



St Nicholas Catholic Primary School

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St Nicholas School is committed to safeguarding children.

Designated Child Protection Lead: Miss K Reynolds

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Named Governors for Child Protection: Mrs F Dennehy and Mr J Cookson

Head of School's News

It certainly feels like it has been an incredibly busy two weeks at St Nicholas with lots of exciting things going on for the children to enjoy. It has also been so lovely to have the sunshine back! I would just like to remind you all that until Easter the children should be in winter uniform (shirts and ties). Polo shirts and summer dresses can be worn after the Easter break.

St Patrick's day

The children of St Patrick's house family celebrated St Patrick's day by coming to school wearing green. At lunch time the hall was decorated in all things green which provided the children with the perfect environment for their special St Patrick's day lunch. The children then enjoyed some Irish themed activities including Irish dancing, Gaelic football and they also wrote a prayer on a shamrock.

Red nose day

Thank you all for your efforts and donations for Red Nose Day last Friday. The school was full of fabulous hats and we were able to raise some money for good causes.

Walk against hunger

Next week the children across the school will take part in a sponsored 'walk against hunger'. Our younger pupils will do their walk on our running track on the field. Our KS2 children will walk with their classes to Blessed Sacrament where they will meet with Father Jonathon and Mrs Quinn. Children are invited to bring in coins to help fill plastic eggs and one food bank donation which they will carry with them on their journey. All money raised will be donated to CAFOD. A separate parent mail has gone out giving more details of your child's walk against hunger event.

Information

Important Dates:

1st April	Sponsored Walk against Hunger
5th April	Supper of the Lord liturgy led by Plympton Class
6th April	PTA Summer Social Planning meeting 5.30pm (see below)
8th April	Way of the Cross liturgy Break up for Easter holiday
25th April	Return to School St George's Day - joint school liturgy

Disciples of the week			
Compton	Compton Class	Okehampton	Oscar / Tilly
Berry Pomeroy	Tianna / Freya	Lydford	Milo / Harrison
Plympton	Neve / Elliott	Dartmouth	Chloe / Linus
Totnes	Isla / Reggie	Drogo	Ella / George
Kingswear	Stefan / Eva	Nursery	Charlie / Juma
Rougemont	Neha / Cormac	<i>Well done to you all!</i>	

Information

Nursery charges

Please note that with effect from 25th April (start of Spring term) the Nursery charge for additional hours will go up to £4.30 per hour.

Job Vacancies

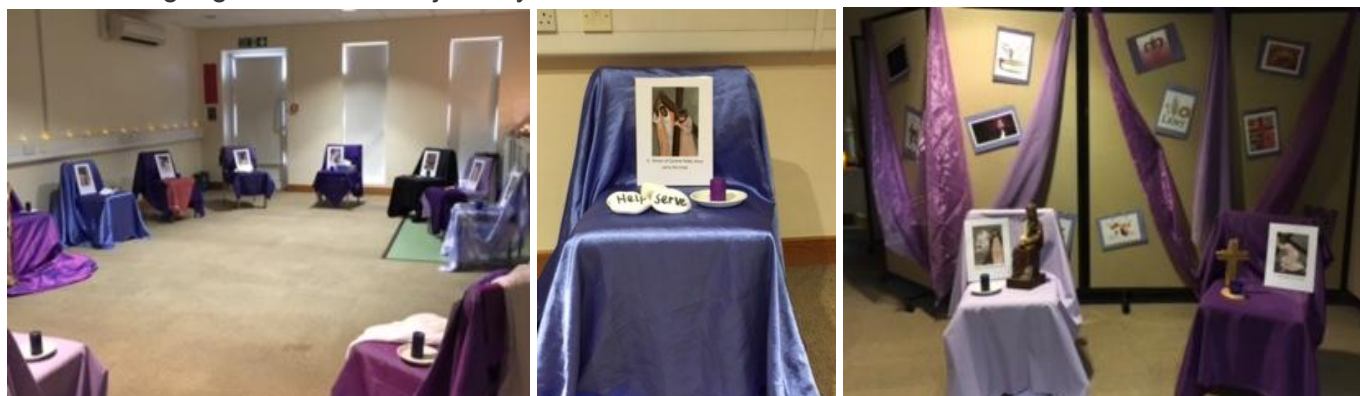
We currently have 2 MTA vacancies, one for 5 days and one for 3 days per week, 1.75 hours per day.

