



St Nicholas Catholic Primary School

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St Nicholas School is committed to safeguarding children.

Designated Child Protection Lead: Mrs D Sparkes

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Named Governors for Child Protection: Mrs L Wills and Mrs F Dennehy

Head of School's News

It has been wonderful to see most of our children back in school over the past two weeks. The children seem really happy to be back together and staff are thrilled to have their full classes back in school. The kitchen staff helped us to celebrate the children's return with delicious cakes that were baked on site and delivered to every class on the very first day back.

Red Nose day

Today it is great to see the efforts that all pupils and staff have gone to raise money for Red nose day. I have recognised many mini versions of the staff across the school today- well done children you know your teachers well! I would also like to say how amazing our staff look in their St Nicholas uniform.

Okehampton

I would like to give a special mention to all of the pupils, parents and staff in Okehampton. While all of our other classes have had a lovely return to the school since we fully reopened on the 8th of March, your return has not gone quite so smoothly. You have all shown such amazing resilience and positivity in what was a very disappointing start. While we know this is not the return to learning that we'd all hoped for, the continued engagement with your remote learning is excellent. We can't wait to welcome you all back to learning together in school.

Class	Disciples of the week	World Book Day Winners
Compton	Ellie	Ellie's shoebox of 'Ellie Potter'.
Berry Pomeroy	Chloe	Will's animation of 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone'.
Plympton	Asher	Evie's collage of 'The Ickabog'.
Totnes	Abishek	George's animation of 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone'.
Kingswear	Lucas	Anwen's shoebox of 'Stickman'.
Rougemont	Finnley	Isaac's roleplay of Goldilocks.
Okehampton	Oscar, Bonnie, Brandon, Ellie, Maya, Joshua and Riker	Isla's shoebox of 'The Singing Mermaid'.
Lydford	Evie	Annabelle's roleplay as Princess Mirabelle from 'Princess Mirabelle and the Dragon-pox'.
Dartmouth	Skylar	Poppy L's drawing of 'The Folk of the Faraway Tree'.
Powderham	All of Powderham Class	Khloe and Karlotta's castle and roleplay as 'Sleeping Beauty'.
Drogo	All of Drogo Class	Afshin's shoebox of 'The Gruffalo'.
Nursery	Logan	Phoebe's role play of 'The Wonky Donkey'.
<i>Well done to you all!</i>		

Living and Learning in Spirit and in Truth

Red Nose Day

Please see the website for photos of the children dressing as staff and vice versa today, to raise money for Comic Relief. Thank you to everyone who took part in this fun day and for the donations received.

The Great Battery Hunt

We are now able to resume the collection of used batteries. Please bring them to the battery bucket in Reception.

Nursery Availability

We have spaces in our high quality nursery for Summer and Autumn Term 2021. You can use 15 (or extended 30 hours) funding with the option to purchase additional hours at £4.20 per hour. Please contact Mrs Brocksom abrocksom@stncls.uk for more information.

PTA news

The PTA have some exciting events coming up:



2021 Leavers Hoodies - Yr 6 only

Traditionally Year 6 students celebrated their last day of primary school by autographing each other's school shirts in marker pen with messages of encouragement and goodwill for the future. Leavers hoodies are a modern trend that have evolved from this tradition. Stitch 2 Print, a local Exeter company have put together the Yr 6 St Nicholas 2021 Leavers hoodies. The following link will take you to their webshop where you can choose and purchase your Yr 6 Leavers hoodie. <https://stitch2printuk.co.uk/product-category/schools/st-nicholas-catholic-school>

This webshop will be available from Friday 5th March – Monday 10th May and will have all the necessary details on. All hoodies will be delivered to school in June. Children may wear them to and from school and then all day on their last day in July. There will be a short video on the PTA Facebook page showing the hoodie production for those that are interested.

Your PTA

Community News

Bicton Lambing Sunday

Our annual Lambing Sunday at Bicton has been cancelled this year but we are holding a virtual lambing event this Sunday at 11am that your children may like to tune into. They can join us LIVE as we introduce them to some of our amazing sheep, share their stories & talk about how we look after them 🐑🐑

See where they live, learn when we put them in lamb and find out interesting facts about how many lambs they might have....plus more! We will also introduce you to our brand new lambs and give you a live bottle-feeding demonstration.

They can watch it on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/BictonCollege> or join us on our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CXi4GYf9xWY>

Message from Exeter City Council

One of our project partners, Morgan Sindall, are working on a number of key projects including the Royal Devon & Exeter hospital and are running a 'Design an Easter Egg' competition to help raise funds for the hospital's 'Starfish appeal'. The winner of the competition will be awarded with a £40 Smyth's voucher AND will have their egg blown up and displayed on the Morgan Sindall RD&E ED department hoarding. The entry fee for the competition is £1 and we wondered if this could be a nice end of term activity for the children to do.

Sent out with the newsletter is the activity sheet with information about the fundraiser. There are some great prizes to be won:

- 1st Prize £40 Smyth's Voucher
- 2nd Prize £20 Smyth's Voucher
- 3rd Prize £10 Smyth's voucher

Please donate via the following link:

<https://rdecharity.enthuse.com/cf/morgan-sindall-construction-easter-egg-competition>

Closing date - Tuesday 6th April

Winners will be announced Monday 12th April - Email entries to:

info@rdecharity.com or post it to the RD&E Charity, Room E121, RD&E Hospital, Barrack Road, EX2 5DW

Reflection - Springtime!

Your message of hope to a world tiring of winter's starkness, longing for that first crocus to push through snow's icy blanket and spread its leaves, like arms outstretched, to its creator.

Springtime!

Our yearly reminder, if we needed one, that to a world that was dark and cold,
a world devoid of love's sweet warmth,
you sent your Son to break through sin's icy blanket, and, arms outstretched on a cross,
he brought us hope. Thank you

