



# St Nicholas Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter 23rd September 2022

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**St Nicholas School is committed to safeguarding children.**

Designated Child Protection Lead: Miss K Reynolds

Deputy Child Protection Leads: Mrs D Sparkes & Mrs C Blatchford

Named Governors for Child Protection: Mrs F Dennehy and Mr J Cookson

### Head of School's News

The term has got off to a flying start! The children are already working really hard and taking real pride in the work that they produce. Our display boards are filling up with the most thoughtful and beautifully produced work. We are, for the first time in a number of years, offering a range of enrichment activities such as lego, skipping and art clubs. A letter was sent out giving a yearly overview. Individual teachers will send out details of their clubs and how children can access them as the time comes for their clubs to begin.

#### Book of Remembrance for Queen Elizabeth

We have all been saddened by the death of her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth the second. As a mark of respect and an acknowledgement of her dedication, we have decided to produce a book of remembrance. All children across the school have made a contribution in the form of art work, prayers or reflections. Miss Nicky is working to bring the work together in a book which will be displayed centrally once completed.

#### Lost property

Our lost property collection seems to grow incredibly quickly! I know that lost jumpers, coats and other items can be a really expensive frustration. Please ensure that all school items have names on them so that staff can return lost items to the children as they find them. We have also decided to move all lost property into the Bickleigh room where children will be able to access it to look for their missing belongings. This is to ensure that our reception area remains a tidy and welcoming environment. To reduce the amount of lost property we have in the school, every three weeks on a Friday we will display it on tables on the playground for parents to look through. We will do this for the first time today and we will keep you updated through parentmail as to when lost property will be available to look through.

#### Staff news

We would like to thank Mrs Peatt who has been teaching Rougemont class on a temporary basis while we sought to recruit a permanent member of staff. She has done a great job at settling the children of Rougemont into the new school year and getting them started with their learning.

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Mullane, an experienced KS2 teacher, will join the St Nicholas team on the 3rd October, teaching in Rougemont. She will be spending the day with us on Tuesday 27th September to enable the children to get to know her a little and to meet Rougemont parents as they collect at the end of the day.

### Information

<b>6th October</b>	Parents Evening 3.30 - 6pm
<b>10th October</b>	World Mental Health Awareness Day
<b>11th October</b>	Parents Evening 3.30 - 6pm
<b>13th October</b>	Harvest Liturgy led by Lydford 2.15pm

**Living and Learning in Spirit and in Truth**

## Disciples of the week - *Well done to you all!*

<b>Compton</b>	Lissy / Victor	<b>Okehampton</b>	Mia / Cleo
<b>Plympton</b>	Nathan	<b>Lydford</b>	Olivia / Maddison
<b>Berry Pomeroy</b>	Tessa / Robbie	<b>Dartmouth</b>	Martina
<b>Totnes</b>	Bonnie / Matilda	<b>Drogo</b>	Whole Class
<b>Kingswear</b>	Amelia	<b>Powderham</b>	Whole Class
<b>Rougemont</b>	Andrea	<b>Nursery</b>	Whole Class

## Information

### Nursery

We have spaces in our Nursery for 3 and 4 year old children. We offer the local authority 15 hours funding as well as the extended 30 hour funding for eligible families. We would be delighted to show prospective parents our Nursery in action and to answer any questions they may have about joining our school community. Please contact Mrs Brocksom ([abrocksom@stnics.uk](mailto:abrocksom@stnics.uk) / 01392 445403 option 4) to arrange a visit or to find out more.

### Reception Tours - Reception Class 2023

Open Days for prospective parents of children entering Reception in 2023 will be held at 9.30am and 6pm on 9th and 10th November. Please contact Mrs Brocksom (see above) to book a place and to find out more information

### Parent's Evenings

You will soon receive a link via Parentmail to book a Parent's Evening appointment. Please note that the booking window for both dates is from **26th September to 5th October**. After this date bookings or amendments will need to be made through the Office.

## News

### Roald Dahl Day



Thank you to everyone for participating in Roald Dahl day last Friday!

