

St Nicholas Catholic Primary School Newsletter

4th October 2019



*Living and Learning in
Spirit and in Truth*

Disciple of the Week

Compton - Ben
Plympton - Neve
Berry Pomeroy - Alisha
Totnes - Freya
Okehampton - Lexi
Lydford - Andrea
Dartmouth - Ivy
Plympton - Olivia
Berry Pomeroy - Rebecca
Totnes - Ellie-Mai
Dartmouth - Isaac
Powderham - Bonnie
Well done to you all!



Disciple of the Week is awarded to the child in each class who has been a good example of the Gospel Value for that week. Their name and the reason why they were nominated will be written on a colourful Christian fish symbol and added to our Gospel Values Display in the atrium area. At the end of every half term, the children will be able to take their fish home.



Diary Dates

October	
4 th	Harvest Liturgy led by Compton 9.15am
6 th	School led mass at Blessed Sacrament 10.45am
8 th	Flu Vaccinations Yr R - 6
15 th	Yr 1/2 Trip to Seaton Jurassic
21 – 28	Half term

Headteacher: Mrs A Folland

Headteacher's News

As you can see from the newsletter – our 'Stars of the week' are now 'Disciples of the week'! We have made some changes to our Monday morning liturgies and are using the 9 Gospel Values of our Academy Trust to explore how we can be missionaries in our own community.

Well done to all those children who have already been fabulous disciples!

Please do come and join us at Blessed Sacrament at 10.45 on Sunday 7th to help lead our half termly parish Mass – all families welcome.

Information

Staffing

On 18th October Sarah Beach, our Pastoral Support Worker is retiring. Mrs Beach has been a highly valued member of the St Nicholas Team for **24 years**. She has played an enormous role in caring for some of our most vulnerable children over the years and been a huge support for families in distress or difficulties. Her warmth, generosity and very practical problem solving have been gifts that have blessed our community for many years. With heartfelt thanks and love we wish her every blessing for her retirement.

We are delighted to advise that Mrs Frappart is expecting her first baby. She will be leaving us at the end of the Autumn term to start her maternity leave. We are currently in the process of recruiting a teacher to teach Okehampton Class while she is away. Catherine Gaukroger, a member of the Teaching Assistant team, has left us RD5WAZ \005A this week. We thank her for her hard work and dedication during the time she has been with us.

Calpol

Please note that if your child needs Calpol in school you must supply this yourself and complete a green form. We only provide the Calpol on a residential trip or if it is for emergency use.

Reception 2020

We are giving tours for prospective parents for Reception 2020 entry on Tuesday 19th November at 9am and 6pm. Please contact Ali to book a place (abrocksom@stnics.uk / 01392 445403 ext 222).

Calendar

You should have all received calendars for the year. If not please come to the office. **Please note on your calendars that 24th February 2020 is also a non-pupil day as this was an omission.**

OPAL

Thank you to all the parents who have donated loose parts. We are excitedly awaiting the arrival of our new storage shed so that the children can have access to all of these every lunchtime. In the mean time we have set up a new gravel pit for construction and sensory play which is proving very popular!

Devon Wildlife Trust



The KS1 children have been working with Devon Wildlife Trust this week. The children in Dartmouth class are pictured here enjoying their outdoor learning sessions run by The Devon Wildlife Trust.

They were working in teams to create a habitat for a dinosaur, ensuring it has shelter, food and water!

Safeguarding



Denise Sparkes is now our Designated Safeguarding Office for the school and is responsible for Child Protection within the school. Any concerns you may have should go to her (dsarkes@stncls.uk). It is Mrs Sparkes' duty and responsibility to pass on to outside agencies any concerns that a pupil is being harmed or may be at risk of being harmed. This may result in a referral to Children and Young People's Services

Deputy Safeguarding Officers:

Angela Folland, Executive Headteacher (head@stncls.uk)
 Kelli Reynolds, Deputy Headteacher (kreynolds@stncls.uk)
 Charlie Follows, After School Club Playleader (cfollows@stncls.uk)
 Anna Griss, Breakfast Club Playleader (agriss@stncls.uk)
 Jodie Pym, Breakfast and After School Club (jpym@stncls.uk)

- If you are concerned about a child's welfare please record your concern and report to a Designated Lead immediately.
- If your concerns relate to the actions of a member of staff please report this to the Deputy Headteacher, Kelli Reynolds or Executive Headteacher, Angela Folland.
- If your concerns relate to the actions of the Headteacher please contact our Chair of Governors, Luke Robinson (lrobinson@stncls.uk).

Alfie Update

We have renamed the grassy area at the front of the school 'Alfie's Garden' as this is where he goes to play during the day. At lunchtime he sometimes plays ball with a few children, supervised by Ali.



He is meeting more and more children every day and loves the attention. You will also sometimes see him on the gate, greeting you as you come to school.

He is also doing very well at puppy classes.

Berry Pomeroy Learning Assembly



Well done to Berry Pomeroy Class who led the whole school assembly this week. In our Learning Journey we have been studying 'What is a city' to find out more about Exeter, how it compares to other cities in England and how it has changed over time.

Parish and Community News

School led Mass, Sunday 6th October, 10:45 Blessed Sacrament

All are welcome to come to our first School led Mass this term. There are lots of different ways the children can participate. Please email Mrs Quinn (mquinn@stncls.uk), by Thursday 3rd October, if your child can attend.

Children will be greeted by Mrs Quinn and Mrs Folland at the front of church where the children will sit together. Please bring your children in their school uniform. We look forward to seeing you there!

Film Night - Friday October 4th 7pm

Richard Reynolds Room, Blessed Sacrament Church, Exeter

Are you confused about climate change? Do you wonder what difference anything you can do will make? Come along to our free showing of the film Global Healing and hear from scientists, priests, sisters and theologians about the climate emergency and how we can care for our common home. Tea and coffee provided.

Dr. Shirley Larkin, Director of Doctoral Studies, University of Exeter

Prayer

We give you our school. We give you all the teachers and staff who work here,

We give you all the children who study here. We pray our school would be place of great discovery, adventure and creativity.

May it be a place where we love to learn and where we learn to love, A place where everyone is respected and all are deeply valued. We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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St Nicholas School is committed to safeguarding children.

Designated Child Protection Lead: **Mrs Denise Sparkes** Deputy Child Protection Leads: Mrs A Folland, Miss K Reynolds, Miss C Follows and Miss R Reynolds. Named Governor for Child Protection: Mrs Lucy Wills



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