

St Nicholas Catholic Primary School Newsletter

22nd November 2019



*Living and Learning in
Spirit and in Truth*

Disciple of the Week

Compton	Martha Amy
Plympton	Izzy Dan
Berry Pomeroy	Mollie
Totnes	Alex Daniel
Kingswear	Jeeva
Rougemont	Esme Alice
Okehampton	Tessa Alexander
Lydford	Lizzie
Dartmouth	Seth Daisy
Drogo	Orla Evie
Powderham	Joshua Maja
Nursery	Tevita

Well done to you all!



Diary Dates

November	
26 th	Learning Assembly led by Compton Class Parent's Evening 3-6pm
December	
6 th	St Nicholas Day Mass 9.15am 5.30 Christmas Fayre
9 th	KS1 Nativity 2pm and 6pm in the hall

Head of School: Kelli Reynolds

Headteacher's News

As you know we have completed almost a term with the new leadership arrangements at St Nicholas', with Mrs Folland as Executive Headteacher and Miss Reynolds as Deputy Head.

As promised, when we first informed you of the new arrangements, we planned to conduct regular reviews in order to be sure that things are working as best as they can.

One outcome of this review

identified that greater clarity is needed around Miss Reynolds' roles and responsibilities. In light of that, we are changing her job role to that of Head of School. Amongst other things, her main role will be the day to day running of the school and initial contact with staff and parents. Mrs Folland's role will continue to be strategic school development.

Neil Maslen

Education and Standards
Manager, Plymouth CAST

Information

Increase in Prices – Nursery Hours and School Meals

Please note that from 1st January 2020 the price for a school meal will go up to £2.30. The minimum payment on Parentpay (5 meals) will therefore be £11.50. Additional Nursery hours will increase to £4.20 per hour.

Parentpay

Parentpay are pleased to be able to offer the facility to be able to pay for items via bank transfer. Once your bank details have been entered this forms a very quick and easy method of payment without the need to enter credit or debit card details. Should you wish to, it also allows you to set up the "Auto Top-Up" facility to make regular meal payments, as your balance drops below a certain threshold, set by you.

If you would like more information about these new features or further instructions on how to set them up, please refer to the "Parent's Links" tab on our website <http://www.st-nicholas-exeter.devon.sch.uk/website> or please contact Kate in the office.

Fire Safety

The children had fire safety talks this week delivered by the Devon & Somerset Fire and Rescue Service. They asked us to pass on to parents that 1/3 of fire deaths happen in properties without a working smoke alarm. You can obtain a free home safety check and also have a smoke alarm fitted free of charge by calling 08000502999. Also visit www.dsfire.gov.uk.

Yr 3/4 Cooking



Year 3/4 children enjoyed a day of cooking last week when each class made cheese pinwheels. They were ably helped by some brave parent helpers – thanks to them for coming in. Mela said they were "delicious", Olivia said they were "really salty with the bacon but I liked them" and Elliot said they were "really good". Many photos are on the website.

PTA



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CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Fri 6th December
5.30pm - 7.30pm

Santa's Grotto
Christmas Bar
Burgers & Hot Dogs
Entertainment from
St. Nicholas School Choir
& St. Peter's Jazz Band
Christmas Raffle
Facepainting & Glitter Tattoos
Christmas Stalls

ENTRY
£1
Pupils & Under 5's
FREE!

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Children in Need

Thank you for your contributions to Children in Need last week.

We raised over £150. There were many funny ties in school – even Alfie wore one!



Give as You Live – Black Friday



Littlewoods Argos
Currys PC World
JOHN LEWIS

RAISE MORE

WHEN YOU SHOP DURING
CYBER WEEKEND

Raise FREE funds when you click via @GiveasyouLive this Black Friday, Cyber Monday and Giving Tuesday. Shop offers and discounts from over 4,300 retailers and earn donations for us at no cost to you!

Please go to

<https://www.giveasyoulive.com/join/stncs-pta>

School Council News

The Behaviour and Safeguarding Council are currently consulting with all children about the colour of the panels in the toilets, due to the refurbishment of the KS1 and KS2 toilets early next year.

Parish and Community News

St Nicholas School meets St Nicholas Priory!

The medieval tradition of Exeter's St Nicholas is brought back to life on St Nicholas Day on the 6th December at St Nicholas' Priory. As a 'feast of giving', St Nicholas Priory has offered charities the chance to represent their causes and sell their wares.

St Nicholas School pupil chaplains will be providing St Nicholas Day activities, selling home-made environmentally friendly Christmas wrapping paper and representing CAFOD whilst promoting CAFOD World Gifts. Come along and support our parish school and CAFOD. Friday 6th December from 11:00-3:00, St Nicholas Priory, Mont Street, Exeter.

Fluorescent Jackets

As part of Road Safety Week we were delighted to be offered 32 children's fluorescent jackets from Mears, Exeter, one of the UK's leading housing and care providers. They will be / were presented to us at Celebration Assembly today. Thank you very much to them for this generous gesture.



Prayer

A Prayer for the Simple Things

Thank you, God, for all your blessings to me and my family; for the strength you give me each day and for all the people around me who make life more meaningful.

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
Mrs A Griss, Miss C Follows and Miss J Pym Named Governor for Child Protection: Mrs Lucy Wills