The children were involved in finding the characters hidden around the school, listening to lots of Roald Dahl stories in their phases and there have been some amazing pictures of Roald Dahl characters ready for the competition. (If you can't see yours, please don't worry - these are just a sample!) The pictures will form part of a display in our school library.

We also raised over £50 for the Dahl charity so thank you all for your generosity. The raffle will be drawn and the prizes given tomorrow in celebration assembly.

Thank you again! Happy reading!

## PTA

Be part of something amazing!

With your help, potential PTA events this year:

- School Discos
- Christmas Party
- Easter Fun Run
- Summer Social

It would be great to be able to get some PTA events lined up for the children this year.

We will be holding an AGM in October (date TBC), where we will hopefully be voting in the new PTA Committee, so if you are interested in joining the meeting, or becoming an active member of the PTA, please fill out the following form and we will be in touch!

[PTA sign up form](#)

Being part of the PTA is a great opportunity to meet like minded parents, help decide what events are to be arranged, as well as, gives you a chance to have a say how the funds raised are spent, to enrich the children's experiences. It's so rewarding, especially when you get feedback from your own children telling you how the event you've just helped put together 'was the best, most fun event EVER!'.

We really hope to hear from you soon, so we can get the ball rolling on some fun times for the children and SAVE THE PTA from folding!

## Community News

### Health for Teens and Health for Kids Websites

DCC Public Health Nursing has launched two new websites to provide school age children and their parents/carers with health and wellbeing advice. The websites, developed with Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust, include evidenced based national content which has been co-designed with parents, carers, children and young people as well as locally written content and information about Devon services.

[Health for Kids](#) provides information for primary school aged children and includes games, videos and quizzes. The site consists of four different worlds: Staying Healthy, Illness, Feelings and Getting Help. Each world is populated with different areas for children to learn about their health.

There is a separate area for [grown-ups](#) for in-depth guidance and localised information ([www.healthforkids.co.uk/devon](http://www.healthforkids.co.uk/devon))

[Health for Teens](#) provides information and advice for young people, including videos, listicles, quizzes, health information, truths and rumours. There are several different sections ranging from feelings, health, lifestyle, relationships and growing up. There is also a 'your area' section which includes information on Devon services and advice from local practitioners ([www.healthforteens.co.uk/devon](http://www.healthforteens.co.uk/devon)).



## Brand new classes coming to Exeter

| Respect | Discipline | Self Defence  
| Confidence | Structure and FUN

**For children aged 4+**  
**First lesson is FREE**  
**£5.00 per lesson**

Master Tony Butcher (5th Dan),  
has been a full time instructor for  
over 10 years and owned 3 clubs  
with over 380 students before  
moving to Devon.

Friendly and welcoming, the classes  
have a mixture of discipline with fun,  
training in all the different aspects  
of Taekwondo

Junior Dragons (4-7 years) 5.00-6.00pm / Intermediate Class (aged 8+) 6.00-7.15pm

**Mondays** (First class on 3rd October)  
Alphington Village Hall, Ide Lane, Alphington, Exeter, EX2 8UP

**Thursdays** (First class on 22nd September)  
Whipton Community Association, Pinhoe Road, Exeter, EX4 8AD

Please contact Tony on: **07890 450568**  
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**LIBRARY**



**WE'RE READING  
THIS ONE!**



**HOT  
DIGGITY!**

**Libraries  
Unlimited**

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American accents?  
Do YOU want to  
hear stories read  
aloud IN an  
American accent??  
**YOU'RE IN LUCK!**  
**EXETER LIBRARY**  
**HAS**  
**AN AMERICAN**  
**THAT CAN**  
**READ!\***

Read Aloud for Kids at  
Exeter Library  
Every Thursday in November  
4pm-5:30pm  
Ages 7 to 13, no booking required

\*As an American, I hereby authorise this joke

## Prayer

We bless you,  
God of Seed and Harvest  
And we bless each other  
That the beauty of this world  
And the love that created it  
Might be expressed though our lives  
And be a blessing to others  
Now and always  
AMEN

