

# St Nicholas Catholic Primary School Newsletter

3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017



Living and Learning in  
Spirit and in Truth

Headteacher: Mrs A Folland

## Headteacher's News

Welcome back after half term. This is an extremely busy half term as we approach Christmas and there are a number of key events. Please keep your eyes out for the Parent Evening letters – we would like to see 100% parents coming to these meetings to discuss your child's progress and find out how to support your child's next steps.

We are committed to working hard to ensure this school is an excellent

one but we need your help too! The uniform is a crucial part of children being a member of St Nicholas. The first criteria for an Ofsted judgement of 'Good' for Personal development and welfare is that children *'take pride in their work, their school and their appearance'*. Please therefore ensure that your child leaves home wearing the correct uniform, **including a tie**, no jewellery or nail varnish and the correct school shoes.

## Information

### Tempest Photo Orders

The last date for orders to be returned to school is next Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November. Please ensure that the envelopes are correctly completed and correct money is enclosed. If you miss this collection you can still order photos direct from Tempest but you will incur a delivery charge.

### Killerton Cross Country Event



Well done to all Yr 1-6 children who took part in a cross country running event at Killerton park yesterday on a beautiful, crisp autumnal day.



Congratulations to Maria and Tamara who were the first and second girls finishing in the Yr 5/6 category and to Joseph who came 8<sup>th</sup> out of all the Yr 5/6 boys.

All the children were a credit to the school.

## Stars of the Week

Mollie Stevens  
Ellie Mai James  
Riley Collier  
Ellis Mountstevens  
Lucas Heale  
Caitlin Coles  
Jeeve Joy  
Megan Davies  
Feyona Jomon  
Luke Woodland  
Betsy Mason  
Toby Gibson  
Kaiden Bond  
Chelsey Lima  
Samuel Dawes  
Brodie Norris  
Millie Best  
Finley Hayman  
Demi Sellick  
Toby Crowe  
Freya Ryan

Well done to you all!



## Diary Dates

November	
7 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS Stay and Play 8.50 – 9.50am Whole School Skip to be Fit
10 <sup>th</sup>	Remembering Liturgy 9.15am led by Lydford
12 <sup>th</sup>	School led mass Blessed Sacrament 10.30am
16 <sup>th</sup>	Learning Assembly led by Kingswear 9.00am
20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NON PUPIL DAY</b>
23 & 28	Parents Evening 3 – 6pm

### Reception 2018 Places

We are holding tours for prospective parents of children entering Reception in September 2018 on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am or 6pm**. Please advise Ali Brocksom ([abrocksom@stnics.uk](mailto:abrocksom@stnics.uk)) if you wish to attend.

You will be able to apply for your child's school place from 15 November 2017. You **must** apply to Devon School Admissions by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018 (<https://new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place>) AND submit a supplementary form to us (obtainable from the office) with accompanying evidence.

### Nursery 30 hours extended funding

Please apply now to obtain 30 hours Nursery funding from January 2018 by visiting [childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://childcarechoices.gov.uk). If you are already in receipt of this funding please ensure you are logging in every 3 months to re-confirm your details or you may lose this funding ([gov.uk/childcareaccount](http://gov.uk/childcareaccount)).

**British Values** 

... should enable students to acquire a broad general knowledge of and respect for public institutions and services in England.

Over the next two weeks the children will be involved in activities to mark Remembrance.

This is a national mark of respect for service men and women who have been involved in conflict in history and also for those who are involved today.

We encourage the children to give thanks for the ultimate sacrifice these brave men and women have made for peace in our world.

**Prayer**

Dear Father,

- We pray our school will be filled with love
- We pray our learning will be full of truth
- We pray our playground will be full of joy
- We pray our friendships will be full of forgiveness
- We pray our teachers will be full of wisdom
- We pray our community will be full of hope

- May we run with your love
- Build on your truth
- Play with your joy
- Share your forgiveness
- Rest in your wisdom
- Every day
- Amen

**Theatre Alibi - Apple John**

We are delighted that Theatre Alibi are returning to St Nicholas School on the 29th of November at 7pm to perform their new play for 5 - 11 year olds - Apple John by Daniel Jamieson. Leaflets have been distributed via your children.

*The life story of a man called John. And an apple tree.*

*A woman sits on a train. As it rocks her through the countryside she feels the kicks of her baby inside her. She starts to eat an apple and finds that, strangely, the seeds inside have already started to sprout. Then she throws the core out of the window. Whoosh. A jolt and the baby is on its way. John is born. And that night, out by the railway, an apple tree starts to grow too.*

*Apple John tells the stories of John and the apple tree side by side. Both are full of the usual stuff that lives contain - blizzards, bicycles, rock'n'roll, train sets, heatwaves, love, blossom, accidents, hurricanes, fruit, babies, false teeth, sadness and more love.*

*It's a tale about growing up, finding your roots and adding rings to the trunk.*

*Bursting with original live music, playfulness and puppetry, Apple John delights in every moment without the need to utter a single word.*

*This production is accessible to hearing and Deaf audiences alike.*

Tickets are £4 for a child and £5 for an adult. To obtain tickets please bring to the office the correct cash in a sealed envelope marked with your oldest child's name and class and the number of adult and child tickets required. The PTA will distribute the tickets via your eldest child.

**Parish and Community News**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2017-2018**

If your child is in school year 3 and you would like them to prepare for First Holy Communion, you must attend a Registration meeting on Wednesday 29th November at 6:30 pm at St Nicholas School EX1 3EG. There is no need for the children to attend this meeting. On 29th November, please bring a copy of your child's certificate of baptism, your contact details and £8.00 (which funds the book we will be using). The programme begins in January and consists of a monthly Saturday morning meeting for both parents and children with a further early evening meeting monthly for the children. We look forward to seeing you on 29th November.

**PTA**



**Autumn Disco! Friday 10th November**

**Nursery, Reception and Yrs 1 & 2:**  
5.30pm - 6.30pm  
**Years 3, 4, 5 & 6:**  
6.45pm - 8pm

£1.50 per child  
There'll be hotdogs, sweets, drinks and glow bands available to purchase at the disco (plus refreshments for the grown ups too!)  
*N.B. All children must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the event - thank you!*

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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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