

# St Nicholas Catholic Primary School Newsletter

7<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Headteacher: Mrs A Folland



*Living and Learning in  
Spirit and in Truth*

## Stars of the Week

Connor Carolan  
Riana Blell  
David Mirharcea  
Tyrone Vicente  
Wiktorina Kalinowska  
Finnley Johnson  
Albin Joseph  
Robin Phillips  
Elliot Hinton  
Alfie Arun  
Charlotte Cake  
Amely Neza  
Tianna Bond  
Finlay Hayman  
Heather Robertson  
Rebecca Loaring  
Nathaniel Hilton  
Chloe Bolt  
Chloe Carolan  
Aliya Joseph

**Well done to you all!**



## Diary Dates

October	
12 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Lunch
14 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Liturgy 9.15am All welcome.
	PTA disco
17 <sup>th</sup>	Lydford Class assembly 9.00am
18 <sup>th</sup>	Open Classrooms and curriculum exhibition 3.15 – 5.15pm
	Flu inoculations
21 <sup>st</sup>	Individual photos (Tempest)
	Break up for half term
31 <sup>st</sup>	Return to school
	Fire Safety Talks for Yrs 1/2 and 5/6

## Headteacher's News

It has been really heart-warming to see so many parents popping in for coffee and cake on a Wednesday morning. A huge thank you to the volunteers and staff – if you haven't dropped off and dropped in yet – please do – that cake is delicious and the company fantastic!

Last week we had a visit from our new Plymouth CAST Adviser who toured the school and was hugely

impressed with the work going on at St Nicholas. We will be visited every 6 weeks this academic year with a sharp focus on achievement and progress of all children.

Finally please will parents make sure that their children are not scooting up and down the Ringswell slope – whether I am on the gate or not! There have been a few near misses with prams and toddlers in recent weeks.

## Information

### Volunteers Needed!

Parents, grandparents, parishioners or those wishing to gain some experience in schools – we need you! If you are interested in coming into school to hear children read please contact Ali ([abrocksom@stncs.uk](mailto:abrocksom@stncs.uk) / 445403 ext 222). We would welcome anyone who can give up a few hours of their time on a regular basis. You would need a DBS check and would be invited to an induction meeting with a member of staff before starting with us.

### MTA Vacancy

We have a vacancy for an MTA to work 1.5 hours per day 5 days per week in school. If you are interested please contact Ali (details above) for an information pack and application form.

### Reminder

Please note that children **may not** be left unsupervised in the playground before 8.30am when the duty teacher is present. If you need to leave your child earlier than 8.30am please make sure that you book them into Breakfast Club.

### Passport Applications

Due to the high number of requests, parents requiring passport application signatures from Mrs Folland will be asked to make a donation of £3 to the PTA for each application.

### Berry Pomeroy Learning Assembly



Congratulations to Berry Pomeroy who led the learning assembly on the theme of aspirations. They used our learning values to demonstrate what is needed to do this and looked at inspirational people such as Jessica Ennis and Martin Luther-King.

### Photographer

Tempest will come to take individual and sibling group photos in the Belvedere Room on 21<sup>st</sup> October, in good time for Christmas orders. If you wish to have a family group shot with children NOT in school these will be taken first of all. A parentmail will be sent beforehand with all arrangements for the day. We will also arrange a catch up session for absent children.

### PE Kit

Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school and also the appropriate kit for football matches as the Office will now not call you for forgotten items.

**British Values:****Tolerance**

All classes have just finished learning about a different faith. In their RE lessons the children have explored what other faith's believe and how they worship.

The school uses a Restorative Justice approach to solving problems with children falling out with each other. Each child is given the opportunity to say what happened, how it made them feel and what would make it better for the future. We have used this successfully in some complicated situations and seen some really lovely examples of forgiveness and understanding.

**Drop off, Drop in....**

**Every Wednesday from 8.45 – 9.30am in the Bickleigh Room.**

Pop into the Bickleigh Room after drop off and treat yourself to fresh coffee, cake and biscuits on us. Meet new people and catch up with friends – everyone is welcome.

**Library**

**The school library is open on Monday and Friday mornings from 8.30 – 8.45 and after school on Tuesday from 3.15 – 3.30 to enable parents to come and choose a book with their child.**

**Weekly Reflection**

*We pray for all people throughout the world who hunger: that they may come to share in the food God gives for us all.  
Amen*

**Parish and Community News****First Holy Communion 2017**

We look forward to welcoming those children who would like to receive Holy Communion for the first time in 2017. If your child is in school year 3 and you would like them to prepare, you must attend a Registration meeting on **Thursday 17 November at 7.00pm** at St Nicholas School EX1 3EG. There is no need for the children to attend this meeting. The preparation will begin in January with one monthly meeting on a Saturday morning at St Nicholas School for all parents and children and a further session, just for the children, once a month on a weekday evening at 6.00pm. We will give you a note of all the dates at the registration meeting. As well as being committed to these meetings we ask you to make a commitment (which is the obligation of all Catholics) to attend Mass each Sunday in the parish where you live. When you come on 17 November please bring a copy of your child's certificate of baptism (if you haven't got one contact the parish where they were baptised and they will send you a copy), your contact details and £8.00 (to fund the book we will be using). We look forward to seeing you on 17 November.

**Torquay Celebrate Weekend**

**15<sup>th</sup> / 16<sup>th</sup> October at St. Cuthbert Mayne School, Torquay TQ1 4RN**

A joyful and faith-filled event for all the family organized by a team from Plymouth Diocese. For more details: [www.celebrateconference.org](http://www.celebrateconference.org)

E-mail: [torquay@celebrateconference.org](mailto:torquay@celebrateconference.org) / Susanne 01803 606256 / Rebecca 01395 489902 or come to the office for a form.

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**George Clarke**

George Clarke's TV company, Amazing Productions would love to hear from St Nicholas families who are about to start doing up their homes. George has a new Channel 4 programme which focuses on transforming ugly properties into beautiful, contemporary homes. So if you have the budget to renovate your ugly home and would like George to be involved in your project, please get in touch with us on: 020 7819 0500 or email: [info@amazingproductions.co.uk](mailto:info@amazingproductions.co.uk)

**PTA News** by Alex Bosley - PTA Chair

- A reminder that next Friday 14<sup>th</sup> is our Autumn Disco - KS1 event is between 5.30pm and 6.30pm and KS2 is 6.45pm until 8pm. Entry is £1.50 per child.
- The PTA held it's AGM a fortnight ago. A report on our activities over the last year is on the school website. Currently we have over £7000 in the bank which will be used on worthwhile purchases to benefit the children.
- Last year money raised by the PTA was used for Year 6 leavers cake, sports day lollies, Year 2 sleepover - sweets, Great Big Rhino Project, lunchtime play equipment, coach for Kilve, rope tunnel play equipment, crockery, football kit, sweets for Kilve, portable PA equipment, supporting the Donkey Sanctuary and the Year 6 leavers Disco!
- Please continue to support our events and allow us to provide more for the school. Our next meeting is 17<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm in school.

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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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