

St Nicholas Catholic Primary School Newsletter

1st December 2017



*Living and Learning in
Spirit and in Truth*

Stars of the Week

Chloe Mulcahy
Louie Cole
Neve May
Evelyn Davis
Grace Drewett

Well done to you all!



Diary Dates

December	
1 st	School Fayre 5.30 – 8pm
Mon 4 th	KS1 Nativity 2pm and 6pm in the school hall. Children to be returned to school at 5.30pm to get changed.
Weds 6 th	St Nicholas Day Mass at 9.30am led by the Bishop to celebrate 10 years on site
Thurs 7 th	Foundation Stage Nativity 10.30am in the hall
Fri 8 th	Foundation Stage Nativity 2pm in the hall
Tues 12 th	KS2 Advent Liturgy (The 12 days of Christmas) at Sacred Heart Church 7pm (flyers distributed via children)
Weds 13 th	School Christmas Lunch
Fri 15 th	Advent Liturgy in school led by Okehampton 9.15am
15 th	Break Up
Jan 3 rd	Children return to school

Headteacher: Mrs A Folland

Headteacher's News

We have had a number of external reviews recently; all looking at children's progress and how our teachers are supporting children to make good progress through each maths and literacy unit. Each teacher is currently working alongside a member of the Leadership Team to describe how they are planning and giving feedback. There are some

fantastic examples of children and teachers working really effectively together. If you are a Year 1 or 2 parent you can help us with this during drop off time!

We hope that this coming week's nativities will help you get into the Christmas Spirit and bring the message of Christmas to you and your families.

Information

Christmas Events

Now that it is December we have many activities on over the next few weeks. Please check the dates below, the website calendar, your paper calendars and Parentmail to ensure you do not miss any events.

Christ the King Liturgy led by Totnes



Well done to Totnes Class who led the Christ the King Liturgy today about being welcoming to all. All classes made a crown to symbolise Christ the King.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you very much for supporting the Poppy Appeal in school. We raised a total of £56.30 donations for the Royal British Legion.

Nursery Fees

Please note that with effect from January 2018 all additional hours charges in the Nursery will be calculated at £4.02 an hour. This is an increase of 4p per hour and brings us in line with the funding we receive from Devon Early Years.

Bluetooth Connected Toys

Please see this link to a Which article regarding the dangers of bluetooth connected toys. https://www.which.co.uk/news/2017/11/safety-alert-see-how-easy-it-is-for-almost-anyone-to-hack-your-childs-connected-toys/?mc_cid=a8356a5ff3&mc_eid=7cc08dde91

Disco

Thank you very much to all who supported the recent school disco. We raised an impressive total profit of £500.18 to go towards much needed items for the school.

British Values

Developing self-esteem and confidence

All of the children are given a range of opportunities to develop their confidence and self esteem through performance and leadership at St Nicholas.

Some of them may have performed their fantastic Samba to you and their peers on 22nd November.

All of them, from 3 - 11, have the opportunity to share the Christmas Story with you over the next two weeks and all of the children are involved in leading one of the Liturgies through the year. These opportunities to stand up and 'present' are so important and you can see their confidence grow as they beam when they play their part!

Well done to them all.

Thank you to everyone who came on Friday to come and support us at the annual Christmas Fayre! We hope you all had a fun, festive evening.

Parents and family members, children, PTA members, staff members, parishioners and our hardworking volunteers - it was lovely to see so many of you there!

So whether you donated cakes, sang or performed for us, dressed up on dress down day, helped on the night or simply came to enjoy the fayre - thank you! We couldn't do it without you ☺ The PTA.

3/4 Cheddar Gorge trip



Year 3/4 had a fantastic time at Cheddar Gorge recently, exploring the caves and the life of Stone Age man. In Gough's Cave they saw a skeleton of Cheddar Man and in the Dreamhunter Cave they saw fantastic light projections on the wall to tell the story of early human history.

They all even tried on animal furs and broke flint with antler bones.

Demi said 'water was dripping on my head. My friends looked funny wearing the furs'.

Please see the website for more photos.

Parish and Community News

CAFOD ADVENT MASS

At Sacred Heart Church on Saturday 9 December at 5.30 pm in celebration of the work of Cafod. There will be music and singing at the Mass. All are welcome.

GATHER 2018

19 – 21 January 2018, Livermead Cliff Hotel, Torquay. Join Bishop Mark O'Toole, Fr Denis McBride, David Wells, Canon Paul Cummins, catechists, teachers, clergy and friends of the Diocese of Plymouth for a weekend of friendship, faith and formation. Cost £150 residential, £40 non-residential day rate. To book your place or gain more information please search for 'Gather 2018' on Facebook

2018 First Holy Communion

Registration for First Holy Communion in 2018 for Year 3 children has now closed. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

Prayer

Advent God,

We journey with you to Bethlehem's stable and a new-born King,

Ears attuned to the song of angels,

Eyes alert for Bethlehem's star.

Forgive us on our journey if we are distracted by the tempting offers of this world.

Keep our hearts aflame with the hope of Christmas and the promise of a Saviour. Amen

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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, Mrs Denise Sparkes and Mrs S Beach. Named Governor for Child Protection: Mrs Lucy Wills



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