a strong Catholic ethos.</b>	
Strongly Agree / Agree	<b>96.5%</b>
<b>My child is making good progress</b>	
Strongly Agree / Agree	<b>92%</b>
<b>My child is well taught</b>	
Strongly Agree / Agree	<b>93.7%</b>
<b>My child receives appropriate homework for their age</b>	
Strongly Agree / Agree	<b>79.7</b>
<b>The school keeps me well informed about how my child is getting on</b>	
Strongly Agree / Agree	<b>87%</b>
<b>Pupils are well behaved</b>	
Strongly Agree / Agree	<b>86%</b>
<b>Bullying and bad behaviour is dealt with effectively</b>	
Strongly Agree / Agree	<b>62.7</b>
Don't Know	<b>24.8%</b>
<b>I feel well informed about the School and my child's involvement in events, activities and the Curriculum</b>	
Strongly Agree / Agree	<b>93.5%</b>
<b>I would recommend this School</b>	
Strongly Agree / Agree	<b>93.4%</b>

### Staffing

- Mrs Jordan will be reducing her teaching time to 0.8 and will be teaching Rougemont Class from Monday to Thursday each week from January. We are pleased that Mrs Carnell-Groves will be returning to the team to teach Rougemont Class on Fridays.
- Our Teaching Assistant Jenny West will be retiring on the 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2017. She has been with us for many years and she will be missed by staff and children alike. We wish her a long and happy retirement.

### New Foundation Governor

We are pleased to advise that we have a new Foundation Governor, Frances Dennehy, who will be serving for a 4 year term. She is the mother of Ioan in Reception. We look forward to her joining the Governor team.

## Christmas Mass Times

**Blessed Sacrament Church****December 24<sup>th</sup>**

Morning Mass at 9.30am  
 Vigil Mass at 6.00pm  
 Vigil of readings and carols at 11.30pm  
 followed by Midnight Mass

**December 25<sup>th</sup>**

Mass at 9.00am  
 Mass at 10.30am  
**NB There will be no evening Mass**

**December 26 Feast of St Stephen**

Mass at 9.30am

**Sacred Heart Church****December 24<sup>th</sup>**

Mass at 10.00 am  
 Vigil Mass at **5.30** pm  
 Polish Mass at 10.00 pm  
 Service of readings and carols at 11.30 pm, followed by  
 Midnight Mass

**December 25<sup>th</sup>**

Mass at 9.30 am  
 Mass at 11.00 am  
 Mass at 2.30 pm in Polish

**December 26<sup>th</sup>**

Mass at 10.00 am

**Christmas Fayre**

We raised a profit of £1718.94 at the school fayre. This is a fantastic amount to buy much needed items for the school. Thank you once again to parents, families and friends for all of your support and to the PTA for their tireless work and dedication.

**PE Kits**

Your child/ren will be bringing home their PE kits to be washed over the holidays. Please could you all check that your child has brought home their own PE kit. If so, please make sure it is clearly labelled.

**CAFOD**

CAFOD are looking for School Volunteers: come and join our vibrant team who share the inspirational work of CAFOD in Catholic schools throughout the Diocese. No experience necessary - full training and expenses given. If you are confident speaking in front of groups and enthusiastic about the work of CAFOD, please get in touch with Simon Giarchi: 01752 268 768 or email [plymouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:plymouth@cafod.org.uk)

**Parking and Driving on Ringswell Avenue**

Once again we ask for you to have care and consideration for our neighbours on Ringswell Avenue when driving to park and collect your children.

- **Please find other places to park other than Ringswell Avenue and avoid the stress of finding a parking place.**
- **Please do not park in the school car park unless you have a permit. Staff members are often having to wait for spaces in the morning.**
- **Please do NOT reverse into neighbour's driveways when turning your car.**
- **Please do NOT block neighbour's driveways when parking to collect your children.**
- **Please do NOT drive on the pavement. A white Vauxhall car drove at speed on the pavement recently to gain access to Ringswell Avenue. This is illegal, dangerous and unacceptable. We have given the registration number to the police.**
- **We are working with the Police to try to lessen such inconsiderate actions and all registration numbers will be reported to them.**

**Severe Weather Procedures**

In the event of an emergency or bad weather leading to the school being closed

- you will be informed by text message (if you are registered on parentmail);
- the website will have a message on the home page;
- Heart Radio and Devon Radio will have updates;
- [Devon County Council School's Closures](#) page will also have a message.

If you are still in any doubt please call the School as there may be a message on the answer phone or there will be a member of staff to advise you.

**Please ensure that your child comes in every day with a coat as we encourage children to go outside.**

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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



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