

St Nicholas Catholic Primary School Newsletter

11th May 2018



*Living and Learning in
Spirit and in Truth*

Stars of the Week

Shona May
Charlotte Phillips
Connor Carolan
Bennett Ben
Clara Thomas
Luke Wlasak
Jayden Cox
Tiana Bond
Niall Flavin
Isaac Mills

Well done to you all!



Diary Dates

| May | |
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| 14 th | SATS week begins |
| 14 th and 16 th | EYFS Stay and Play 8.30 – 9.30am (PTO) |
| 17 th | 'Royal Wedding Luncheon' |
| 21 st | May Crowning liturgy 2pm led by Plympton Class |
| 24 th | Yr 3/4 performance 2pm and 6pm |
| 25 th | Pentecost Liturgy led by Drogo |
| 28 – 1 st June | Half term |
| June | |
| 4 th | Yr 3/4 Swim school starts |
| 10 th | School led mass Blessed Sacrament Church 10.30am |
| 11 th – 15 th | Yr 6 Residential Kilve |

Headteacher: Mrs A Folland

Headteacher's News

Our teachers were delighted to join 8 other Exeter schools last week to share good practice in the teaching of reading. With the new curriculum expectations for all year groups this gave staff a fantastic opportunity to hear about different ways that schools are approaching the development of secure reading skills.

Last Friday, on the Non Pupil Day teachers from the 12 CAST Central schools worked on teaching Non Fiction. We have seen standards in writing rise considerably across the school since joining the 2 year project in September. Look out in your children's books for some fantastic sentence structure and exciting vocabulary!

Information

Fire Procedures & Lock Down Policy

We recently had a fire alarm sound after 3.15pm which resulted in some confusion in the clubs and activities taking place after school, especially as parents were waiting to pick up their children. We therefore need to remind all parents what our school fire policy is at all times of day when the alarm is sounded or a fire discovered.

ON HEARING THE FIRE ALARM

- The fire brigade will be called
- **All teachers including music teachers or those leading an after school club** will leave the building with the class, group or individual child they are with in a silent and orderly manner.
- They will proceed at walking pace to the assembly point which is at **the back of the large playground behind the school.**
- The class teacher or responsible person will take a register.
- All persons must be confirmed to be present.
- All must remain until dismissed by the Headteacher or responsible person.

Our policy is that **all** children must be accounted for. We ask that parents who may be waiting to pick up after a club **do not** take their children and leave the site but also evacuate to the back of the school if they are in the building or remain on Ringswell Avenue. Once registers have been taken and we are satisfied that all are safe, we will then allow you to leave the site with your child/ren.

The School also has a new lock down policy which will soon be shared on the website. We intend to have a practice with all children later this term to ensure they understand the procedures.

Late pick up of Children

We are becoming increasingly concerned about the number of children who are not collected at 3.15pm and instead are left waiting in Reception for parents to collect them at a later time. We of course understand that sometimes you have to deal with unforeseen circumstances and appreciate a call to let us know you will be late. However, we are unable to allow children to continually be collected late. Please ensure you make the appropriate arrangements to get here on time for 3.15pm. Children who are left waiting may be taken to After School Club and you will be charged £8 for your child's supervision.

Learning Assembly & May Crowning

The learning assembly to be led by Okehampton Class at 9am on the 17th has been cancelled due to SATs. Please also note the amended date for the May Crowning liturgy which will now take place at 2pm on the 21st May.

British Values

Understanding the sovereignty and valuing the contribution they make to our country is an aspect of British Values.

With a royal wedding next weekend, we will be holding a special 'royal wedding lunch' next Thursday, 17th May.

The children will have the opportunity to celebrate this national occasion: an occasion which unites schools and communities across the nation.

Prayer

Freedom

It is so easy to get caught up
with the trappings of
wealth in this life.
Grant, O Lord, that I may
be free
from greed and
selfishness.
Remind me that the best
things in life are free.
Love, laughter, caring and
sharing.



EYFS Stay and Play

EYFS parents are warmly invited to come to our 'Stay and Play' session next **Monday 14th May OR Wednesday 16th May** from 8.30-9.30am.

This is a time where you can play alongside your child and experience some of the activities that the children do on a daily basis. The focus this term will be stories and storytelling. We will post some resources on Tapestry after the event to help you support your child at home.

If your child is not due in Nursery during this session, you are still welcome to come along for the hour to stay and play.

We look forward to seeing you,

The Foundation Stage team

Nuts – a reminder

We are a nut free school as we have a number of children with serious nut allergies. Please can we remind parents that nuts should **not** be given to children as snacks or as part of their packed lunch.

A request from After School Club

If you have any blankets / sheets / tarpaulins, also toy cars / trains / vehicles that you could donate to After School Club we would be very grateful. Please bring to Charlie or Rosie.

PE Kits

A reminder that children should only be wearing the school PE kit for PE lessons. This is the gold polo top and bottle green shorts. In cold weather they are also allowed to wear jogging bottoms. If a child is not wearing the correct uniform they may not be allowed to take part in the PE lesson. If your child does not have the correct kit you will receive a text home to advise you.

Royal Wedding Lunch



Watch out for a celebration menu next week for our Royal Wedding Lunch next Thursday. It will be a buffet lunch with sandwiches, strawberries and ice cream, we will be decorating the hall with bunting and the children will be making hats to wear. We hope as many children as possible will enjoy this lunch as Thursday is also a Census Day. This means that the more children who have lunch, the more funding we will receive! KS2 and Nursery children must please bring a lunch ticket.

Parish and Community News

Preparing for Baptism

The next preparation course for parents is on Saturday 19 May at 10.30am in the St Richard Reynolds Centre at Blessed Sacrament Church. If you are expecting a baby or wish to have a baby baptized in the near future please book your place with the Parish Office 01392 274724 Email exeter-heavitree@procdtr.org.uk

The Feast of St Rita Of Cascia

Come to celebrate at St Rita's, Honiton on **Tuesday 22 May**, with Mass at Noon, followed by blessing and distribution of roses for the sick. The principal celebrant this year will be Fr Jonathan Stewart and the school choir will also be singing. All are welcome to join us. Phone 01404 42635 for more details.

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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

