

St Nicholas Catholic Primary School Newsletter

2nd December 2016

Headteacher: Mrs A Folland



*Living and Learning in
Spirit and in Truth*

Stars of the Week

Clara Thomas
Robbie Cook
Justina Ijeh
Leo Amani
Ioan Taghdissian
Aaron Jones
Oscar Bessant
Jess Bertorelli
Albie Ebdon
Evie Frost
Zach Stevens
Amara Tickle
Ava Mason
Freddy Arun
Anwen Phillips
Crystal Blell
Shona May
Demi Sellick
Ryan Roast

Well done to you all!



Diary Dates

December	
5 th	KS1 Nativity 2pm and 6pm
6 th	St Nicholas Day Mass 9.15am – all welcome
8 th	Foundation Stage Nativity 10.30am
9 th	Foundation Stage Nativity 2pm
13 th	KS2 Advent Liturgy Sacred Heart 7pm
14 th	Children's Christmas Lunch
16 th	Advent Liturgy 9.15am Last day of term
Jan 4 th	Children return to school

Headteacher's News

As we head in to the last two weeks of the term there are lots of performances, liturgies and events to which you are invited. We look forward to sharing the Christmas message with you over the coming days.

During this half term the teachers have been trialling a new way of planning in

Literacy. The Leadership Team have monitored and evaluated the progress children are making in their writing over this period and we have been really pleased to see a great improvement in presentation, progress, engagement with writing and the sheer amount they are now writing!

Information

School Meal Tickets

We are having increasing problems with KS2 children forgetting to hand in meal tickets on the day they are having a lunch. Josie is then having to spend a significant amount of time each day tracing the tickets that the children have in their trays or bags that they were given that morning to hand in. She also often has to contact parents by text or phone.

From Monday KS2 children will miss some of their play time if they have a ticket they have not handed in. Please ensure your child knows whether they are having a school meal or not each day and ensure they know where their ticket is to ensure they hand it in.

Children in Need



It was a spotty day in St Nicholas School to raise money for Children in Need and Pudsey visited all the classrooms. Thanks to all who took part and supported the event by donating or making / buying cakes at our cake sale. We pleased that we raised a grand total of £425.38 which we are delighted to say is going to be matched by Lloyds Bank. Thank you to Louise and Charlotte (who work for the bank) who judged the colouring competition entries, helped with the cake sale and gave out the prizes at Celebration Assembly. We had a lovely day!

Jumpers

Please could all parents regularly check their child's uniform (especially jumpers) to ensure they have brought home the correct one. We have a number of named jumpers that have gone missing and that cannot be found. If you do find you have a wrong jumper we would appreciate you returning it to school

KS1 Nativity

The PTA will be providing Christmas refreshments after the 2pm performance of the KS1 nativity on Monday 5th December and also before the 6pm performance on the same day.

British Values

As part of our Christmas preparation the children have worked hard as a team to produce good to sell at the school fayre. They have had to demonstrate resourcefulness in deciding how to make their product and be creative in their making. Above all they have a sense of belonging to something bigger than themselves and working together to achieve something as a huge, collective, St Nicholas team!

Reminders



Don't forget.....

- to regularly check the website news page and calendar
- to send in a dinner ticket if your child has had a meal without one. You will also receive a reminder text.
- to bring in evidence of any medical appointments your child has in school time for our records
- to bring in evidence of booked Able and Talented courses for our records.

Weekly Reflection

We are called to ensure that all our brothers and sisters, no matter where they may come from, feel welcomed, valued, respected and loved. To ensure that each person may take their place at the feast God has provided us with here on earth.

God of love, have mercy on us and inspire us to be merciful in our turn, so that we may reach out to our brothers and sisters in need and welcome them to the table. Amen. (CAFOD)

Fun Faith



Fr Jonathan was a guest visitor for Fun Faith this week! He explored the mass with Compton and Totnes Classes and on Friday morning he celebrated a small mass with the children sitting around the altar cloth and participating in the mass.

Job Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for

- An additional Bus Supervisor to supervise the children on the bus to / from St Peters each morning and afternoon - 1.5 hours per day.
- A Temporary Playworker in After School Club every afternoon for 1 term – 15.5 hours per week (Monday & Friday 2.30 – 6pm; Tuesday 3 – 5.30pm; Wednesday & Thursday 3 – 6)
- A Mealtime Assistant every day from 11.30 – 1.15.

We are willing to consider a job share for each of these positions. Each will be paid at the Living Wage - £8.25 per hour. For more information and an application form please contact Ali in the office (abrocksom@stnics.uk) / 445403 ext 222.

Parish and Community News

GATHER 2017 - Gracious Gift

We are delighted to announce that catechists, teachers, parents, clergy and friends from across the Diocese of Plymouth will be meeting together on 3–5 March 2017 at the Best Western Livermead Cliff Hotel Torquay for a time of friendship, support and inspiration. The weekend will include keynote speakers, plenary talks, shared liturgies, quiet space for prayer, a choice of workshops and plenty of time to meet, talk, laugh and be encouraged in our faith. Bishop Mark O'Toole will celebrate Mass with us. Residential rate £150 (2 nights B&B, lunch and dinner on Saturday). Single room supplement £20. Non-residential rate £40. More details and booking form in the leaflet which you can collect from the Office.

South West Autism Christmas Fayre

December 19th 10.30 – 1.30 at Exwick Parish Hall. Come and help our young people raise funds for their discovery groups. Teas / coffee and cakes, raffle, bric-a-brac and book stalls.

PTA

Thank you to all who came to support the fayre on Friday in school. It was a fantastic occasion and the school thanks the members of the PTA for all of their hard work and dedication to organise this annual event.

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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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