

# St Nicholas Catholic Primary School Newsletter

18<sup>th</sup> October 2019 Executive Head: Mrs A Folland Deputy Head: Miss K Reynolds



*Living and Learning in Spirit and in Truth*

## Headteacher's News

I hope you all have a restful half term and look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>. Next half term will be busy as we lead up to Christmas. Please

make sure you all have a school calendar (obtainable from the Office or your child's teacher) and regularly check Parentmail for information.

### Disciple of the Week

Compton	Amelie
Plympton	Charlie Amber
Berry Pomeroy	Lily Megan
Totnes	Amelie
Kingswear	Evie-May Keevan
Rougemont	Anwen Darcy
Okehampton	Mia Rosie
Lydford	William Kelsey
Dartmouth	Emily Isaac
Drogo	Seb Brandon
Powderham	Erin Ronnie
Nursery	Rose Thea

Well done to you all!



### Diary Dates

<b>October</b>	
21 – 28	Half term
29 <sup>th</sup>	Children return to school
<b>November</b>	
4 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS Stay and Play 8.30am – 9.30am
5 <sup>th</sup>	Learning Assembly led by Lydford 9.00am. Parents are welcome.

### Information

#### Reminders – After Half Term

A reminder that when children return to school after half term they should be in winter uniform including a white shirt, school tie; grey trousers or skirt / pinafore; bottle green jumper or cardigan with the school logo; white, grey or black socks / tights and black shoes (no trainers or boots). Children may not wear the white polo tops until after Easter.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER. MONDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> IS A NON PUPIL DAY.**

#### KS1 to Seaton Jurassic



KS1 went to Seaton Jurassic last Tuesday as part of our learning journey "Dinosaur Discovery". We took part in three different practical activities in which we learnt more about fossils, dinosaurs and paleontology. After that we walked to the beach to look for the physical and human features of Seaton. The weather was perfect!

"My favourite part of the day was every part" Poppy L

"I liked finding the parts of the dinosaur and then building it up!" Cormac

"I liked making the fossils" Tadhg

#### Was your child born between 1/9/15 and 31/8/16?

Please ensure you apply online for a primary school place in Devon by going to [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline). The deadline is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Alternatively you can call 0345 155 1019 or email [admissions@devon.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@devon.gov.uk). If you are applying to our school please also complete a supplementary form obtainable from Reception. This will ensure that, if we are oversubscribed, we offer places correctly.

#### Parking Reminder

Please park with consideration for our neighbours on both sides of the school when dropping off or picking up your children. Please do not park dangerously, across driveways or in contravention of parking restrictions (e.g. on the double yellow lines). Please also remember that parents may only park in the school car park if they have a permit, which must be displayed on the dashboard. Please do not drive at speed down Ringswell Avenue to avoid accidents or splashing puddles on pedestrians when it is wet.

#### Give As You Live

Thank you to all using Give as You Live when online shopping to raise money for St Nicholas School. The current, fantastic total raised is £70.62. Go to <https://www.giveasyoulive.com/join/stncs-pta> to find out more.

#### Children's Chaplain Page

Check out the new Children's Chaplains page on the website: [http://www.st-nicholas-exeter.devon.sch.uk/website/childrens\\_pages/201300](http://www.st-nicholas-exeter.devon.sch.uk/website/childrens_pages/201300)

**Goodbyes**

We said goodbye to Sarah Beach last Friday as she retired after 24 years at St Nicholas. We hope to still see her in school a lot in the future as a grandparent. We wish her much happiness.

We also said goodbye to Rosie Reynolds as she has started her maternity leave. We wish her well and look forward to meeting her new baby very soon.

**School Council**

The Behaviour and Welfare Council is all about behaviour in our school. Our Chairs are Fraser and Megha and our note takers are Katie and Mia. We have met twice so far this term and have voted on questions for a questionnaire on safeguarding for all children in the school community. We also have been talking about toilets and consequences for mistreating them (eg. parents pay for broken things, part of lunch being missed). We will meet again after the half term and will discuss more about these matters.

By Ava T

**Alfie Update**

*Alfie making himself at home in the office*

We have asked the children to be very mindful about not dropping litter, especially food, around the school grounds in case Alfie picks it up. Some foods such as raisins, grapes, chocolate and chewing gum can be harmful to dogs. Please could you also bear this in mind when you are in school? Alfie had to remove a starburst sweet and some chewing gum from his mouth last week. The xylitol in these items can be very harmful.

Alfie has passed his puppy training course with flying colours. He may attend a Junior School in the Spring term.

Stacey, an educator from The Dog's Trust, came to deliver a very informative assembly to all children this week. They learned all about how to be safe around dogs, including when not to approach a dog and what to do if a dog runs up to them. All children have had an information leaflet to bring home. She came to visit Alfie and was very pleased with all we had put in place to ensure his welfare in school. She observed that he is very calm and happy in school. We are looking to arrange some Dog's Trust workshops later in the year.

**Information Continued****Lydford Learning Assembly & Remembering Liturgy**

Lydford Class will be leading the Learning Assembly on the 5<sup>th</sup> November at 9am in the hall. On the 8<sup>th</sup> November we will hold our Remembering Liturgy and this will be led by Berry Pomeroy Class. It will start at 9.15am in the hall. Parents are welcome to attend both.

**Parish and Community News****Toddler Group Relaunch**

It is hoped to restart the Blessed Sacrament Toddler Group in the Richard Reynolds Centre after the October half term holiday on Monday mornings 9.30 till 11.30am.

**SmartLoving Breakthrough**

When marriages are conflicted, the whole family suffers. It's stressful for the parents and distressing for the children. SmartLoving BreakThrough is an online course designed to help individual spouses process their emotions and understand what is driving the conflict in their marriage. Grounded in contemporary psychology and framed by Catholic spirituality, the 3 hour course is available anywhere, anytime.

More information is available online (and a 50% discount):

<https://smartloving.org/breakthrough/>

**Prayer**

Dear God, Thank you for the things we have learnt, experienced and discovered through this half term.

Help us to remember it all.

Please bless our half term break and help us to return to school refreshed and excited.

**Amen.**

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

Designated Child Protection Lead: **Mrs Denise Sparkes** Deputy Child Protection Leads: Mrs A Folland, Miss K Reynolds, Mrs A Griss, Miss C Follows and Miss J Pym. Named Governor for Child Protection: Mrs Lucy Wills



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