

St Nicholas Catholic Primary School Newsletter

31st March 2017

Headteacher: Mrs A Folland



*Living and Learning in
Spirit and in Truth*

Stars of the Week

Thea Phillips
Leo Turner
Matthew Squire
Zivah Taylor
Alex Wardle
Jeremy Tojy
Fifi Graham
Logan Ali
Jayden Johnson
Darcey Davies
Rudy Masters
Harry Ballard
Tilly Down
Chloe Cook
Joshua Bolt
Isabella Sajonia
Darcie Nye
Luke Wlasak
Ben Davey
Callum Lovell
Neve May

Well done to you all!



Diary Dates

April	
18 th	Children return to school
21 st	Easter Liturgy led by Drogo Class 9.15am
25 th	Cowboy Lunch
26 th	Parent's Workshop – Sex and Relationship Education 6pm
May	
1 st	Bank Holiday – school closed
7 th	School Led Mass Blessed Sacrament 10.00am
8th-12th	SATS week

Headteacher's News

We have had a number of external visits this term looking at a range of school improvement work. Comments that have been made in this visits include 'a visibly strong and valued learning culture'; 'all staff aspiring for progress for each individual child'; 'strong leadership'; 'strong relationships with parents'; 'Governors are very

knowledgeable'; 'good use of external support to raise standards'.

Areas to develop include *continuing with the assessment for learning strategy, reviewing the curriculum offer and developing the middle leadership tier.*

A big thank you to the staff for their continued hard work and commitment this term.

Information

Summer Uniform

Children can return to school in summer uniform after Easter. This can be worn up to October half term.

Boys	Girls
White polo top with school logo	White polo top with school logo
Bottle green jumper	Bottle green jumper or cardigan
Grey shorts or trousers	Grey skirt, shorts or trousers
Grey or black socks	OR
Black shoes (no trainers)	Green and white checked summer dress
	White socks
	Black shoes (no trainers or boots)

Supper of the Lord Liturgy



Congratulations to Plympton Class who led the Supper of the Lord liturgy on Tuesday. After processing into the hall with palms, children laid the table and then had their feet washed by Fr Harry. See the website for more photos.

Staffing

We are delighted that Mrs Walmsley will return to school for 3 days per week in the Summer term after her maternity leave. She will not be a classroom teacher for this term but will provide leadership support.

Congratulations to Mr Tebbutt whose wife gave birth to their second baby girl 2 weeks ago. She is called Nyah Elodie.

Chicken's Eggs

Please check the website calendar for dates when you can buy fresh chicken eggs (suggested 20p) from your child's teacher laid by our very own school chickens.

British Values

Mrs Harding recently attended a multi-agency conference on 'Responding to the rise in racism'

As a school we have signed Devon and Cornwall Police's 'Zero Tolerance to Hate Crime' pledge. You will see poster and stickers around the school like this:



Easter Prayer

*Lord, the resurrection of
Your Son has given us new
life and renewed hope.*

*Help us to live as new people
in pursuit of the Christian
ideal.*

*Grant us wisdom to know
what we must do, the will to
want to do it, the courage to
undertake it, the
perseverance to continue to
do it, and the strength to
complete it.*

Amen

Red Nose Day

We raised a grand total of **£300.88** for Comic Relief and we are very grateful for your donations of money and cakes! The children (and staff) came in some fantastic hats as you can see below. See the website for more photos.



Government launches new schemes to help with childcare costs Are you looking for support with childcare costs?

Childcare Choices brings together all the government childcare offers in one place for the first time. The new Childcare Choices website makes it easy to find out what's on offer. Use the Childcare Calculator at www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator to see what offers are available to support you and your family. As well as current schemes, Childcare Choices introduces Tax-Free Childcare and 30 hours – two new offers that are coming in 2017. To find out more about the new and existing offers, and how they can help you, go to the Childcare Choices website today at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Would you like to know more about...

Children's behaviour; Brain science; Child development; Playing with your child to help them reach their full potential?

We are looking to run some Family Workshops in school for parents of Foundation Stage children. It would be a commitment of 2 hours once a week for 6 weeks. The sessions will be held with Sarah Beach, Pastoral Lead and Denise Sparkes, Alternative Provision Lead. We will talk about how children develop by sharing some of the brain science and what you can do to support your child to enable them to reach their full potential. If you are interested in coming to these sessions please email Denise Sparkes, by Tuesday 18th April, on dsarkes@stnics.uk.

Parish and Community News

Resurrection Rock

At 6.30pm on Thursday 20th April St Nicholas School choir will be leading 'Resurrection Rock', a musical journey of the events of Holy Week and Easter. It will be held at Blessed Sacrament Church and all are welcome.

PTA

Disco Update

Thanks for all the support at the Disco earlier in the month particularly PTA and staff helpers. In total we raised £478.80 – a fantastic effort!

Next term the PTA start to plan for the Summer Fayre. Are first meeting after Easter is Monday 24th April 7pm at the school. It would be really good to have some new volunteers to help and join the team in the planning of the fayre. We look forward to seeing some new faces.

On behalf of the PTA have a Happy Easter – Alex Bosley (PTA Chair)

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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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