

# St Nicholas Catholic Primary School Newsletter

16<sup>th</sup> June 2017



*Living and Learning in  
Spirit and in Truth*

Headteacher: Mrs A Folland

## Headteacher's News

We take great pride in the relationship we build with parents and wish to be an open and approachable school. However, we also take our duty for safeguarding your children extremely seriously and need to provide a safe and secure environment in the mornings. We are becoming increasingly concerned about the number of parents who are coming into the school building and walking around freely in the morning.

It is essential that we know who is in the building, and for what purpose, to ensure your child is safe. We need your help to ensure their safety and to prevent us from having to put measures in place that remove successful features such as supporting children in Year 1 and 2 to change reading books, visiting the library and the general settling of our younger children.

To help us keep your child safe please remember:

- There should be no parents in the KS2 corridor at all before school. You can catch the teacher on the playground for brief messages or if your conversation needs more time please email them. All teacher's emails are available on the website.
- When leaving the Foundation Stage Unit or KS1, all parents should leave by the external doors and walk around the outside of the building - not up the internal corridors
- All parents are welcome to use the library with their children between 8.30 and 8.45am but must then return to the playground where the children will line up.
- KS2 children must not come into the building before the whistle.
- Under no circumstances should parents or children open the security doors from the main Reception for adults or children: you will have no idea whether that person has authorised access to the school.

Of course we know our parents well, but with 60 staff working in different areas across the school, not all staff will know all parents. Unfortunately it would only take 1 incident for a potential problem to occur and this is a risk we are not prepared to take on your child's behalf. Please demonstrate your own awareness of safeguarding by following these simple requests to support our children.

## Stars of the Week

Niall Flavin  
Elliot Hinton  
Lucy Thomas  
Koko Iyi-Ojo  
Kaiden Bond  
Milosz Bak  
Jesse Ndimande  
Kuba Zacynski  
Drogo Class  
Finley Ballard  
Ava Thomas  
Abbie Clow  
Natalia Domagalska  
Lily Ballard  
Tyler Sellick  
Charleigh Bradley  
Kai McCarthy

**Well done to you all!**



## Diary Dates

June	
19 <sup>th</sup>	- Swimschool - Yr 6 Plymouth CAST Leaver's Mass
22 <sup>nd</sup>	- Dr Bike in school - Yr 6 Lifeskills Course at Matford - Open Classroom and Curriculum Exhibition
23 <sup>rd</sup>	- Summer Fayre from 5.30pm
24 <sup>th</sup>	- First Holy Communion Blessed Sacrament Church
26 <sup>th</sup>	- Okehampton Class Assembly 9.00am - 'Down on the Farm' Themed lunch
27 <sup>th</sup>	- New Nursery Welcome Talk 9am
28 <sup>th</sup>	- Sports Day 9.30am

## Information

### Dr Bike

Saddles and Paddles will be coming to school on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June to carry out a basic bike check for free. Please bring your bike in to school to get it checked!

### Message from Devon and Cornwall Police

Devon and Cornwall Police are currently investigating multiple incidents that occurred in Exeter City Centre on the 7<sup>th</sup> of June. It is alleged that two suspicious men have been seen outside schools and a swimming pool and when approached by staff, both have fled the area. At this time no offences have been reported, and nor have any children been approached. However, local officers are reviewing CCTV to see if these incidents are linked and if further policing action needs to be taken. In the meantime, we ask parents, teachers, carers and establishments where children are likely to frequent to be vigilant, and if they spot anything suspicious that they contact Devon and Cornwall Police on 101 quoting log number 426 of the 8<sup>th</sup> June.

### Calendar Changes

There will be no celebration assembly on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June to enable the PTA to set up the School fayre.

There will be no St Peter and St Paul Liturgy on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> as detailed in the school calendar. We will be holding a mass to celebrate this later in the month.

## British Values



Democracy is a key British Value and the last 4 weeks have seen democracy in action. To support the children's understanding of a General Election we are having one of our own! You will know that the children have earned their next Whole School Reward by achieving 1000 shields for each of the Learning Values. So.....

The School Council have been busy creating ballot papers and a ballot box (modelled on an actual ballot box!) Next week they will act as Poll Clerks ticking off the children as they come with their ballot paper to vote. The Bickleigh room will become the polling station with children able to come in a vote at lunchtime.

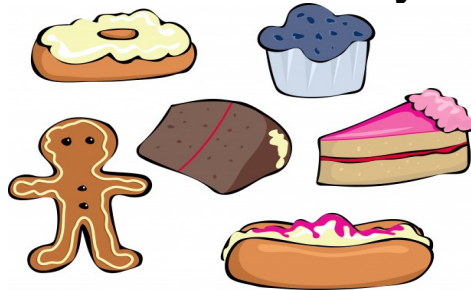
Which reward will get the majority? What will be the next reward? It's the children's voice that will be counted!

## EYFS Stay and Play Sessions

Thank you to all parents who took part in the recent Stay and Play sessions in Foundation Stage and who also completed an evaluation form. Comments included:

- "Love these sessions! Thank you"
- "Enjoyed being able to discuss the activities with my child"
- "It was great fun digging in the garden"
- "Some great play activities and a reminder to do things every day"
- "Loved seeing my child play and seeing how confident she is with her surroundings"
- "Great activities - had a great time exploring the different things"
- "Very interesting"

## Can you help???



We would really appreciate donations of cakes for the Summer Fayre on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June. If you can help please bring them to the Office on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you!

## Parish and Community News

### Clifton String Trio

This trio comprising Julie Hill, Emma Welton and Annabel Rooney (who plays the piano for our choir) are playing at St Andrew's Church, Exwick EX4 2AA on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 3pm. They will play music by Mozart, Purcell and Gordon Jacob featuring Six Shakespearean Sketches with a special guest, actress Jilly Spencer. Pay what you decide for tickets on the door.

### Fantasy, Films and Fairytales

A concert by EMG Symphony Orchestra in aid of Children's Hospice South West will be held at St Peter's School, Quarry Lane, Exeter on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 3pm. Tickets are available at [www.emgsymphonyorchestra.org](http://www.emgsymphonyorchestra.org) or from Exeter Tourist Information centre 01392 665885. Pieces to be played include Danse Macabre (Saint-Saens), Sorcerer's Apprentice (Dukas) and Extracts from Harry Potter (John Williams).

### Animal Agents – Summer Reading Challenge

The 2017 Summer Reading Challenge launches in Devon Libraries on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July. Pick up a free challenge pack and investigation kit from your local library to help the animal agents catch the crooks. Find out about events, activities and how to get involved [devonlibraries.org.uk](http://devonlibraries.org.uk)

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**Midsummer FAYRE**

**FRI 23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE**

including **5.30-8pm**

**BARBECUE**  
Bar & Real Ales  
CAKES & REFRESHMENTS  
**Bouncy Castle**  
Raffle  
**FAMILY GAMES**  
Glitter Tattoos  
ICE CREAM & SWEETS  
Photographer

with music from **Pigs Might Fly**  
BAND, JAZZ, BAND

Circus Skills Workshop by **CIRCUS BERZERKUS**

and Footy Darts with **KIKOFF CO. UK**

ENTRY **£1 per adult**  
children free

taking place in the school grounds at Ringswell Avenue, Exeter, EX1 3EG

## God of our Longing

God of our longing hear our prayers, protect our dreams, and listen to our silent hopes.

Deal gently with our pain, speak to our sadness and remove the barriers that imprison our spirit.

Shed your light where shadows are cast, that we may feel your warmth and know your presence.

Give us courage to hold fast to our vision that we may build our world and create our future.

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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