

# St Nicholas Catholic Primary School Newsletter

23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018



*Living and Learning in  
Spirit and in Truth*

## Stars of the Week

Compton – Jack J  
Plympton - Megan EG  
Berry Pomeroy - Amelie  
Totnes - Ellis  
Kingswear - Freya  
Rougemont - Molly  
Okehampton - Finnley  
Lydford - Emily  
Dartmouth – Rosie-Lee  
Drogo - Betsy  
Powderham - Jakub  
Nursery - Oscar  
Compton - Amber  
Plympton - Daniel  
Totnes - Jasper  
Kingswear - Tyrone  
Rougemont - Evie  
Okehampton - Liam  
Lydford - Nicholas  
Dartmouth - Jesse  
Drogo - Sophia  
Powderham - Jacob  
Nursery - Matthew

Well done to you all!



## Diary Dates

November	
25	School Led Mass Sacred Heart 9.30am
27 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening 3-6pm
30 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Flu Vaccinations</li><li>Dress Down for Christmas Day</li></ul>
December	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Learning Assembly led by Okehampton 9am
6 <sup>th</sup>	St Nicholas Day Mass 9.15am

Headteacher: Miss Sreya Paul  
Assistant Headteacher: Katy Goldsborough

## Headteacher's News

The last two weeks have been incredibly busy. Last week the local councilor, Peter Holland came in to talk about World War 1 and about his family. It was called 'The Men Behind The Uniform'. This was part of our Remembrance Day. He came to talk to the year 5s and 6s. We were also visited by Mr Matthew Barnes, our Education and Standards Manager for Plymouth CAST who looked at learning and talked to the

Behaviour and Welfare Council and the Teaching and Learning Council. He came to see how children were helping to make decisions. He was impressed with our school.

Thank you to all the 'Staff' for working really hard today to keep the school running.

By Sreya Paul  
Headteacher

## School Takeover Day

We had 157 applications from KS2 children (92%) to 'takeover' a job on Children's Takeover Day today. The applications were fantastic and the children had obviously all thought very hard about their skills and which jobs they would most like to do. These applications were shortlisted and children were interviewed before they found out yesterday that they had been successful. Children in Yrs 3 - 5 will get another chance to apply next year.

*At our school we have had a children's takeover day. All the children have taken over the roles of the adults. I have found out that it is very hard to be part of the office staff. The most interesting thing is the teachers as it looks like they have done it before. In year 5/6 there are 3 different classrooms and an activity per classroom in one you can be confectionists in one you can be an artist and in the last one you can be a mad scientist. By Evie (Office Staff)*

*The main reason that we set up this fun and challenging activity is to let the children here see what life is like for a lot of the staff here and find out how hard it is to look after the students. We have got children working up and down the school covering lots of different areas. From maintenance workers to catering assistants, we've got everything. Lots of photos have been taken, so nobody will miss out. We have been giving jobs out by a normal application, so everybody had a fair chance to get a job. It has been a great success and we hope to do it in the years to come. By Clarice (Office Staff)*

*On children's takeover day on 23<sup>rd</sup> Friday November 2018, we are taking the roles of office and teachers jobs even a caretaker. We went around classes taking pictures of the children taking charge, you can see them on the school website and it will tell you about the day. By James (Office Staff)*



Please see the website for more photos of this fantastic day!

**Safeguarding**

This week at school we had a fire drill on Monday morning . We completed it in 4 minutes and 16 seconds. We will be having more fire drills later in the term so we can try to beat our time.

On Thursday two of the fire fighters from the Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service came to give us a talk about fire safety. They talked to all of the classes about: Hoax calls, Escape plans, Smoke alarms, what they do and what to do if there is a fire.

Last week was anti-bullying week so we all wore odd socks to show we are all different and unique.

By Katy Goldsborough  
Assistant Headteacher

**Thanksgiving Prayer**

*Thank you God for all that grows,  
Thank you for the sky's rainbows,  
Thank you for the stars that shine,  
Thank you for these friends of mine,  
Thank you for the moon and sun,  
Thank you God for all you've done!*



**Staffing News**

Laura Walmsley is pregnant with her second child and will start her maternity leave around Easter. Congratulations to her.

We have appointed a new Teaching Assistant, Catherine Gaukroger, who will provide 1:1 support to 4 children.

**Poppy Appeal**

Thank you very much for your support, buying poppies for remembrance. We raised a fantastic total of £126.23 for the Poppy Appeal.

**School Council** By Noah

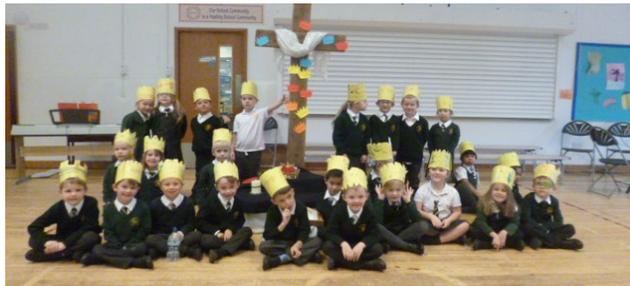
This week we reviewed the outcomes of our survey and discussed ways of making the toilets a nicer place to be. In our next meeting we shall bring 3 chromebooks

The first chromebook will be used to write a letter to the business manager asking for air fresheners. We discussed that we shall make some slides that we will show in assembly.

**Dress Down for Christmas**

A reminder that Friday 30<sup>th</sup> is Dress Down for Christmas Day to raise funds and donations. See the flyer sent out on Parentmail or on the website for details of what to bring!

**Christ the King Liturgy**



Very well done to Lydford Class who led our Christ the King liturgy today.

**Parish and Community News**



Mustard Seeds children selling their hand made wrapping paper at the Blessed Sacrament Church in aid of CAFOD at the Advent Fayre.

**Santa Run**

The 2018 Exeter City Community Trust Santa Run will take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> December from Princesshay, Bedford Square. It is for all ages and abilities and starts at 9am for the 5k run and 9.40am for the family fun run. Book a place at [exetercitycommunitytrust.co.uk](http://exetercitycommunitytrust.co.uk)

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

Designated Child Protection Officer: **Mrs Angela Folland** Deputy Child Protection Officers: Mrs L Stone, Mrs S Beach, Mrs D Sparkes, Miss C Follows and Miss R Reynolds. Named Governor for Child Protection: Mrs Lucy Wills



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