



St Nicholas Catholic Primary School

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St Nicholas School is committed to safeguarding children.

Designated Child Protection Lead: Mrs D Sparkes

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Named Governors for Child Protection: Mrs L Wills and Mrs F Dennehy

Head of School's News

As this half term draws to a close, we celebrate the successes of this challenging time and look forward to the promise of a new half term where we hope to welcome all children back to school. As you, we will be waiting to hear the announcements of when this will be and what this will look like. We will, of course, update you with the practicalities of all the children returning as we receive further information.

With the season of Lent fast approaching, we have some events to look forward to. The PTA have organised a 'pancake flip' competition. All children can get involved in this! How many flips of the pancake can you do? If you want to take part please email the number of flips your child has achieved to pta@stnics.uk. You may also upload photos or videos of your 'flipping' to your google classroom to share with your teachers! The totals will be collated and the winning class announced the following week.

We have also been planning our Ash Wednesday liturgy, which will take place on Wednesday 24th February. While it will look slightly different this year, we have been creative to ensure that this will still be special for our children and families. Please keep an eye out for further details.

Finally, we would like to thank all of our families for engaging so fabulously in our blended learning offer. We have been truly impressed with the standard of work that all of the children are producing with the support of their families. We would like to wish you all a peaceful half term break and look forward to seeing you all when we return.

Half term and Non Pupil Day

A reminder that next week is half term, followed by a **non-pupil day** on the 22nd February. Children of keyworkers and eligible children return to school on **Tuesday 23rd February**.

Car park - please note

Please note that cars will be unable to park on the right side of the car park (as you face Warwick Road) in the week after half term as Lovells will be erecting a barrier fence. **We ask that parents with car park permits who normally use the car park find alternative parking places if possible during this week.** We will need the limited parking places for staff who need to be in school on time to supervise the children.

We also ask parents who use the car park NOT to park in the bus bay at the entrance to the car park when dropping off and picking up. Thank you.

World Book Day 2021

Enter our World Book Day Competition!

To celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 4th March, we would like you to get creative this half term. Your challenge is to recreate your favourite part of a story that you love. This competition is open to all children from Nursery through to Year 6.

You have complete freedom of choice about how you would like to do this. You could:

- Dress up as your favourite character and have fun role playing as them for the day
- Build the story inside a cereal or shoe box
- Use your toys or lego to recreate a part of the story
- Paint or draw your favourite part
- Empty your recycling bin to junk model your favourite part

To enter the competition, please send a photo to your class teacher by Friday 26th February. Miss Reynolds and Mrs Folland will choose a winner from each class. Winners will be announced in Celebration Assembly on Friday 5th March. We can't wait to see what you come up with! Good luck!

Living and Learning in Spirit and in Truth

Class	Disciples of the Week	Home Learners of the week
Compton	Charlie	Wiktorja
Berry Pomeroy	Orla / Chloe M	Amy / Will
Plympton	Chloe / Bethany	Michael / Oscar
Totnes	Megan / Hunter	Robbie / George
Kingswear	Kelsey / Noah	Hope / Anwen
Rougemont	Daisy / Emily	George / Toby
Okehampton	Eva / Evelyn	Oscar / Maja
Lydford	Adam / Zach	Elena / Korin
Dartmouth	Poppy B / Millie	Eva / Oliver N
Powderham	Freddie / Milo	Harrison S / Sam
Drogo	Eli / Alicja	Tabitha / Ewan
Nursery	All of Nursery / Ellie	N/A
<i>Well done to you all!</i>		

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent; a 40 day spiritual journey towards the celebration of Easter. This year, Ash Wednesday falls within the half-term break. However, we would like to invite you to join us for our Ash Wednesday Liturgy on **Wednesday 24th February at 9.15am**. In school, we will be gathering within our class bubbles around a Lent focal point. Details about how you can create a focal point at home and the Google Meet link that you will need to join this liturgy will be sent out after half term.

Yr 6 Online Drama course – The Last Supper

This 4 week virtual course is a chance to explore the Last Supper through script, movement and improvisation. It will focus on exploring what the disciples were thinking and talking about as they prepared to arrive at a strangers house for the annual Jewish feast, what they may have talked about during the feast and how they reacted when Jesus talked about one of them being a traitor. The sessions are fun and include lots of drama games. If you are year 6 or older and would like a place on the course please email youth@prcdtr.org.uk

Can you help?

Whipton Barton School has been redeveloped and is hoping that their excess furniture will find their home in The Gambia rather than in a landfill. They are packing containers ready to leave on the 15th February and then again later in the summer. They want to fill every last bit of space with hard to come by resources and day to day essentials that we take for granted in school and everyday life. Do you know of anyone who:

- might be able to knit some hand puppets or has items suitable for a nursery school?
- has connections to any sports clubs or organisations that might have some old kit?
- could spare £1 in their weekly shopping allowance to buy some hard to come by stationery items such as blu-tac, sellotape, paperclips etc?

If you can help, please get in touch with St Nicholas School parent, Kathleen Ebdon - kebdon@whiptonbarton.org. Alternatively, please phone Whipton Barton School on 01392 466072 and ask for Miss Amy Hardinge. Thank you for your support for this worthwhile cause.

Reflection

May you know that God carries you through each day, breathing life and energy into you, accepting and loving you, blessing and sustaining you in all you do.