

# St Nicholas Catholic Primary School Newsletter

18<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Headteacher: Mrs A Folland



*Living and Learning in  
Spirit and in Truth*

## Stars of the Week

Kuba Zaczynski  
Matilda Burningham  
Molly Swift  
Albert Piasecki  
Conor Sercombe  
Maya Zaczynski  
Joseph Biju  
Neve May  
Bea Hughes  
Merry Kember  
Jeremy Tojy  
Rhannon Lloyd-Foster  
Chloe Bertorelli  
Olivia Domagalska  
Lily-Rose Jones  
Karla Burns  
Malachy Ryan  
Max Winton  
Fidelis Ijeh

**Well done to you all!**



## Diary Dates

### March

22<sup>nd</sup> Supper of the Lord Liturgy  
led by Okehampton Class  
23<sup>rd</sup> Easter Lunch  
24<sup>th</sup> Way of the Cross Liturgy  
24<sup>th</sup> Last day of term

### April

12<sup>th</sup> Pupils return to school  
13<sup>th</sup> Parent's Workshop  
Relationship Education  
15<sup>th</sup> Easter Liturgy led by  
Dartmouth 9.15am  
15<sup>th</sup> Easter Lunch  
24<sup>th</sup> School Led Mass at  
Sacred Heart 9.30am

## Headteacher's News

We hope that you have found the recent parent's evenings informative and have a greater understanding of the new assessment processes being used in the school.

We are delighted that Mrs Stone has been awarded Specialist Leader in Education status by the National College. This is in

recognition of the work she has done to raise the standard of Teaching and Learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage over the last few years. This level of expertise we have within the school will help us to develop further and to support other schools with their Early Years provision.

## Information

### Kilve payments

A reminder to Yr 6 parents that you can make payments for Kilve by instalments on Parentpay. Full payment of £295 (£74 per PP) has to be made by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May.

### Website

Our website is to undergo a complete makeover over the next few weeks. We are working to bring it up to date and make it more accessible. Please be aware that this may mean some disruption while the new site is built. We hope that you will like the look and functionality of the new site when launched.

### Times Table Champion Challenges

Due to popular demand Year 1 children will now be able to take part in the times table champion challenges if they would like to. There is no expectation for children to be formally learning their times tables at Year 1 although they should be practicing counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s. It is great to see we have so many enthusiastic mathematicians in Year 1-good luck to them all!

### Charlie's baby

We are delighted to inform you that our Breakfast and After School Club Play-leader, Charlie, has had her baby boy, Rory. He was born on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March, at 4.31am, weighing 7lbs 10oz. Mother and baby are both doing very well.

### Liturgies

You are all invited to join us in our liturgies next week. Both are at 9.15am and will finish at around 10am. On Tuesday we have our Supper of the Lord liturgy which will be led by Okehampton Class and on Thursday morning we will hold our whole school Way of the Cross liturgy.

### Book Fayre

The book fair will be open one last time after school on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March until 4.30pm. If anybody didn't get the chance to visit the fair and buy a book at Parent's Evening, this will be your last chance. Thank you to all who purchased books at Parent's Evening which will enable the school to claim free books for the children.

### Catholic Schools Football Tournament

Congratulations to the children who took part in the Catholic School's Football Tournament last week. The Yr 5/6 boys' team and Yr 3/4 mixed team played a number of matches over the day and we are very proud that they both came 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in their categories. Thank you also to all parents who came to support their children.



## Reminders

Don't forget.....

- **To collect Sainsbury's vouchers for the school**
- **to regularly check the website news page and calendar**
- **to send in a dinner ticket if your child has had a meal without one. You will also receive a reminder text.**
- **to bring in evidence of any medical appointments your child has in school time for our records**
- **to bring in evidence of booked Able and Talented courses for our records.**
- **Watch out for our new healthy menus for BASC on the website.**

## Weekly Reflection

Lord, you teach us not to judge others for we acknowledge that we are sinners. We bless and adore you, for you set us free in your love.  
Amen.

## Parish and Community News

**Walk of Witness 2016** Good Friday, 25th March 10:00am Service at Exeter Cathedral. 10:45am Walk of Witness with the Salvation Army Band and associated drama and procession culminating with Prayers on Cathedral Green. After the Walk of Witness, hot-crossed buns will be served.

## CELEBRATING EASTER at Blessed Sacrament Church

**Sunday 20 March** Palm Sunday Mass at 9.00am, 10.30am and 6.00pm

**Monday 21 March** 7.30am Convent Mass

**Tuesday 22 March** 9.30am Mass 7.00pm Lenten Penitential Service

**Wednesday 23 March** 12.00 Chrism Mass Plymouth Cathedral Thursday 24

**March Maundy Thursday** 7.00pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Friday 25 March** Good Friday 3.00pm Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion

**Saturday 26 March** Holy Saturday 11.00am Blessing of Food 8.00pm Easter vigil

**Sunday 27 March** Easter Sunday Mass at 9.00am and 10.30am

## Action Packed Adventures this Easter with Haven Banks

**Outdoor Education Centre** Great Outdoor Activities throughout the Easter holidays at Exeter Quay. New Courses for 2016 include rock climbing, artificial caving and bushcraft to name but a few. Activity days start from just £43. Five days of activity £145. Ages 8 – 16 year olds. 28<sup>th</sup> March – 8<sup>th</sup> April All information is available online at [www.haven-banks.co.uk](http://www.haven-banks.co.uk)

## Design a Scarecrow with Otter Nurseries and win a raised bed for our school!

Radio Exe and Otter Nurseries are delighted to be running a competition across March with primary schools in Exeter, to give away a raised bed with compost and plants, so the school can 'grow their own' this spring and summer!. There are also two runner up prizes of £50 for the school to spend at Otter Nurseries. Plus we would like to invite the winner and five friends (accompanied by adults) to the radio station for a tour of what we do here! In order to enter the competition, we want primary aged children to design a scarecrow on paper. This is an opportunity to get creative - and as long as it's on paper, there are no other limitations! We will stop accepting entries on Thursday 24th March. The winner will be selected and announced live on air on Monday 11th April. Please send your entries to: 6a Cranmere Court, Lustleigh Close, Exeter EX2 8PW or alternatively email [nathan@radioexe.co.uk](mailto:nathan@radioexe.co.uk)

## PTA

We're planning our summer event to be held on the evening of 24<sup>th</sup> June. We have a planning meeting next week in school on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm all welcome to discuss ideas. We are hoping to include a barn dance! So if anybody knows of a band who can provide a barn dance please contact us at [pta@stnics.uk](mailto:pta@stnics.uk)

We are also looking for contributions of fabric/materials to make bunting for the evening so if you have scraps of yellow, white or green material you can spare please could you bring it to reception marked FAO PTA.

On behalf of the PTA may I wish you a relaxing 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