

St Nicholas Catholic Primary School Newsletter

29th September 2017



*Living and Learning in
Spirit and in Truth*

Headteacher: Mrs A Folland

Headteacher's News

I think we were all a bit speechless yesterday at the Race for Life: so many children running for so many friends and family members and all having a fantastic time doing something so positive for the wider community. What an amazing team effort for St Nicholas!

We have just begun two exciting projects focus on Maths and Writing working alongside colleagues from other schools to improve the standards in these subjects. Watch this space for further details.

Stars of the Week

Maya Zaczynski
Olivier Radtke
Christian Collier
Celia Olmos
Lexi Butt
Tessa Jomon
Liam Lloyd
Larissa Currie
Orla McCrum
Harry Ballard
Ben Knowles
Kamila Biernis
Joseph Daniel-Loughran
Oscar Bessant
Eva Crampton
Michael Sparks
Anwen Phillips

Well done to you all!



Diary Dates

October	
5 th	Census Lunch (PTO)
8 th	School led mass at Sacred Heart Church 9.30am
12 th	Learning Assembly led by Dartmouth 9am
13 th	Harvest Liturgy led by Compton 9.15am
19 th	Learning Assembly led by Berry Pomeroy 9am
20 th	Individual Photos of children
20 th	Break up for half term
30 th	Non pupil day
31 st	Children return to school

Information

Race for Life



Thank you to parents, families and friends of St Nicholas School who supported our fund raising events this week. We held a Macmillan Coffee morning on Wednesday and raised over £130 from donations for cakes provided by staff and parents.

We then held our Race for Life Event this morning and all children, from Nursery to Yr 6 ran up to 4k. We were blessed with a sunny warm morning and the children were very excited to run the route together around the school grounds. Staff acted as marshals to guide the children along the route and keep them safe and Sandra, our Catering Manager, even ran the race alongside the KS2 children and completed 4 laps of the school. They all received a medal and a cake once they had finished their race. We were delighted that our local Councillor, Emma Brennan, came to support the event and hand out the medals alongside Fr Jonathan Stewart from Blessed Sacrament Church.

After the race they enjoyed a 'bagged' picnic lunch on the playground. From donations received to date we have made well over £2,000 which will be divided between Cancer Research UK, Clic Sargent and Macmillan. Thank you all very much.

Please see the school website for many more photos.

British Values



Democracy is a key British value and can be seen in action in every classroom this week as the children vote in their School Council Reps.

Each child wishing to stand has had to prepare a short speech and following that the class will vote for their rep. The School Council is such a great way for children to have a voice in school improvement!

Governor News



At the first Full Governors meeting of the year Lisa Thomas completed her term of office and stepped down both as Chair of Governors and Community Governor. The Governors thanked her on behalf of all staff, governors and children for her dedication to the role and support of the school.



After a Governor's vote Jane Wardle, a Foundation Governor, was elected to be Chair of Governors for a term of one year. She can be contacted on chair@stncls.uk.

Reminders

- There is NO Rugby Club next week (4th October).
- Drop off / Drop in (DODI) will be held every Wednesday morning from 8.45am – 9.30am. Come and have complimentary coffee / tea and cake after dropping off your children and meet friends old and new.
- If you are interested in volunteering a few hours each week to hear children read please come to the office for an application form.
- Tempest Photographers will come in on the 20th October to take individual and sibling photos of the children. Order forms will be distributed and you will receive these by the end of Autumn term.
- Please encourage your R, Yr 1 or Yr 2 child to have the Pirate Lunch meal on Thursday. This menu was voted for by the children. It is important to have as many children as possible having the lunch on this day as it affects the Government funding we receive.

PIRATE LUNCH

THURSDAY 5TH OCTOBER

Ahoy, me Hearties.....choose from.....

Pirate boat hotdogs* with shipwrecked potato waffles and golden treasure sweetcorn or

A treasure Island jacket potato with hidden treasure sweetcorn and a sea of baked beans.

Then walk the plank for Blue, mixed berry flavoured, shimmery, glittery, jelly sea pots with an Orange Pirate boat!

Assorted calypso aqua juice cups with cocktail umbrellas!

*Vegetarian, gluten and dairy free variations available.

Prayer

A Blessing for Small Things

Dear God most high, hear and bless
Thy beasts and singing birds:
And guard with tenderness
Small things that have no words.
Amen.

PTA

The PTA are holding an AGM on **Tuesday 10th October at 7pm** in the Bickleigh room. All parents are invited to come along and find out about the PTA and all they do for the school. We have a fantastic PTA at St Nicholas who organize the Christmas and Summer fayres and school discos, provide refreshments at many events and raise much needed funds. See the school website page for more details of all they do.

You can also join their Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/stnclspta/> or contact them at pta@stncls.uk.

Parish and Community News

The **Diocesan Youth Rally on Sunday has been cancelled** due to the bad weather forecast. It will be re-scheduled. If you have handed in money to Mrs Quinn she will ensure it is returned to you. Please watch out for details of the re-scheduled date.

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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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