<https://www.devonjobs.gov.uk/customjobs/mealtime-assistants-2-posts-st-nicholas-catholic-primary-school-plymouth-cast> Please email Mrs Brocksom for more information and an application form.

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Way of the Cross

The Pupil Chaplains and Mustard Seeds children worked with Mrs Quinn this week to transform the Bickleigh Room into a prayer space for the Way of the Cross. Each class signed up to spend time praying and reflecting together on Jesus' journey to his death.



Author Visit

Key stage one had a visit this week from the local author Deborah Wellington who read her book 'The Animal Says...' to the children.

The children were very familiar with the book as they explored it as part of their reading sessions earlier this term. They were fascinated by a real author and couldn't believe that she writes AND illustrates her own books!



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Geography Visit



On Wednesday, Years 5 and 6 were visited by Kate Ponting who is part of the LORP (Lower Otter Restoration Project) team who are changing the environment at Budleigh Salterton and the River Otter.

They learnt about active conservation and land management in our local area.

They were exemplary role models for the school; they found the project really interesting and had lots of thoughtful questions.

PTA

Mother's Day Cream Tea Gift Boxes



Thanks so much to everyone who purchased a Cream Tea Gift Box. These will be passed to the children this afternoon to bring home with them. Congratulations to our 2 prize draw winners, who each won 2 day passes to Woodbury Park Health Club, at Woodbury Park Hotel, your passes will be sent home with your cream teas. Thank you to Ben at Woodbury Park, for donating the passes.

A big thank you to John Smith, the Community Champion at Exeter Tesco Extra, for donating the ingredients for the scones, with this kind gesture, together with discounts from Rodda's and your much

appreciated support, we have managed to raise a profit of £187, which helps us to continue to support future activities and equipment for the children at St Nicholas.

PTA 'Summer Social' Planning Meeting - 6th April @ 17:30pm

We are so pleased to be able to say, a Summer Social is looking optimistic and so it's time to get planning. Therefore, we are inviting you to join us on Wednesday 6th April at 17:30, for a planning meeting. You can RSVP here: [Summer Social PTA Meeting](#), or in the events section on your [Classlist](#) profile. If you cannot make it, but would like to be involved, whether it be to volunteer for half an hour at the Social, helping with planning, or general PTA things outside of the Social, please contact us at PTA@stnics.uk. Remember we need all the support we can get to make it happen!

Community News

Walk for Ukraine

Today OLSP in Teignmouth (our sister school) had a fundraising day to support those suffering in connection with the war in Ukraine. Poppy R and Isobel H, two year 6s at OLSP, have decided that they want to raise as much money as possible for Ukraine and in addition to what they are doing in school, they are also walking from OLSP to St Nicholas! They have chosen this to reflect the walk of the Ukrainian people across the border and are seeking sponsorship. They walked from Teignmouth to Starcross last weekend to practise. They are doing the actual walk during the Easter holidays and have asked me to share the JustGiving link to raise as much as they can. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/liz-hampton2>

The Big Exeter Sleep Out at Blessed Sacrament Church

Congratulations to Mrs Quinn, Fr Jonathan, Ola Godbeer, our Teaching Assistant and Mrs Folland who braved the elements in their recent Big Sleep Out at Blessed Sacrament Church. It was a wet and windy night but with flasks of soup and lots of layers of clothes they slept out under canvas in the garden. All proceeds go to Julian House to support vulnerable and at risk people in Exeter. So far they have raised £1685, a fantastic amount. You can still donate [here](#) and see a photo of them the next morning!

Prayer

Lord God, we ask for you to be with all,
especially children who are suffering as the crisis in Ukraine deteriorates.

Lord for those who are anxious and fearful.

For those who are bereaved, injured or who have lost their lives.

And for those who have lost loved ones.

Amen