

St Nicholas Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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*Living and Learning in
Spirit and in Truth*

Disciple of the Week

Compton	Maja Mia
Plympton	Wiktorina Olly
Berry Pomeroy	Deborah Luciana
Kingswear	Jesse Chloe
Rougemont	Beth
Okehampton	Hannais
Lydford	Cormac Ecaterina
Dartmouth	Troy Sissi
Drogo	Emily Cohen
Powderham	Toni Linus
Nursery	Maddison

Well done to you all!



Diary Dates

February	
3 rd – 7 th	Mental Health Week "Find your Brave"
7 th	Year 2 sleepover
10 th and 12 th	EYFS Stay and Play sessions 8.30 – 9.30am
11 th	Learning Assembly led by Kingswear
14 th	Year 5 Cake Sale Break up for half term
25 th	Children return to school Shrove Tuesday

Headteacher's News

We would like to thank all of you for your support with our drive to improve outdoor play and learning. It is great to see so many children enjoying the school grounds to the full with their wellies and wet weather gear. However, we have become aware that many of the children are still coming

home covered in mud and that this is causing some families some upset. We have decided to temporarily suspend the play on the field while we work with the children to help them manage the muddy environment better. Please keep an eye out for an OPAL update that will explain this to you.

Information

Parking

Please can we remind you that the school car park is for staff and parents with a parking permit only. It has been noticed that several parents are parking in the school car park. There have been occasions where members of staff are unable to park in the staff car park due to parents using it. There have also been occasions where children and parents have stepped out in front of moving cars when leaving their own cars. This is a safety concern. If you do not have a permit to park in the school car park, you must find alternative parking. Please also keep an eye out for the new banners provided by the PTA which will encourage sensible parking.

School Ties

All children should be wearing our winter uniform now which includes a shirt and tie. This is in line with our Home-School-Pupil agreement which you have signed. A number of children are currently coming to school without a tie and it is likely that they will be asked why this is by a member of staff. Please make sure your child is wearing the correct uniform every day. Ties can be purchased from Thomas Moore on Fore Street.

Nut Free Snacks

A reminder that we are a nut free school as some of our children have severe allergies. Please make sure that all snacks are nut free and there are no nuts at all in packed lunches or any items brought into school. This also applies to cakes and biscuits made for school events.

Uniform Consultation

Thank you to all who took part in the consultation about changing the summer uniform. The form on Parentmail closes today so you still have time to express your views. The results will be published in the next newsletter.

Twitter and Facebook

Why not follow us on Twitter - @StNicholasCPS or Facebook - St Nicholas Catholic Primary School, Exeter for information and news about the school.

Mental Health Week

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week. Teachers will be exploring the theme of 'Finding Your Brave' in class and linking it to keeping our minds healthy by using the 10 a day guidance. Parent's information has been sent out by Parentmail including top tips about how you can help your child to 'find their brave'. See www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk

You can also find a list of organisations that provide support and advice at www.place2be.org.uk/contacts

Maths Rock Stars

We are really excited to announce that Times Table Rock Stars has come to St Nicholas School.

This great programme will help your child/children enjoy and secure their timetable facts.

Your child has received a login which means they can login at home and practise! The more practice the better!

Teachers will be monitoring their progress and celebrating their times table achievements. Your support would be most welcome!



Job Vacancy

We have a vacancy in our busy Nursery for an Early Years Teaching Assistant (must have level 2 EY) from 2nd March until 31 August 2020. 28.75 hours per week / 5.75 hours per day Monday – Friday. £8.73 per hour. There is potential for this post to be made permanent pending a budgetary review. You would be assisting the Nursery teacher and working as part of the Foundation Stage team. **An enhanced DBS check will be required for this post.** Contact Ali Brocksom (abrocksom@stnics.uk) for more information and an application form. Closing date is 10th February. Interviews will be held on 12th February.

Fundraiser for Australia

To help fight the Australian bushfires, on Tuesday 21st January 2020, we invited the children to bring in a few coins to fill in an outline of Australia. Amazingly, we raised over £320. We thank all who donated to this important cause.



PTA

- Tickets go on sale next Friday for the exciting Q&A with ECFC on the 12th March starting at 6.30pm. Tickets are £5 including a sausage roll or £4 if you are wearing city colours! Please see Parentmail or Facebook for more information.
- Cake Sale: Friday 14th February 3.15. We would appreciate cakes or 'fake bakes' (no nuts) from **Yr 5 families** to be brought to the Bickleigh Room on the morning of the 14th. Cakes will be 50p or £1 and all proceeds to go to the school.



The Utilita Kids Cup



A massive congratulations and well done goes to our St Nic's Football Team! On 23rd January, we went to the Kids Cup Football Tournament managed by the EFL Trust. The team played against 32 schools from all over Devon. The team's expertise, skills, resilience and teamwork led them to become the winning team!!

The EFL trust is an organisation to get kids into football - this tournament is a national tournament split into 3 divisions in the UK. We won the title for our division, and will be playing in Swindon, representing Exeter City. Not only have we won the title but the Exeter City players and coaches will be coming into school to train the team. If we win this round, we will be given the opportunity to play at Wembley Stadium. More information about the trust is here: <https://www.efltrust.com/kidscup/>

Everyone in the team was a credit to the school. All players had respect towards all teams and each other - constantly encouraging and supporting the ups and downs, on and off the pitch. Swindon will be a once in a lifetime opportunity and you've earned it... See you at Wembley!!

Prayer

Lord, In the midst of Winter, when the days are cold and wind can pierce remind us of the warmth of your love.
In the midst of Winter, when days are short, dawn comes late, and dusk arrives early remind us that in the darkness your light still shines.
In the midst of Winter, when the flowers of spring still lie hidden in the earth, when leaves are off the trees, and the world can seem bleak, remind us that Easter is but a short time away.
And when in our lives we feel as if we are experiencing a season of winter, reach out to us with your power so that we may feel the warmth of your love and see your light that alone can take away the darkness of our soul. Amen

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St Nicholas School is committed to safeguarding children.

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