

St Nicholas Catholic Primary School Newsletter

14th July 2017



*Living and Learning in
Spirit and in Truth*

Stars of the Week

Gabriel Hendricks
Saffron Heale
Max Hugall
Isaiah Shine
Billy Jones
Amelia Wills
Isaac Baker
Ellie Botting
Bethany Dunn
Narcis Visan
Grace O'Shea
Olivia Mallett
Lizzie Bradford
Daniel Ward
Isaac Greenstreet
Tyler Pickard
Niall Flavin
Ellis Christie
Luciana Avery
Daisy Newcombe
Jack Johnson
Millie Andrews
Mia Leticia Crawford
Tahlia Tickle
Alisha Ferns
Noah Farley
Maria Ward
Oliwier Radtke
Ava Mason

Well done to you all!



Diary Dates

July	
17 th	Haven Banks Dartmouth
18 th	Seaside Menu Leaver's Mass 6pm
19 th	Leaver's Disco 3.30 – 5pm
21 st	End of Term
5 th Sept	Children return to school

Headteacher: Mrs A Folland

Headteacher's News

As the term draws to a close there is so much to celebrate!

Next week you will receive a summary of the assessments children have achieved at the end of the different Key Stages. We are really pleased with the improvements to writing this year.

We were very proud of all our children who were nominated for St Luke's Sports awards last

week. We were delighted that Amelia Kwicenska won Paralympian of the year for her amazing contribution to sports for the disabled – particularly her playing with Exeter wheelchair Footballers!

At our final assembly on Friday 21st July we will award the 6 children from each class who have demonstrated the most outstanding contribution to the 6 Learning Values: Challenge, Respect, Resilience, Friendship, Reflective and Teamwork.

Information

Yr 6 Leaver's Photo

The Express and Echo took a Yr 6 Leaver's photo last week which will appear in the Express and Echo from the 13th July onwards.

Midsummer Fayre

We are delighted that the final amount raised from the Summer Fayre has been confirmed by the PTA as £1,903.21. This includes £353.32 profit from the Young Enterprise stalls. This is a fantastic amount and thanks once again go to our hardworking, dedicated PTA; to the innovative Yr 6 children who devised such brilliant stalls; and to parents and friends who support the school so well.

Free School Meals

The free school meals service will be launching a new online self-service platform which will enable members of the public to access their free school meal eligibility check. Watch out for more information in September.

Parents of Children moving into Yr 3

In September please note that your child will no longer qualify for Universal Free School Meals and you will have to buy books of meal tickets from the office. These are £11 for a book of 5 tickets and must be given to your child's teacher on the morning that the meal is required.

Pencil Cases (KS2)

During the Summer, we would appreciate it if you could buy your KS2 child a pencil case large enough to hold a 30 cm ruler to use from Autumn term.

Calendars

New school calendars for the 17/18 academic year will be distributed to all parents in September.

Governors News

The Governing Body said thank you and goodbye last week to Michelle Johnson who is stepping down as a Parent Governor. She has made a significant contribution to the Governing Body over the last 4 years and we appreciate her enthusiasm and work in the role. We now have a vacancy for a new Parent Governor. If you are interested in standing or wish to find out more about what the role entails please contact the Clerk to Governors, Ali Brocksom, on abrocksom@stnics.uk/.

We are also pleased to advise that Mrs Patricia Venn-Rees, a parishioner from Topsham, will also be joining us in September as a new Foundation Governor for a 4 year term.

British Values



A key British Value is the ability to co operate and work as a team. The recent activity days at Haven Banks are great fun but need a great deal of team work! As well as developing resilience and challenging themselves to take part in new and adventurous activities, the children have really demonstrated the ability to help one another and co operate.



The staff have been really proud of the way the children have risen to the challenge and worked together. Well done to all!

Prayer

*Bless the strangers I meet
today, Lord;
in café, bakery, bus stop, car
park, crowded street.
Their lives a mystery,
sorrows, joys, loves and deep
concerns so well disguised.
But bless them, Lord, these
unknown faces,
make this day one of
encounter, not only with
strangers but also with you.*

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Seaside Menu – Tuesday 18th July

Golden Coast Seaside Fish (Mac n Cheese mini fishcakes) OR
Vegetarian Seashells in Cheese Sauce (tasty cheese pasta)
With Crispy Potato Waves (chips)
Vegetable Medley Piers (carrot, potato and courgette sticks)
and Tiny Shingle (peas)
followed by
Tiny Buckets of ice cream with spades of Toffee Topping



Facebook

We are launching our school Facebook page today and hope that you will all follow us to see news and to celebrate the many fantastic things that happen at our school. You can either search for St Nicholas Catholic Primary School, Exeter OR click on the link at the bottom of the home page of the website.

Governors have agreed a Social Media policy which was sent out on Parentmail and which we hope you will all note. The Terms of Use are as follows:

- ☐ Users should not share anything that may compromise the safety of any member of the school community and never transmit any personal information of pupils, parents or staff.
- ☐ Users should not post anything on the page that could be deemed offensive. Inappropriate or harmful comments/content will be removed immediately.
- ☐ Users should not share any information that is confidential. If it seems confidential, it probably is. Online "conversations" are never private.
- ☐ Users cannot tag photographs of children on the page.
- ☐ Users should not engage in giving negative feedback on Facebook, it is more appropriate to deal with the school directly on such matters.
- ☐ Users will not mention individual staff members in a negative light on the school Facebook page. The tone of any discussions should be positive and respectful.
- ☐ Users should not ask to be "friends" with staff as failure to respond may cause offence.
- ☐ Users cannot advertise products and services on our school Facebook page.

We hope this will be a useful and informative way to engage the community that St Nicholas serves; to facilitate communication and networking opportunities between parents, especially new or prospective parents and to maintain contact with past parents and past pupils.

Parish and Community News

Baby and Children's Market

Saturday 15th July from 9.30 – 11.30am at St James School, Summer Lane, Exeter EX4 8NN. Come and buy pre-loved, good quality goods from books to buggies, clothes to cots and also see the new business stalls for upcoming brands, products and services in Exeter.

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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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