

St Nicholas Catholic Primary School Newsletter

9th February 2017

Headteacher: Mrs A Folland



*Living and Learning in
Spirit and in Truth*

Stars of the Week

Toby Gibson
Albie Ebdon
Eve Yau
Finlay Hayman
Tina Ijeh
Summer Rich
Saffron Heale
Megan Eslick-Garcia
Jack Lovell
Louis Williamson
Joseph Daniel-Loughran
Lexi Sampson

Well done to you all!



Diary Dates

February	
10 th – 20 th	Half Term including 2 non pupil days.
21 st	Children return to school
27 th	Class assembly led by Dartmouth 9.00am
28 th	Parent's Maths workshop 6pm
March	
1 st	Ash Wednesday liturgy led by Okehampton 9.15am
2 nd	World Book Day (more details to follow)
8 th	EYFS Stay and Play 8.50 – 9.50am

Headteacher's News

We teach children to have great pride in their presentation both in their books and of themselves. Thank you to all parents who have now ensured their children are wearing the correct uniform. The children are proud of their school and always tell me they want to be the *best* school in Exeter. The uniform demonstrates a sense of community belonging and

pride and your contribution to these high expectations is vital.

Safeguarding notice: As of Tuesday 21st February any child bringing a mobile phone to school **must** bring it to the office for safekeeping. This is to keep the phone safe from damage and misuse and the children safe from phone misuse.

Information

School Vacancies Cleaner

Devon Norse currently have a vacancy for a Cleaner for 15 hours a week 41 weeks. Hourly pay is £7.20ph - uniform and training are provided. Please contact **Mike** on **01392 351160** or **07884 118795** or call in to the school office for application form.

St Nicholas School also have 2 vacancies as follows:-

Meal Time Assistant 11.30am – 1.15pm per day on Monday and Fridays only. This is a temporary vacancy until 31/8/17.

Additional School Bus Supervisor Monday to Friday 8.15am – 8.45am and 3.00pm – 3.45pm. To register and transport children between St Peter's and St Nicholas School. This is a temporary position attached to the provision of the bus service.

Plymouth CAST are a Living Wage employer and you will receive £8.25 per hour for each of these two jobs. For more information please email Ali on paslt@stnics.uk.

Science Exhibition



We held a science exhibition on Tuesday at the Open Classroom event and displayed the work the children have completed over this half term. More photos are on the website of their hard work on some very interesting topics.

Yr 1/2 Trip to the Underground Passages

Yr 1/2 visited the Exeter underground passages last week.

Asia said "it was dark and scary".

Bennett said "it was tiny but slimy".

William said "it was dark and spooky and thin".

Alice said "there were lots of puddles and we saw a pipe in the museum".

Chloe said "it was bumpy but I did enjoy it".

Marc said "it was creepy and wet and made out of stone".

Elliot said "We wore hard hats so that we did not hurt our heads".

Deborah said "it had pebbles and was dark. I bumped my head because I was too tall".

British Values

Don't forget that during Lent, Mustard Seeds will be selling Fairtrade products to the children at break-time. With the support of CAFOD, we will be exploring the theme of Fairtrade during *Fairtrade Fortnight* and working together to sell products that benefit people around the world.



Congratulations to Mr Hadden and his wife Jess on the birth of their son, Sefton Boaz Hadden (8lbs 3oz), on the 8th February at 2.53pm.

PTA

St. Nicholas Catholic Primary School

disco
Fri 10th March

hotdogs
sweets
drinks
glow bands

Children in Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 2
5.30 - 6.30pm

Children in Years 3 - 6
6.45 - 8pm

£1.50 PER CHILD

Parents must accompany and remain with their child/ren for the duration of the event.

Parish and Community News

FREE EMG Symphony Orchestra Open Rehearsal

On Thursday 23rd February, EMG Symphony Orchestra and new Musical Director Leo Geyer invites you to glimpse "behind the scenes" and get a sneak preview of the orchestra's spring concert. This free event provides an opportunity to meet the players and sit in different parts of the room, enabling you to experience a rehearsal from the players' perspective! EMG's open rehearsals provide an accessible, friendly introduction to classical music, as well as a chance to see how the orchestra prepares for a public performance. The open rehearsal will focus on Gershwin's jazz-influenced symphonic poem *An American in Paris*, which features a wide range of percussion instruments including tuned taxi horns!

The open rehearsal will take place at 7.30pm on Thursday 23rd February at St Peter's School, Quarry Lane, Exeter, EX2 5AP. It is a free event, but all under-16s must be accompanied by an adult. For further information about EMG Symphony Orchestra, this event and tickets for our spring concert, please visit www.emgsymphonyorchestra.org, visit our Facebook page or follow us on Twitter.

Bramdean School Sports Bursaries

Bramdean School are offering a sporting bursary opportunity of up to a 50% reduction on fees dependent on ability for Yr 6 leavers this year. There are assessment days for Football and Rugby from 4-5pm and Cricket from 5-5.45pm on the 20th February, Netball from 4-4.45pm and Hockey from 5-5.45pm on the 23rd February. Please contact Bramdean if you are interested using info@bramdeanschool.com or come to our school office for a letter containing more information.

Exeter Music Holiday School are open this coming half term: 13th - 17th February 2017. 9am - 3.30pm (early drop off from 8am & late pick up available, additional cost applies). £25 per day or £100 for the week. 10% sibling discount available. Please call 07572 610742 / email exetermusicolidayschool@hotmail.com to book. www.exetermusicolidayschool.co.uk

Exeter Children's Orchestra

The Exeter Children's Orchestra (ECO) are having an **Open Day on Saturday 25th February at St Leonards Primary School**. Anybody can come along and join in from 10am - 12pm. We run a policy of "no scary auditions" and the music will be selected to enable everyone to join in. For those newer to music, we also have a separate **Junior Orchestra** from 11am - 12pm, so it would be great to also see those not as confident come along and join in too! Obviously everyone will need to bring their instruments with them, and a music stand is always helpful! Please see www.exeterchildrensorchestra.co.uk for more details.

Kodaly and Dacroze

One of our peripatetic music teachers, Rebecca Willson, runs a facebook page to promote the Kodaly and Dalcroze music education approaches in the area. To find out more please visit <https://m.facebook.com/KodalyDalcrozeDevon/>

Weekly Reflection

One day a wealthy father took his son on a trip to the country so that the son could see how the poor lived. They spent a day and a night at the farm of a very poor family. When they got back from their trip, the father asked his son, "How was the trip?" "Very good, Dad!" "Did you see how poor people can be?" "Yes!" "And what did you learn?" The son answered, "I saw that we have a dog at home, and they have four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of the garden; they have a creek that has no end. We have imported lamps in the house; they have the stars. Our patio reaches to the front yard; they have the whole horizon." When the little boy was finished, the father was speechless. His son then added, **"Thanks Dad for showing me how poor we are!"**

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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