

# St Nicholas Catholic Primary School Newsletter

25<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Headteacher: Mrs A Folland



*Living and Learning in  
Spirit and in Truth*

## Stars of the Week

Aaron Jones  
Chelsey da Rocha Lima  
Floryn Tiacoh  
Oscar Zumfelde  
Lucy Thomas  
Frazer Turner  
Eva Taylor  
Ruben Chacko  
Connor Carolan  
Martha Curry  
Charlie Crampton  
Lizzie Robinson  
Chloe Carolan  
Rosie-Lee Smith  
Tessa Jomon

Well done to you all!



## Headteacher's News

Today we have welcomed Christine Quinn, Regional School's Commissioner for the South West and 4 of her officers, to St Nicholas. She visited alongside Matthew Barnes, the school's new Education and Standards Manager for Plymouth CAST, to look at the work we have been doing to raise standards.

The RSC did a learning walk around the school and then met with myself and Governors for discussions about the school. It was a really positive meeting and she was pleased with the school's work.

We hope the sun shines for you all over half term and look forward to seeing you back on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June.

## Information

### Reminder

Children **may not** be left in the playground unsupervised before 8.30am. If your child is left unsupervised we will have to put them into Breakfast Club and you will incur a charge of £3.

### Nursery Charges

With effect from September, additional hours in the Nursery will be charged at £4.06 per hour. This is a rise of only 4p per hour and is in line with the funding we receive from Devon County Council.

### Bus Tickets

We would appreciate parents using Parentpay to buy bus Travelcards as this considerably cuts down the admin time needed to process a cash purchase.

### School Meals from September 2018

From September 2018 there will be a change to the way parents/carers purchase school meals. After many years of using the now old fashioned school dinner ticket system we are moving to a new system in September. Universal free school meals will still operate for pupils in Reception to Year 2.

### How will this work?

The new dinner payments system is part of Parentpay, a system that you already use. You will be able to use your current log in but instead of buying books of tickets you will pay in and create a balance from which your child's meal will be deducted on a daily basis. You can therefore pay in as much as you would like.

Under the new system you will also be able to log in and see which option your child has chosen and you can set up and receive a free email when your balance falls below an amount of your choice.

### How this will affect you?

Please note that we will **not** be accepting dinner tickets in September and therefore we recommend that you check how many tickets you have at home and if you need to buy tickets only buy the number you will need to the end of term (Wednesday 25th July). We will of course be selling part books for the last week of term and there will be no minimum purchase. The ability to purchase tickets will be removed on Friday 20th July and from Monday 23rd July you will be able to pay funds in to the new system for September.

Please note that paying by Parentpay is the preferred method of paying for school meals and all parents are required to register for this new system. Parentpay is available online and very easy to use on a computer or with smartphone or tablet. If you require an activation code and / or assistance in setting up your account or even using the system please see Kate in the office who will be more than happy to help you.



## Diary Dates

May	
28 – 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Half term
June	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 3/4 Swim school starts
10 <sup>th</sup>	School led mass Blessed Sacrament Church 10.30am
11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 6 Residential Kilve
21 <sup>st</sup>	Learning Assembly led by Rougemont 9am
22 <sup>nd</sup>	PTA Summer Fayre
26 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day 9.30am

**British Values** 

I am sure that many of you watched the wedding and listened to the fantastic sermon by The Most Rev Bishop Michael Curry. In his sermon he referred to love as 'power. Real power. Power to change the world.' What a wonderful statement to make to our country!

Our children are the future; our school is a wonderful mix of cultures, backgrounds, experiences and gifts. Based on love, we encourage and develop in our children the ability to value everyone's contribution and everyone's gifts to make our world a better place.

**Prayer / Reflection**

**Consciousness**

Knowing that God loves me unconditionally I look honestly over the last day, its events and my feelings.

Do I have something to be grateful for? Then I give thanks.

Is there something I am sorry for? Then I ask forgiveness.



**Devon County Show and Half Marathon**

Well done to all the children who represented the school in the choir at the Devon County Show on Friday and running the half marathon on Sunday. Also, a big thank you very much to the parents who were helpers, runners and supporters! Photos are on the school website and Facebook.



**Job Vacancy**

We have a vacancy for an additional Bus Supervisor to supervise the children on the bus to / from St Peters each morning and afternoon - 1.5 hours per day. It will be paid at the Living Wage - £8.25 per hour. For more information and an application form please contact Ali in the office (abrocksom@stncs.uk) / 445403 ext 222.

**Parish and Community News**

**Would you like to explore and come to a deeper appreciation of what the Eucharist is?**

If so, come along to parish and school group which will meet for 6 consecutive Friday's at St Nicholas School from 9:00-10:15 beginning on Friday 8th June. This group, along with other groups across our Exeter Catholic parishes, is meeting in preparation for the Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool in September. There will be time for prayer, reflection and friendly discussion each week. If you would like to join us, please email Maria Quinn ([mquinn@stncs.uk](mailto:mquinn@stncs.uk)) or let Josie know in the office.

**Sainsbury's Active Kids**

There is a brand new Sainsbury's Active Kids holiday club scheme. During the summer holidays, Sainsbury's will be hosting more than 20 clubs for children aged from 5 to 15. The clubs will run all day and give children the chance to try a wide range of activities in a safe environment, at an affordable price for parents. The holiday clubs will run in schools around the UK throughout the summer holiday. The clubs will run all day, Monday to Friday, and are open to children between the ages of 5 and 15 years, at a cost of £7.50 per child, per day. With a wide range of activities throughout the day such as sport, dance, and arts and crafts there's something every child will enjoy.

The clubs will be hosted by our partners Premier Education, who are fully trained and accredited. To find out more, including a list of participating schools and FAQs, click on <https://activekids.sainsburys.co.uk>. Thank you for your support with Active Kids. Together we have made a real difference to children's lives. We hope the trial of our Active Kids holiday club scheme continues to encourage children to lead healthy, happy and balanced lifestyles.

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

Designated Child Protection Officer: **Mrs Angela Folland** Deputy Child Protection Officers: Mrs L Stone, Mrs S Beach, Mrs D Sparkes, Miss C Follows and Miss R Reynolds. Named Governor for Child Protection: Mrs Lucy Wills

