

# St Nicholas Catholic Primary School Newsletter

17<sup>th</sup> March 2017



*Living and Learning in Spirit and in Truth*

## Stars of the Week

Freya Ryan  
 Michael Pylypiak-Clancy  
 Toby Crowe  
 Jillana Sajonia  
 William Thomas  
 Merry Kember  
 Elliott Berriman-Green  
 Daria Solomonow  
 Zofia Bietnewska  
 Laura Miller  
 Matilda Chacko  
 Tylia Trump  
 Shon Thomas  
 Georgia Morrell  
 Zivah Taylor  
 Sam Cake  
 Abel Tom  
 Daniele Beltrame  
 Deborah Ijeh  
 Lexi Butt  
 Kaya Jankowska  
**Well done to you all!**



## Diary Dates

March	
20 <sup>th</sup>	Class Assembly led by Compton 9am
21 <sup>st</sup>	New Nursery Welcome talk 9.00am
24 <sup>th</sup>	Red Nose Day – Hats and Cakes
26 <sup>th</sup>	Mothering Sunday
28 <sup>th</sup>	Supper of the Lord Liturgy led by Plympton 9.15am
28 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup>	Parent's Evenings 4.00 – 6.30pm
31 <sup>st</sup>	Way of the Cross Liturgy 9.15am
31 <sup>st</sup>	Break up for Easter Holidays

Headteacher: Mrs A Folland

## Headteacher's News

Parent's Evening appointments are now available – please make sure you book an appointment to see the progress your child has made this term.

We are very pleased overall with the progress children are making this year in reading, writing and maths. When you come for your appointment please do visit the classroom and ask your child to show you their books. Questions you could ask your child (we ask them during pupil conferencing) are:

- Show me something you are proud of
- Show me something you found challenging
- Show me where you think you've made progress
- What do you think you need to do next to get even better?

Thank you to the children and families who led our Mass at Sacred Heart last week; there were many positive comments from parishioners about your contribution.

## Information

### Lost Rabbit



**I'm lost! Please come to claim me!  
It is very nice in the Office and they are looking after me really well but I miss my real home!**

### Choir at Exeter Racecourse



Our choir were asked to sing at Exeter Racecourse to open a Plymouth CAST meeting for Heads, Governors and Board members. They were a credit to the school and sang a range of songs beautifully.

They received much applause from all attending. More photos and videos are on the website.

### Dropping Off

Please note that children may **not** be dropped off and left unsupervised before 8.30am unless they are in Breakfast Club.

### Reading Millionaires



Congratulations to our reading Millionaires Leo, Albin and Alex who have all read over 1,000,000 words from books in our library on the Accelerated Reader Scheme. Well done to them all.

### British Values

Respect for others is a key British Value – helping children to understand the world beyond them is so important.

CAFOD led our Monday assembly this week; raising the children's understanding of how farmers around the world can benefit from small investments to help them to start fish farms to feed their families and buy modern tools to make farming easier.

### Yr 1 Gymnastics

We use part of our Sports Premium funding to buy PE support from Mr Upston from St Luke's High School. Yr 1 had a fantastic afternoon in the hall this week learning how to use the gym equipment. See the website for some photos of Dartmouth Class enjoying their session.



### Weekly Reflection

*Take our bodies, O Christ, to do your work; for here on earth you have no body now but ours.*

*Take our hands to be your hands, and our feet to walk in the ways of your feet.*

*Take our eyes to be the eyes of your own compassion, shining out in a troubled world; for your own mercies' sake.*

*Amen.*

*Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)*

### Forcefield Safeguarding Guide

There is a new resource on the school website under Parent's Links / SEN & Safeguarding Parent's links. It is **The Ultimate Guide to Safe Social Media App settings** and goes through how you can activate safe settings for all social media sites that your children may use. Surprisingly, many social networks have default settings that actually expose kids to strangers and bullying, which is why it's critical for parents to know which social networks they need to adjust and how to do it.

### Parent's Evening

You can now book your Parent's Evening appointments on Parentmail for the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> March from 4.00 – 6.30pm. Mrs Harding will also be available if you wish to see her on this day. Please call Josie in the Office if you wish to make an appointment with her.

### Red Nose Day – 24<sup>th</sup> March

Children are invited to wear a funny hat in return for a donation for Red Nose Day. It is **NOT** a non-uniform day – children are expected to wear uniform. In addition we are holding a cake sale and would welcome donations of cakes on that morning.

### Parish and Community News

#### Autism: Understand, Support, Thrive

BIS-net introduces our first ever intensive, immersion parent training event!

INTRODUCTORY RATE - £200 for a 5 day Ticket

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 9:30am - 2:30pm

To book your place head to [www.bis-net.org.uk](http://www.bis-net.org.uk) / Direct Line - 077515068494

Switchboard - 01392 360645 / Email - [sam.h@cedaonline.ork.uk](mailto:sam.h@cedaonline.ork.uk)

After the success and feedback of our 1 and 2 day parent workshops, we wanted to run something that would allow us to spend enough time with parents to ensure they came away with a real sense of understanding and confidence. You will have the opportunity to embed the learning and make genuine life changing differences to the family. This first course has some specific requirements and will only have 10 places available to allow for a more individualised approach for those attending. All attendee's must meet the following requirements:

\* Have a child with an Autism diagnosis between the ages of 0 - 10.

\* All days need to be attended

\* A 2/5 minute video of you interacting with your child will be required before the course starts - a trainer will contact you regarding this.

This course looks to significantly increase parents understanding of not only Autism, but specifically their own child and situation. Autism is a spectrum of individuals with different needs, strengths and challenges. This course aims to make the parents feel more like the expert where their child is involved, by helping them connect many of the ideas and research around Autism to their own child.

The course will run from 9:30am until 2:30pm each day from our training venue in Marsh Barton. Lunch is not provided, however a good selection of refreshments and snacks will be.

### Exeter Careers Fayre

For Students from the Exeter Area Looking to Find their Career Pathway.

Exeter Consortium and St James School are hosting a careers fair on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017 from 4pm – 7pm. We would like to invite you to this event which is open to all students, parents and carers in the Exeter area and will be particularly relevant to years 9, 10, 11 and Post 16. However, year 6 students from local primary schools are welcome if they would find it useful. The aim of the event is to give students the opportunity to gather information, explore options on their doorstep and beyond, to attain knowledge and help shape decision making for their future subject choices. There will be "hands on" advice and workshops, such as CV writing, interview technique and even some practical demonstrations to "whet the appetite." For more information call

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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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