

St Nicholas Catholic Primary School Newsletter

21st September 2018



*Living and Learning in
Spirit and in Truth*

Stars of the Week

Cruz - Compton
Brodie - Plympton
Jayden – Berry Pomeroy
Narcis - Totnes
Zofia - Kingswear
Asia - Rougemont
Charleigh - Okehampton
Mason- Lydford
Dan - Drogo
Evie - Nursery
Ryan - Powderham
Elliott -Compton
Sophia -Plympton
Maya –Berry Pomeroy
Clara -Totnes
Evie - Kingswear
Elliot - Rougemont
Tadgh - Lydford
Layla - Dartmouth
Isla - Drogo
Adam - Nursery
Zach - Powderham

Well done to you all!



Diary Dates

October	
2 nd	Learning Assembly led by Totnes 9.00am
7 th	School led mass at Blessed Sacrament 10.30am
16 th	Harvest Liturgy led by Dartmouth 9.15am
19 th	Individual Photos
22 – 26	Half Term

Headteacher: Mrs A Folland

Headteacher's News

The new term has got off to a flying start! The leadership team have been busy seeing what the children are learning in each class and have seen fantastic contributions being made by children, some amazing vocabulary in their writing and super behavior in every class.

We are really pleased to be able to

offer so many clubs this term as part of our Sport Premium funding – if your child would like a place please contact Ali in the Office asap.

It was great to see so many parents coming along to the curriculum talks to hear about their child's learning this term.

Information

Learning Assemblies and Liturgies

As you will see on the school calendar, we hold a number of learning assemblies and liturgies throughout the year, led by specific classes. Parents are very welcome to join us in the hall on these occasions to see their children take part. Masses are usually from 9.15am – 10am and learning assemblies from 9.00am – 9.30am.

Children entering Reception in September 2019

We are holding 'Tea and Tour' information mornings for parents of children entering Reception in September 2019. The dates are 6th November, 14th November and 22nd November from 9.15am – 10.30 and 14th November from 6.00 – 7.00pm. If you wish to book a place or find out more information please contact head@stncls.uk or call Ali on 01392 445403 ext 222.

School Lunches

Please remind your children that they cannot have a cooked school lunch unless they have ordered one in the classroom at registration OR you / they have advised the Office beforehand. This will ensure the correct number of lunches are cooked and also charged to you on Parentpay.

Twitter / Facebook

Please follow us on Twitter @StNicholasCPS and 'like' our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/exeterstncls/> to see updates and news about the school. You can find links to both sites at the bottom of our website home page.

Governors

We are pleased to advise that Luke Robinson is our Chair of Governors for this school year and Alex Hill is Vice Chair. They can be contacted via lrobinson@stncls.uk and ahill@stncls.uk

We have a vacancy for a Foundation Governor on our Governing Body for a 4 year term. It is a chance to be involved in the strategic management of the school and is a rewarding and interesting role, although there is a time commitment. If you are interested in finding out more about the role and what it entails please contact Ali, Clerk to Governors (abrocksom@stncls.uk).

Congratulations

Congratulations to Dorota Kwiecinska and Jodie Pym who work in the Breakfast and After School Club and who recently completed NVQs. Jodie achieved a Level 3 Diploma in Children's Learning & Development (Early Years Educator) and Dorota achieved a NVQ level 3 diploma in Playwork.

Epipen

Please note there is a national shortage of epipens. If your child uses an epipen please check your supply and contact your Dr or chemist.

Safeguarding

Under our school policy, dogs may not be brought into the school grounds and may not be left tied up at any gate unattended.

Please also note that, unless settling their children into class or visiting the library, parents should **not** be in school at any time without signing in and obtaining a badge from the Office. Parents walking through school without a badge are likely to be challenged. Parents should also use email to contact teachers in the first instance and not try to gain access to classrooms in the morning during valuable preparation time.



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DROPOFF DropIn

Fridays 8.45 - 9.30am

Pop in to 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!



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A HEART WHICH SEES

Prayer

*Grant, O Lord, that I may be
conscious and grateful for all the
good things you have given to me.
May I share my blessings with
others always.
Amen*

School Councils

Our vision is to have as many children involved in discussion and the decision making process in school. This year we will be running 3 student councils which are listed below. Each council will be run by members of the Senior Leadership Team and the role of the councillors is to consult with the rest of the children and bring their ideas to the meetings. The councils will meet twice each half term and there will be space for them to report to the whole school in assemblies.

Terms of Reference for Behaviour and Welfare Council Mrs Folland, Miss Reynolds and Mrs Sparkes

The purpose of this council is to:

- Help review the behaviour policy
- Help gather opinions of what we can do to ensure excellent behaviour
- Help the SLT to make sure all children are well cared for and looked after
- Help make school a safe place for everyone
- Help every child to know how to keep themselves safe in and out of school

Terms of Reference for Teaching Council Miss Reynolds and Mrs Walmsley

The purpose of this council is to:

- Help teachers know whether we are learning well
- Help teachers know how to help us learn better
- Help teachers to know how to share what we are doing well and our next steps
- Help teachers know what helps us in the classroom

Terms of Reference for Play and Curriculum Council Mrs Stone

The purpose of this council is to:

- Help every child to enjoy a happy break and lunch time
- Gather ideas for how staff can make playtimes better
- Help to make sure there are different play activities on offer
- Help teachers provide exciting and interesting learning experiences
- Help teachers to make learning active, fun and real
- Help gather ideas for and make sure children have memorable experiences and opportunities

Parish and Community News

SOUTH WEST CELEBRATE WEEKEND

A joyful and faith-filled event for all the family! 13th/14th October

Notre Dame School, Looseleigh Lane, Plymouth PL6 5HN

Main Speakers: Maria Heath, Fr. Oscar Ardila, Charles Whitehead

Separate streams for children & young people

Lively worship, drama, a variety of workshops, family Mass

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Online booking now open (Prior booking essential)

More details: www.celebrateconference.org

Email: southwest@celebrateconference.org

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St Nicholas School is committed to safeguarding children.

Designated Child Protection Officer: **Mrs Angela Folland** Deputy Child Protection Officers: Mrs L Stone, Mrs S Beach, Mrs D Sparkes, Miss C Follows and Miss R Reynolds. Named Governor for Child Protection: Mrs Lucy Wills



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