

# St Nicholas Catholic Primary School Newsletter

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017

Headteacher: Mrs A Folland



*Living and Learning in  
Spirit and in Truth*

## Stars of the Week

Karla Burns  
Chloe Bertorelli  
Asia Boot  
Amelia Kwiecinska  
Millie Best  
Holly Friend  
Finley Ballard  
Shola Dow  
Tabby McCrum  
George Avery  
Kaiden Bond  
Victor Walach  
Athena Stylianou  
Lucas Ryan  
Sophia Hinton  
Saffie Moon  
Gabriel Hendricks  
Namitha Dileep  
Daniel Shibu  
Alex Cobbledick  
Kamila Biernis  
James Dicks



**Well done to you all!**



## Diary Dates

| March                              |   |
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| 8 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> | EYFS Stay and Play 8.50 – 9.50am                  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup>                   | PTA disco   |
| 12 <sup>th</sup>                   | School led mass at Sacred Heart 9.30am            |
| 17 <sup>th</sup>                   | St Patrick's Day special lunch                    |
| 20 <sup>th</sup>                   | Class Assembly led by Compton 9am                 |
| 21 <sup>st</sup>                   | New Nursery Welcome talk 9.00am                   |
| 26 <sup>th</sup>                   | Mothering Sunday                                  |
| 28 <sup>th</sup>                   | Supper of the Lord Liturgy led by Plympton 9.15am |

## Headteacher's News

We are delighted to have been awarded the 'Rainbows' School mark for the children in our school. *Rainbows* is a charity that supports loss and bereavement experienced by children. All the staff were trained on 20<sup>th</sup> February and we will soon be able to run a *Rainbows* group for children. All children can experience loss, whether through the death

of a loved one, separation or divorce. We wanted to be able to help the children within our school more effectively by being able to offer this support.

If you think your child would benefit from taking part in a *Rainbows* group please let their child's teacher know.

## Information

### Dartmouth Learning Assembly



Well done to Dartmouth Class who led an inspirational whole school assembly last Monday on the theme of gymnastics and the role of the coach.

### Ash Wednesday Liturgy



Okehampton Class led the school in our Ash Wednesday liturgy to mark the beginning of Lent.

*"We are travelling on a Lenten journey to the place where God is found,  
Every Step along the journey is upon God's Holy Ground"*

### Staff Vacancies

We have vacancies for the following positions:

- Temporary (until 31/8/17) Mealtime Assistant on Mondays and Fridays only from 11.30 – 1.15.
- After School Club Playworker to provide additional support for 2 siblings on Wednesdays from 3-6pm. This position is temporary and dependent on external funding.

Both positions will be paid at the Plymouth CAST Living Wage rate of £7.85 per hour. For more information and an application form please contact Ali in the Office on [abrocksom@stncs.uk](mailto:abrocksom@stncs.uk)

**British Values**

Ash Wednesday Liturgy was a beautiful way to start our Lenten Journey together. The children heard about Lent as a time for reflecting on the wrong choices that we make and the importance of saying sorry and forgiveness. Fr Jonathan asked the whole community to pray, fast and give alms during Lent. Right choices can have such a positive impact on those around us!

**Weekly Reflection**

Lent is a time when we look at our lives and what we've done. We try to make our relationship with God better. We say sorry to God for what we have done wrong and we try to make a change to our lives to make the world better. This isn't easy. Sometimes we'll be tempted to do the wrong thing, just like Jesus was in the desert, but we have try to find the strength to do the right thing. What little changes will you make to your life this Lent?

**PTA**

**Nursery Hours**

With effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April Nursery charges will increase from £3.70 to **£3.98** for additional hours. All summer term additional hours' invoices will reflect this price increase.

**School Funding**

Please see Parentmail or the school website about the Government's proposed funding cuts and lobby your MP for change by using the link provided. Your combined actions can make a difference.

**Lost Rabbit**

We have a lovely cuddly toy rabbit in Reception which is lost. It has a cream face, a grey body and a white ribbon. Please come and collect it from the Office.

**Safeguarding Alert: Youtube**

We have been made aware that a number of KS2 children have personal Youtube accounts and are posting videos stating that they will "do anything" if they get enough likes. This is worrying, especially as they should be 13 to have a Youtube account with parental permission. Please discuss this with your child and take action to ensure their online safety.

**World Book Day**



**Parish and Community News**

**Plymouth Diocese 2017 Catechetical Summer Camps**

These aim to provide all young Catholics of the Diocese of Plymouth, with an opportunity to learn more about their faith within a holiday atmosphere.

**Three Camps will be held at Grangehurst, Buckfast Abbey;**

**Senior Camp (Years 7 – 10) 30th July - 4th August**

**Junior Camp (Years 3 – 6) 6th August - 11th August**

**St Petroc's Camp (Years 11-12) 30th July - 4th August**

The cost is £140 for each child. As places are limited and to avoid disappointment, you may wish to secure a place for your child with a non-refundable deposit of £40 immediately. Application forms can be obtained from the school office. Applications will close on 11th July 2017.

**Earworms**

Live Music for all the family on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm at the Mary Harris Chapel, Exeter University, featuring organist David Davies. £6 adults, £4 children 2 and over or £18 for a family of 4. Tickets from Exeter Phoenix ( 01392 667080).

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**Fri 10th March**

hotdogs  
sweets  
drinks  
glow bands

Children in Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 2  
5.30 - 6.30pm

Children in Years 3 - 6  
6.45 - 8pm

£1.50 PER CHILD

Parents must accompany and remain with their child/ren for the duration of the event.

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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

