

St Nicholas Catholic Primary School Newsletter

4th March 2016

Headteacher: Mrs A Folland



*Living and Learning in
Spirit and in Truth*

Stars of the Week

Isabella Nicholls
Ellis Mounstevens
Jasper Leach
Namitha Dileep
Isabella Nicholls
Esme Davies
Floryn Tiachoh
Jack Keyte
Katie Brocksom
Oliwier Radtke
Ellis Christie
Charlotte Phillips
Rachel Bosley
Alfie Down
George Port
Sienna Mackenzie-Moore
Milosz Bak

Well done to you all!



March

9th and 11th EYFS Stay and Play 8.50 – 9.59am
13th School Led Mass at Blessed Sacrament 10.30am
14th – 18th Yr 5 Bikeability
22nd Supper of the Lord Liturgy led by Okehampton Class
24th Way of the Cross Liturgy
24th Last day of term

April

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

Headteacher's News

The Government has made significant changes to assessment nationally, and consequently our school assessment systems look very different this year. When you come to parents evening in two weeks' time you will be given an indication for the end of year prediction for your child's achievement and the next steps your child needs to make to achieve this. Further information will be displayed on the large screen in the hall during Parent's evening to help you to make sense of some of the changes in expectation and language.

If your child is in Year 2 or Year 6 it is important that you try to come to next week's information sessions run by the teachers so that you are fully aware of the changes to the SATs process and expectations for 2016.

Information

Safeguarding: Dismissing Year 3 and 4 children

As always, we are constantly reviewing procedures to enhance the safety of the children. From Monday 7th March children in Totnes, Kingswear and Rougemont Classes will be dismissed at the end of the day in the same way as Year 1 and 2 children. The children will be held in their classrooms until they are individually released to their parent, agreed adult or older sibling collecting them. As per NSPCC advice (www.nspcc.org) we do not permit children under the age of 12 to collect younger siblings. Parents of children in Totnes, Kingswear and Rougemont are invited to wait directly outside their children's classroom after 3.10pm until the class are dismissed. Please note that children will not be released unless an adult comes to collect them. If it is another adult collecting please either let the teacher know on the playground in the morning, send in a note or phone the office. For those parents with children in younger classes, don't worry – we will hold onto the Year 3 and 4 children until you have collected your younger ones.

Scarlet Fever

You may have heard in the press that the numbers of children contracting Scarlet Fever nationally has increased considerably. At St Nicholas we have had a number of recent cases. We have sought additional advice from the Public Health Team as to how we can minimise the chances of children catching this airborne infection. If your child is diagnosed with Scarlet Fever please ensure that they stay off school for at least 24 hours after starting a course of antibiotics. If they have not been prescribed antibiotics, they should not return to school until they have fully recovered. At school we will continue to ensure that the children wash their hands properly after going to the toilet and before eating as this is the most effective way of avoiding infection. We also wish to reassure you that all school fittings, furnishings and equipment are regularly cleaned as part of an ongoing cleaning cycle. Additional deep cleaning will also take place during the Easter holiday period.

Headlice

We have a number of cases of headlice in the school. Please check your child/ren's hair and see Parentmail for more information.

Tesco Uniform Service

The website for the Tesco uniform service has changed. If you wish to purchase cardigans, jumpers, rucksacks or polo tops, all with the school logo from Tesco, please go to <http://www.clothingattesco.com/st-nicholas-catholic-primary-school/inv/113444>

PE Kit

There are a large number of children who are not bringing the correct PE kit into school. The PE kit is as important as the main uniform for PE lessons. ALL children should have the agreed gold T Shirt and green shorts in school at all times for their PE lessons.

Radio Exe Competition

Radio Exe would like primary school children to enter their "Design a Scarecrow" competition. Full information is now available from <http://www.radioexe.co.uk/features/design-a-scarecrow-with-otter-nurseries-and-win-a-raised-bed-for-your-school/>

Design and draw a scarecrow on paper. The winner will receive a vegetable patch for their school from Otter Nurseries. Plus we will invite the winner and 5 friends (accompanied by adults) to the radio station for a tour!! There will be 2 runners up prizes of £50 for the school to spend at Otter Nurseries. Send your entries to: 6a Cranmere Court, Lustleigh Close, Exeter, EX2 8PW or email Nathan@radioexe.co.uk Entries open on March 1st and entry closes at midnight Thursday 24th March. The winner will be announced on Monday 11th April on the Drivetime show.

Cheques

Please ensure that cheques for payment of lunch tickets are made out for the correct amount. Books of tickets are £11 pounds each and cheques must be made out in multiples of £11. If cheques are made out for the wrong amount we will have to return them to you and will not be able to issue the tickets. We would appreciate your help in this matter.

Illness Reporting

Please note that when reporting your child's absence to the school (by calling, leaving a message or the absence reporting function on Parentmail) you **MUST** advise the nature of the illness so that we can take appropriate action if needed.

On the Website this week....

Have a look on the website next week for more pictures of World Book Day and photos from the Yr 5/6 trip to Stover and RAMM.

Parish and Community News

School Led Mass

There is a school led mass at Blessed Sacrament Church on Sunday 13th March at 10.30am. Mrs Quinn will co-ordinate those children who would like to play a role in this mass and you will be notified in advance. We hope many of you can join us for this lovely occasion.

WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day was a great success in school on Thursday. The children and staff all dressed up in pyjamas and onesies and either donated money or contributed books to be sent to Ghana to create libraries. At 2.30pm the children all chose to hear a story read by a member of staff. Thank you all very much for your support.



Reminders



Don't forget.....

- 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.**
- Collect Sainsbury's vouchers so that we can claim play and sports equipment.

Weekly Reflection

Lord, let justice flow like running streams, and bring hope to those who thirst.

Amen.

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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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