

# St Nicholas Catholic Primary School Newsletter

8<sup>th</sup> November 2018



*Living and Learning in  
Spirit and in Truth*

## Stars of the Week

Compton – Freya  
Plympton - Logan  
Totnes - Eve  
Kingswear - Oliver  
Rougemont - Keevan  
Okehampton - Ava  
Lydford - Macie  
Dartmouth - Danielius  
Drogo - Eva  
Powderham - Eva  
Nursery - Emily

**Well done to you all!**



## Diary Dates

November	
9 <sup>th</sup>	Non Pupil Day
13 <sup>th</sup>	Learning Assembly led by Berry Pomeroy 9.00am
15 <sup>th</sup>	Odd Socks Day (Anti Bullying Week)
16 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need – Crazy Hair and Hats Non Uniform Day School Disco
21 <sup>st</sup> and 27 <sup>th</sup>	Parent's Evening 3 – 6pm
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Christ the King Liturgy led by Lydford Class 9.15
30 <sup>th</sup>	Flu Vaccinations Yr R – 5
December	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Learning Assembly led by Okehampton 9am
6 <sup>th</sup>	St Nicholas Day Mass 9am
7 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Fayre

Headteacher: Mrs A Folland

## Headteacher's News

We are trialling a new strategy to give children feedback and help children to make stronger progress in Maths and Literacy.

The verbal feedback pilot, set up in September, means that teachers are not writing comments in children's books. When you look through your child's books on Parent's

Evening you will find less 'traditional' commenting. The teachers are using their time by talking to the children during the lesson about successes and next steps. Mrs Walmsley, Miss Reynolds and myself have been looking at children's maths and literacy books and are really pleased to see children making stronger progress as a result of more immediate feedback.

## Information

### Was your child born between 1/9/14 and 31/08/15

You can apply for a Devon School Place online at [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline) from 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018 to 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019. You can also get more information by calling the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019 or email [admissions@devon.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@devon.gov.uk). Even if you have given details to a primary school you **must** still apply for a place through the Admissions Team. We still have places on our 'Tea and Tour' information events on 14<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> November – please contact Ali in the Office for more details.

### Anti Bullying Week 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> November

It is anti bullying week next week and we will be marking it school with various activities. Children will be invited to design an information poster for the 'Stop Speak Support' cyberbullying campaign and there will be a prize for the best poster in each teaching team.

We will be taking part in the odd sock day event. Please see <https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/odd-socks-day-anti-bullying-week-0> We will be doing this on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>** and all children (and staff) are asked to raise awareness by wearing odd socks to school on this day.



### Children in Need

It is Children in Need on the 16<sup>th</sup> November. In return for a donation children may wear non uniform and also have crazy hair and / or a crazy hat. **We ask that NO hair dye or colour is used.** There will be some prizes for children and also a cake sale – more details to follow. We look forward to a crazy day!

### Governors

We are pleased to advise that Denise Sparkes is our new staff governor, for a term of four years.

We currently have a vacancy for a Foundation Governor on our Governing Body. Please contact Ali, Clerk to Governors ([abrocksom@stnics.uk](mailto:abrocksom@stnics.uk)) for more details about this interesting and rewarding role.

### Parents Evening

Booking for Parent's Evenings (21<sup>ST</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>) is now open on Parentmail. Please ensure you book a suitable time to meet your child's teacher. Please let the Office know if you have problems booking a slot.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ANY AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS USUALLY IN THE HALL WILL NOT TAKE PLACE ON THESE 2 DAYS.**

**Safeguarding**

Please can I remind parents that they should not be inside the school building at KS2 unless they have made an appointment. If your child had forgotten something then please send them back in to have a look for it and if you need to catch a teacher please do this on the playground. Any longer conversation will require an appointment.

Mrs Stone led an assembly last week which reminded the children of the Fire Drill. We will be having a drill over the next couple of weeks and ensuring all children know how to keep themselves safe.

**School Council**

The Play and Curriculum council fed back to the school in assembly the results of our playtime survey. This was completed by children in Years 1-6.

The council are now going to use this information to support the leadership team in making playtimes better.



The councils met this week to collate the results of the behaviour survey carried out recently.

**If your child is unwell consult Handi**

Doctors in Devon are reminding parents to download and consult the **HANDi** paediatric app. The free app is loaded with expert advice, support and guidance for common childhood illnesses. It covers a range of common conditions such as high temperatures, abdominal pain, headaches and rashes. The app asks a series of questions about the symptoms the child has and then advises the best course of action to take, whether to treat the condition at home, consult a pharmacist or GP and if it is serious, to head to A&E

**Parish and Community News**

**Exeter Consortium Train to Teach In Exeter**

Come to our taster event 2pm to 4pm on 15th November at St Nicholas Catholic Primary School. Have a tour of the school, ask questions, meet trainees and course leaders. An exceptional opportunity to train and teach in local schools with outstanding providers. We work in Partnership with South West Teacher Training and Bath Spa University. A chance to find out more about our 3-7 and 5-11 primary PGCE courses. [www.exeterconsortium.com](http://www.exeterconsortium.com)

**In Exeter Christmas Celebration Event & Light Switch On**

Join InExeter on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November from 11am for a festive day of family fun with live music, Christmas carols, winter crafts, entertainment, Crealy's Christmas Sleigh and see the Christmas lights illuminated at 5pm! For full details visit: [www.inexeter.com](http://www.inexeter.com) #christmasinexeter

**Diwali**

University of Exeter will be hosting its annual Diwali Celebrations on Sunday 11 November from 2.30-7pm in the Forum, Streatham Campus <http://www.exeter.ac.uk/diwali> This is a free event for families, local residents and students to discover all about Indian culture and the Hindu Festival of Lights with our Asian and Hindu Student Societies.

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 Fri 16th November  
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 Children in Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 2  
 5.30 - 6.30pm  
 Children in Years 3 - 6  
 6.45 - 8pm  
 £1.50 per child  
 hotdogs  
 drinks  
 sweets  
 glow bands  
 available to purchase at the disco and refreshments for parents too!  
 Parents must accompany and remain with their child/ren for the duration of the event.

**Prayer**

*Lord, when I am feeling lonely,  
 remind me of your promise,  
 "You are never alone,  
 I am with you always,  
 Yes, to the end of time".*

2.30pm	Opening Puja ceremony
2.45-5.00pm	Explore the regions of India through a variety of stalls and activities: henna tattoos, diya painting, traditional outfits to try on, Bangra dancing, storytelling, sweets. There will be Indian food and delicacies available from local producers to purchase.
5.15pm	Traditional performances from our talented Asian and Hindu Society group.
6.15pm	Procession to the fireworks. Fireworks will be viewed from the rear of the XFI building. Fireworks will fire at 6pm.

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

Designated Child Protection Officer: **Mrs Angela Folland** Deputy Child Protection Officers: Mrs L Stone, 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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