

St Nicholas Catholic Primary School Newsletter

13th September 2019

Executive Head: Mrs A Folland Deputy Head: Miss K Reynolds



*Living and Learning in
Spirit and in Truth*

Disciple of the Week

Compton
Plympton - Clara
Berry Pomeroy - Luciana
Totnes - Ellie
Kingswear - Bethany
Rougemont - Chloe
Okehampton - Isla
Lydford - Cormac
Dartmouth - Macie
Drogo - Jacob
Powderham - Roman
Nursery - Daisy-May
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	
1 st	9.00am Learning Assembly led by Berry Pomeroy
4 th	9.15am Harvest Liturgy led by Compton
6 th	10.45am School led mass Blessed Sacrament
8 th	Flu Vaccinations
21 st	Half Term

Headteacher's News

Welcome back! It is lovely to see everyone ready for the new school year. We are very happy to welcome all the new children and families who have joined us; we are sure that you will settle in quickly and feel part of the St Nicholas community. We would also like to welcome our school therapy dog, Alfie. Many of you have already been to say hello and he has quickly become a member of our school family.

The children are looking very smart this week; please help them to keep this going by ensuring they have the

correct school uniform, including their PE kits.

A new school year brings lots of new initiatives. We are particularly excited about the development of our outside grounds through OPAL which will improve outdoor play and learning for all of our pupils.

We enjoy strong and positive relationships with you as parents and look forward to working with you over the year ahead for our children.

Information

Welcome

We welcome our new families to the school. We also welcome new members of staff Kim Wathen, Maths Leader and Class Teacher in Plympton and Jo Dew-Jones who teaches in Berry Pomeroy Class 2 days a week

Asthma Inhalers

If your child uses an asthma inhaler please ensure that one is brought in to be kept in school. You will also need to complete a green form (obtainable from Reception).

OPAL

Please see the Parentmail sent out on Thursday afternoon regarding OPAL and the exciting changes we are making to our outdoor space. We are collecting many following items now including Small world toys such as animals, dinosaurs/people/superhero figures etc; Small world vehicles such as cars, trucks, diggers, trains etc; Lego; Soft toys; Children's Space Hoppers; Kitchen pots, pans, baking trays, work tables, wooden spoons, chopping boards; Kitchen appliances (oven, microwave, kettle) like spades, trowels and brooms; Tubes of various sizes and various materials; Buckets; Nets and ropes; Road signs and cones; Fabric (large sheets/brightly coloured fabric); Tools like spades, trowels and brooms; Wooden or plastic pallets; Tyres (bike, motorbike, car, van or tractor!); Plastic milk crates; Guttering; Noodles (the type you use in the swimming pool!); Pegs (to help to set up dens); Any items would be very gratefully received.

Flu Vaccinations – Reception to Yr 6 on 8th October

Please make sure you have read the Parentmail and completed the online consent form if you wish your child/ren to receive the Flu Vaccination in school. The link is <https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2019/devon>

New Visitor System

From next week we will have a new visitor system in the office which will replace the signing in book for visitors and also the children's signing in and out book.

Scooters

Scooter storage will be moved to the bike shed rather than outside classrooms and that is where all scooters and bikes are now to be stored. Also a gentle reminder that scooters and bikes are not to be ridden on the playground and football is not to be played before or after school.

Safeguarding

We would like to remind you of some aspects of our school safeguarding policy which keeps our children safe. Please note these points and adhere to them.

- Mobile phones may not be used in school by parents. You may take a call if you are in the Reception area but if you in the main building you should not be on your phone and you may be challenged by a member of staff.
- Children who bring mobile phones into school must bring them to the Office by 9am to be kept in the safe until the end of the day. If they are found in bags they will be confiscated until the end of the day.
- A number of children are now wearing watches that have the ability to take photos. These are not to be worn in school and will also be confiscated and kept in the school safe until the end of the day.
- At any school events you may of course take photos of your child. However if the photos include other children these photos may not be posted publically on your social media accounts.
- Please remember we are a nut free school as we have a number of children with severe allergies.

We thank you for your help in keeping our children safe. If you wish to discuss any aspects of this email please contact head@stncls.uk.

Alfie Update



Alfie has settled into school brilliantly. He runs into school in the morning and greets everyone he sees. He is very happy to sleep in his crate under Ali's desk or in his bed in the main office. He has already started to work and play with a few children during the day for short periods of time. During the day he exercises on the grassy area in front of the school near the bike racks. At lunchtime we will set up a rota for small groups of children to play with him after lunch. Please make sure that you have completed the form on Parentmail to give your child permission to do this (if they wish to) or alternatively email Ali (abrocksom@stncls.uk) to give permission for your child/ren.

Prayer

We thank you for our school, Lord

We thank you that we are back together.

We thank you for our school, Lord

We thank you for the new pupils and staff that have joined us.

Thank you for our school, Lord

We thank you for everyone here.

We thank you for this new start, Lord,

We thank you for our future. Amen

Parish and Community News

'Wednesday Word' for families is a resource which helps children to understand and engage with the theme of Mass each Sunday. A free sample copy was sent home this week. I encourage you to spend some time enjoying this with your family. If this is something that you would like to receive each week, please contact me (mquinn@stncls.uk) and the parishes will be happy to pay for your weekly subscription.

'Wednesday Word' for adults

Would you like to be more fully open to God's Word and God's personal message for you? 'Wednesday Word' is a resource available for any adult who wishes to understand God's message in the bible. It specifically focuses on the upcoming Sunday Gospel so also allows Catholic adults to prayerfully prepare for Sunday Mass by reading and reflecting on the Gospel in a friendly and supportive group setting. It's both an opportunity to deepen and feed your faith within a friendly and supportive group setting.

If you would be interested in coming to a weekly group meeting at school, please let me know by Friday 20th September. It would be possible to meet at school on a Wednesday or Thursday morning from 8:45-9:45 or a Thursday/Friday between 2:00-3:00. There will be coffee, tea and pastries! I will also be running a group meeting every Wednesday afternoon from 2:00-3:00 in the Blessed Sacrament Church's parish hall (Richard Reynolds Center) beginning Wednesday 2nd October. You are most welcome!

Thank you,

Maria Quinn, School and Parish Chaplain

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St Nicholas School is committed to safeguarding children.

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