

St Nicholas Catholic Primary School Newsletter

8th November 2019



Living and Learning in
Spirit and in Truth

Disciple of the Week

Compton	Will
Plympton	Benett Namitha
Berry Pomeroy	Demi Michael
Totnes	Zofia
Kingswear	Chloe Melania
Rougemont	Lucy Elsie
Okehampton	Giorgia Sam
Lydford	Mason Poppy
Dartmouth	Naomi Macie
Drogo	Annie
Powderham	Zaheer
Nursery	Riley Ashton

Well done to you all!



Diary Dates

November	
12 th	Drop Off, Drop In 8.45am
18 th	Individual Photos
19 th	9am and 6pm Reception 2020 tours (please contact abrocksom@stnics.uk for more information)
20 th and 26 th	Parent's Evenings

Headteacher: Mrs A Folland

Headteacher's News

Parking Issues

As you can imagine, I was appalled to receive the following email on Monday 4th November "I was disgusted to hear from my dad how he was unnerved and intimidated by an aggressive male driver blocking the end of his driveway. After my dad asked him to move as he wanted to go out, the aggressive driver stated "no, what are you going to do about it", in an extremely aggressive manner!!!!

I understand parking is an issue but I will not stand there and listen to how my dad was made to feel intimidated and unnerved stood on his own property after asking someone to stop blocking the driveway (breaking the law)."

It is a small minority of our parents who park unlawfully and irresponsibly, believing themselves to be 'above' the law and have absolutely no regard for respecting our neighbour's homes.

Please be assured that the school encourages, and will fully support, any resident who reports this sort of behaviour and parking to the police. I have encouraged residents to take photographs of number plates to be able to report these incidents.

Please note that you would not expect the school staff to behave in such a way towards your children. You expect us to be role models; we expect the same of you when parking.

Information



Well done to Lydford Class who presented the whole school learning assembly this week, all about their trip to the Jurassic Coast.

Staffing

Amy Davis, our Thrive Practitioner, is leaving us next week to take up another post in education closer to her new home. We wish her much happiness and success for her future and thank Amy for her dedication to St Nicholas School.

Forest School

The Yr 5/6 children are enjoying the Forest School sessions each week. They are currently building dens and shelters. Please keep an eye on the website for updates and photos.

Tempest Photos

Tempest photographers will visit the school on **Monday 18th November** to take individual photos of the children. We organise the sibling photos in school but if you wish to have a photo of you or another family member (such as an older or younger sibling who is NOT at St Nicholas) with your children please come to the Bickleigh Room at 8.15am as these will be taken first of all. Parents of Nursery children who are not due to be in on Friday may also come at this time for a photo.

Please also ensure your child/ren are in the correct uniform. Your child will bring home the booking form and you can either return this to school or book and pay online.

KS1 DT Project



In KS1 we received a letter from a teacher in Brisbane who asked about what our favourite Christmas snack was. She sent us a food package containing different Christmas treats from around the world. First we used a map to locate where the food came from. After that we evaluated the different food based on their smell, texture, taste and appearance. We discussed our favourite snack and made a bar chart to show this.

Over the next few weeks we will be making our own Christmas snacks.

PTA

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Dress Down Day

Friday 22nd Nov

Bring in a donation (see below) and wear your own clothes to school!

Nursery + Reception Please bring in a donation of chocolate goodies for our Chocolate Tombola!	Years 1 - 6 Please bring in a £1 donation*
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* All money raised will be donated to your PTA to go towards raffle hampers & prizes for the Christmas Fayre.

Thanks to the PTA

The whole school community would like to say a huge thank you to Alex Bosley and Naomi Fermor-Oldfield who have stepped down from their PTA positions after years of hard work and dedication. Their contribution has been huge and they have both made a significant impact on the school, both in organising and running the annual fayres and other events and in raising much needed funds for the school. Alex has kindly agreed to continue as Vice Chair to support our new Chair, Helen Manning.

Thank you very much to our PTA for buying nearly 400 new 'home reading' books for the school. The books are the same as the ones that the EYFS and KS1 children read in their guided reading sessions at school and will be sent home so that the children can continue to develop and improve their reading confidence and fluency.

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DROPOFF DROPIN

Tuesdays 8.45 - 9.30am

Pop in to the Bickleigh Room after drop off and treat yourself to fresh coffee and cake (there's no charge - it's on us!)

Meet new people, catch up with friends or just come and grab a cuppa - everyone is very welcome!

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A HEART WHICH SEES

Parish and Community News

Devon Carbon Plan process is launched

A top team of environmental experts, charged with ensuring that Devon reduces carbon emissions as quickly as possible, is calling on residents to submit their ideas on how to do it. Please go to the following link for more information and to find out how to submit your ideas. <https://www.devonclimateemergency.org.uk>

Devon School Admissions and Transport Consultation

Please find information below about this year's Devon County Council admissions and transport consultation. To view the policies visit www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements

Diocese of Plymouth Ice Skating for 10 – 17 year olds

Ice skating at Plymouth Pavilions followed by a BBQ and mass on Sunday 24th November. Leaving Blessed Sacrament at 9.30am and returning at 6pm. The cost is £12 per child. Please contact Patrick on 07880734088.

Family Dog Workshops

Workshops for parents /carers of a child aged between 3 - 16 years old with a clinical diagnosis of autism and if you are at the early stages of considering getting a dog to help your child. For dates and venues visit www.dogsforgood.org/family-dog

Prayer

Loving God, you show yourself to us in so many different ways:
in times of joy and of sorrow, in experiences of beauty and of challenge,
in periods of rest and of activity.

In whatever state we find ourselves in, help us to be open to experience your presence as good news, and help us to respond by sharing that good news in word and action,
So that others may know the wonder of your love. Amen.

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St Nicholas School is committed to safeguarding children.

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Mrs A Griss, Miss



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