

St Nicholas Catholic Primary School Newsletter

8th February 2019



*Living and Learning in
Spirit and in Truth*

Stars of the Week

Totnes - Conor
Kingswear - Niall
Rougemont - Marc
Okehampton - Noah
Lydford - Kelsey
Dartmouth - Grace
Drogo - Dominik
Powderham - Antoni
Nursery - Jacob
Compton - Kaiden
Plympton - Michael
Berry Pomeroy - Adam
Totnes - Neve
Rougemont - Bethany
Okehampton - Toby
Lydford - Anna
Dartmouth - Whole Class
Drogo - Bonnie
Powderham - Ecaterina
Nursery - Joshua

Well done to you all!



Diary Dates

February	
10 th	School led mass Blessed Sacrament 10.30am
13 th & 15 th	EYFS Stay and Play from 8.30 – 9.30am with a maths focus
18 th – 22 nd	Half term
25 th	Children return to school

Headteacher: Mrs A Folland

Headteacher's News

You will have seen the email regarding the independent hospital this week. Can I urge you to make any concerns you have known to the council and put the date of Monday 15th April 5.30pm in your diaries to go along to the planning meeting. It is disappointing that the hearing is planned for the middle of the Easter holidays as many people, including myself, will be away. If

you are able to attend, your presence would be much appreciated. This issue surely, is the biggest threat to the school in recent years and your support is vital.

All families are welcome to join us at Blessed Sacrament Church for the 10.30am Mass this Sunday where the school are leading the celebration.

Information

The Big Battery Hunt

We are collecting and recycling old batteries in school and each class has a container to collect these. Once we have enough batteries to organise a collection we will be entered into a prize draw to receive I-pads or school trips and we are also being eco-friendly! For more information please see <https://nationalschoolpartnership.com/initiatives/bigbatteryhunt/>

Candlemas Liturgy



Well done to Drogo who beautifully led the Candlemas Liturgy last week.

Parentpay Alerts

Why not set up alerts on Parentpay to advise you when your balance of funds is low? It is so easy to do and would be helpful to the school as it would lessen the text reminders we have to send you when your account has gone into debt. To set these up go to 'Communication' and 'Alert Settings'. You can set up alerts to be notified by email when your credit falls beneath a certain level and when new items are added.

PE Kits

Children can bring in tracksuit bottoms and long sleeved tops or sweatshirts to wear for PE while the weather is cold and windy.

David Hill Sports Event



Last week David Hill, the paralympian, led a sponsored fitness circuit with all pupils including a talk and question and answer session. The aim of the event was to inspire the pupils to take up sport generally, but just as importantly to encourage them to discover and then pursue their passion in life. It was a fantastic day of fitness and so far the sponsorship money raised is over £1700 of which the school gets 60%. Thank you very much for supporting the children.

Safeguarding

Peer on peer abuse has been a new aspect of safeguarding in *Keeping Children Safe in Education*, from September 2018.

Please make sure you are aware of your child's texts and chats on social media. It is not uncommon for issues that happen out of school hours to affect children's relationships in school. You can support your child by ensuring that they are not sending or receiving messages that cause offence or upset.

World Book Day Reading Around the World

Watch out next week when we launch 'Reading Around the World' leading up to World Book Day on 7th March. Children will be encouraged to read books from lots of different countries and fill in a passport as they go. They will even be able to calculate the distance they have 'travelled'.



Children Out and About Year 5/6 visit to see the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra

Year 5/6 visited Exeter Great Hall to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the BSO. Three outstanding pieces had been selected for the audience to learn and perform alongside the orchestra; a piece of body percussion, an arrangement of Beethoven's 'Ode to Joy' using Makaton as well as singing, and a piece written by Bournemouth schoolchildren, 'Musical Fireworks'. Children were active participants as well as enjoying listening to the beautiful sounds of the orchestra. It was a wonderful afternoon of music, culture and a treat for the senses.

Yr 1/2 Visit to Bygones



The Yr 1/2 children had an interesting and 'fun' time at Bygones this week finding out all about Victorian Britain as part of their 'Time Travellers' learning journey.

More information and quotes from children about the trip are on the website news page.

Parish and Community News

Teacher Training

Are you interested in training to become a primary school teacher? We are pleased to be able to offer you the opportunity to train through Exeter Consortium (EC) and Teaching School Alliance (ECTSA). Exeter Consortium is a growing group of schools in and around Exeter, all working to improve the quality of learning for our pupils. Working in partnership with your child's school, ECTSA are training the next generation of teachers, improving the quality of teaching, raising the attainment of pupils and closing the gap between different groups of pupils.

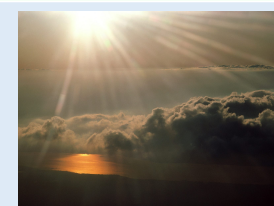
This opportunity is possible through the teacher training route called 'School Direct', led by Exeter Consortium. More and more, people are training through the School Direct route because it allows you to train close to home, is a 'hands-on' learning experience and is guided by practising teachers working in real-life classrooms. With Exeter Consortium, you achieve Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) and a Post Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) from Bath Spa University, an Outstanding provider of Initial Teacher Training.

The course takes one year to complete and starts in September 2019. You would spend three days a week at your placement school (one of our 60 Primary Schools in and around Exeter) completing your teaching practice, and two days a week receiving training from Exeter Consortium and Bath Spa. You undertake a second contrasting placement in another school during the Spring term.

We would be very interested to hear from you if you are thinking of becoming a teacher. We are looking for people who have (or will have) a degree, have a passion for teaching and want to inspire young people to fulfil their potential. If you would like to find out more, please contact Dawn Chapman at dawn@exeterconsortium.com. Visit www.exeterconsortium.com or phone us for an informal chat on 01392 927171

Prayer

Lord, I let go of the worries, resentments and fears
that I can sometimes hold on to so tightly.
Let me open my hands and my heart to receive freely
All the gifts that I need at this time.



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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 C



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