

# St Nicholas Catholic Primary School Newsletter

9<sup>th</sup> March 2018



*Living and Learning in  
Spirit and in Truth*

## Stars of the Week

Amber Yau  
Jack Johnson  
Macie Bennett  
Alisha Ferns  
Alice Winton  
Seb Ebdon  
Shona Thomas  
Noah Farley  
Molly Swift  
Jasper Leach  
Jenson Phillips  
Aeona Ong  
Hope Swift  
Jemima Lewis  
Ben Davey  
Natalia Domagalska  
Molly Swift  
Katy Goldsborough  
Lily Ballard  
Thea Phillips

**Well done to you all!**



## Diary Dates

| March            |  |
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| 14 <sup>th</sup> | World Book Day<br>Revised Date                             |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> | Learning Assembly led<br>by Drogo 9.00am                   |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> | Yr 3/4 trip to<br>Bournemouth<br>Symphony Orchestra        |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Parents' Evening   |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Exeter University<br>Sculpture Trip Yr 5/6                 |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> | Supper of the Lord<br>Liturgy 9.15am led by<br>Dartmouth   |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> | Parents' Evening   |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> | Way of the Cross<br>Liturgy 9.15am                         |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> | Break up for Easter.<br>Back on the 16 <sup>th</sup> April |

Headteacher: Mrs A Folland

## Headteacher's News

There is a statutory requirement on schools to report annually on each child's attainment and progress in each curriculum area. You will be aware that at St Nicholas, you have received this report at the end of the academic year.

As a staff we have evaluated the impact of this on the children's progress and have decided to move this reporting to the Spring Term. You will receive your child's report next week. We believe reviewing

your child's progress in more detail at this point in the year will give allow more meaningful discussion with your child's teacher and the targets that will be worked on over the rest of the year. At the end of the year you will then receive a progression summary for Reading, Writing and Maths.

Reception aged children will receive the Early Years Profile at the end of the year as legally required.

## Information

### Lydford Learning Assembly



Over the past half term KS1 learnt about space in our Learning Journey topic "Starry Night". They learnt about Vincent Van Gogh and his painting of Starry Night. They could use lots of different resources and media's to create their own pictures of Starry Night. They also learnt about the stars, planets and astronauts. They can now confidently name, order and sing about the planets! Miss Boulton said "I am so proud of all of the hard work that they put into the assembly from writing and learning their own lines to confidently standing on stage to perform".

### Phones in School

Please could all parents note that mobile phones **may not** be used in school. Please do not make or receive calls or take photos or videos while picking up or dropping off your child in line with the school's safeguarding policy.

### \*\*World Book Day Revised Date\*\*

World Book Day will now take place on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> (next week). Children are invited to dress as their favourite book character or author and bring in their favourite book. Any Nursery children who had planned a costume to wear last Thursday are welcome to wear it on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Inhalers

Please could parents check their child's inhalers (if they use one) and ensure they are named, in date and in school.

### Able and Talented Courses

If you book your child on an Able and Talented Course please ensure you let the Office know so that the register is marked accordingly. We also need evidence of the booking to be provided.

### Parents' Evening

Parents' Evenings will be held from 3-6pm on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> March in the hall. Please book your appointments with your child's teachers on Parentmail.

## British Values



The Fairtrade snack shop has been a fantastic success over the last two weeks.

The children have learned about how buying Fairtrade products supports the most vulnerable communities across the world.

The sale has been organised by Mustard Seeds and this in itself has given children the responsibility of planning the sale, serving other children, giving change and stock taking!

It has been such a success we are considering a more regular event!

## Disco

Unfortunately due to the snow last week our school disco was cancelled. It has been rearranged for Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April (see below).

We are aware that some parents have expressed difficulties with the split timings for the discos. The decision to split them was made jointly by the school and PTA to ensure children of all age groups are able to enjoy the disco safely and with the appropriate supervision.

We recognise that this arrangement is difficult for some parents. We would welcome suggestions about how we could organise future discos next academic year.



## FRIDAY 20th APRIL

5.30 - 6.30pm - Nursery, Reception and Years 1 & 2

6.45 - 8.00pm - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Sweets - Hot Dogs - Drinks - Glow Bands

Refreshments for the grown-ups!

Entry: £1.50 per child

*Please note:*

*All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult for the duration of the event!  
We ask kindly that all children attend their own age banded disco.*

## Consciousness

*To be conscious about something is to be aware of it.*

*Dear Lord, help me to remember that You gave me life. Thank you for the gift of life. Teach me to slow down, to be still and enjoy the pleasures created for me. To be aware of the beauty that surrounds me. The marvel of mountains, the calmness of lakes, the fragility of a flower petal. I need to remember that all these things come from you.*



## Snow

We hope you all had fun in the snow last week and enjoyed an unexpected two days off school. It is lovely now to see some signs of spring and warmer weather

## Buddy's Big Workout

Our final total raised from sponsorship for the NSPCC's Buddy's Big Workout was **£795.69**. A big thank you from the NSPCC and from the school for your fantastic support!!

## Breadmaking Workshops

EYFS have had a lovely morning taking part in a Warburtons Breadmaking Workshop this week. Photos will be on the school website.

## Parish and Community News

## Martinsfield Farm Lambing

Martinsfield farm are running a lambing Sunday event on 11<sup>th</sup> March from 11:00-15:00. Information can be found at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/martinsfield-farm-lambing-sunday-mothers-day-tickets-42271278532>.

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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 S Beach, Mrs D Sparkes, Miss C Follows and Miss R Reynolds. Named Governor for Child Protection: Mrs Lucy Wills



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