



# St Nicholas Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter 23rd October 2020

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**St Nicholas School is committed to safeguarding children.**

**Designated Child Protection Lead: Mrs Denise Sparkes**

**Deputy Child Protection Leads: Mrs A Folland, Miss K Reynolds**

**Named Governors for Child Protection: Mrs Lucy Wills and Mrs Fran Dennehy**

*Living and Learning in Spirit and in Truth*

### Head of School's News

In these unusual times, Berry Pomeroy led our first virtual whole school liturgy last Friday. It was a beautiful celebration of Harvest and is available to you all on the school website.

Many thanks to everyone for their support and cooperation this half term. We hope that, despite the unusual times, school has felt normal and full of energy. The newest thing for parents to get used to is the use of google classroom and IXL to set homework. Please do let your child's class teacher know if there are any issues with this. This is the platform we will use for Year 1-6 children should they or the bubble be isolating so it's important that everyone knows how it works.

Parents' Evenings are scheduled for 18th and 24th November and these will now be done remotely. Further details of how to access these meetings will be shared with you after half term.

We hope you have a lovely half term within the guidelines allowed. Time shared together to relax, play and laugh. We look forward to seeing all of our children back on **Tuesday 3rd November**.

### Information to note

#### Parking Update

We have had the following information sent to us from the Civil Parking Enforcement Team in Exeter about parking when picking up your children at the end of the day.

*An alternative for parking at this location in the afternoon would be for parents to park in the bus lane on Honiton Road (opposite Ringswell Avenue). The single yellow line means that waiting is permitted at certain times of the day and restricted at other times of the day. This particular location allows parking until 4pm and therefore around pick up time, parents are entirely permitted to park there until 4pm without fear of receiving a PCN and clogging up the road in Ringswell Avenue.*

#### Free School Meals and Pupil Premium Funding

If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register, we'll receive funding called 'pupil premium'. We use this to improve the educational provision and resources at the school. Pupil premium funding from the government is given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. It's provided for pupils who are registered for free school meals; have been registered for free school meals at any point in the past 6 years; are, or have been, in care; have parents in the armed forces.

At St Nicholas School we get an extra £1,320 for every eligible pupil who is registered for free school meals. This extra money could make a real difference to the quality of education we offer. For example, we've previously used pupil premium funding for a 75% reduction in the cost of trips and residential for eligible children; access to 1:1 or small group support for English and Maths; early access to speech and language interventions and programmes. Your child might be eligible if you access Income Support, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance, Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999; the guaranteed element of Pension Credit; Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190); Working Tax Credit run-on; Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month);

Currently, pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2 are entitled to a free school meal thanks to a different government funding scheme known as universal infant free school meals (UIFSM). You shouldn't confuse UIFSM with free schools meals and the pupil premium. If your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2 and is eligible for free school meals according to the criteria above, you should still register because we'll receive the extra pupil premium funding.

To register, please go to the Citizen Portal [https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal\\_LIVE/](https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/) You can also call the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019. You will receive an instant decision which needs to be notified to the school if you are eligible. If you have any questions or specific concerns, please contact the school office (admin@stncls.uk)

Disciples of the Week		Yr 6 Applications to Secondary School
Compton	Zofia	You must apply for a secondary school place for your Yr 6 child before the <b>31st October</b> . The easiest way for you to apply is online by visiting <a href="http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline">www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline</a> . If you don't wish to or can't apply online, you can contact the admissions customer service centre on 0345 155 1019.
Berry Pomeroy	Isaac	
Plympton	Evie-May	<b>Peripatetic Music Lessons</b> Please see our website <a href="https://st-nicholas-pri.eschools.co.uk/website/music_lessons">https://st-nicholas-pri.eschools.co.uk/website/music_lessons</a> for information about music lessons offered in school. There is a wide variety of instruments your child can learn including flute, brass, piano, drums, guitar and recorder. Arrangements are made directly between you and the teacher and all contact details are on the web page.
Totnes	Jesse	
Kingswear	Lucy	<b>Wellies</b> We would appreciate any donations of old children's wellies for our Forest School. Please bring them to the Office in a carrier bag.
Rougemont	Ellie-Mai / Dan	
Okehampton	Erin	<b>Individual photographs</b> Tempest Photographers will be taking individual photos of the children on the 16th November. Unfortunately due to COVID bubbles they will be unable to take family groups.
Lydford	Seth	
Dartmouth	Andrea	<b>Half term Holiday</b> A reminder that it is half term week from 26th to 2nd November. <b>Children return to school on Tuesday 3rd November.</b>
Powderham	Ronnie-Rae / Klara	
Drogo	Sultan / Thea	
Nursery	Violet	
Well done to you all!		

## Prayer

Lord God,

**We entrust to you the families and communities affected by Coronavirus, wherever they may be.**

**We pray especially for health care workers, that you may guide and protect them.**

**We pray that your Spirit might inspire those researching new medicines and treatments.**

**And in the midst of this, keep us strong in faith, hope and love. Grant us the courage and perseverance to be good neighbours.**

**May the words of your Son Jesus Christ in the Our Father,**

**be our prayer as we entrust ourselves and all of us who are affected**

**to your infinite power and love.  
Amen.**

## PTA

### Meet your PTA

To get involved and find out more about what we do or how you can help, please get in touch - [pta@stncls.uk](mailto:pta@stncls.uk)  
If you see us around school, come up and say hello!



Helen Manning  
PTA Chair



Kelly Heale  
PTA Secretary

### Could you be our new Treasurer?

**Main duty:** To oversee the PTA's financial affairs.

**Key jobs:** To manage accounts; do banking and maintain up-to-date financial records.

**Needs to be:** Reliable; organised; good with numbers.

Please contact [pta@stncls.uk](mailto:pta@stncls.uk)