



St Nicholas Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Executive Head: Mrs Angela Folland

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Living and Learning in Spirit and in Truth

18th September 2020

Head of School's News

It has been so lovely to have all the children back at school. They have quickly learnt all the new systems that will help to keep them safe in school and are happy to be back with their friends. They have all thrown themselves into their learning and are ready to make great progress! We would like to thank you all for your support in following the new systems that have enabled us to successfully reopen the school to all of our pupils.

We are also pleased to see many of our pupils bringing in their examples of their lockdown achievements. We are looking forward to being able to display these to celebrate the individual successes of our pupils.

Information to note

One Way System

Please can parents ensure you use the one way system through the car park and onto the playground to bring and collect your children. You may also use Warwick Road to enter and leave the school, observing social distancing.. Parents of children in Rougemont, Berry Pomeroy and Plympton only may use the top gate by the car park entrance to enter the school grounds and drop off or pick up and then leave the school by the main entrance.

Playground

As you will now be aware, the children are working in class bubbles which we are keeping separate during the course of the school day. Please ensure that when you drop your children off to school in the morning that they are not playing on the playground with children from other bubbles. This is to reduce the risk of infection spreading across the school. A reminder that, for safety reasons, children are not to use their scooters, skateboards or bikes on the playground at drop off or pick up times.

Absence

A reminder that you must report your child's absence as soon as possible on the morning of their absence and for all subsequent days unless otherwise agreed (ie if your child is shielding or isolating for a set period of time). You can do this in a number of ways:

- phone the school number (445403), choose 'absence reporting' (option 1) and leave a message
- use the Parentmail app
- email admin@stnics.uk

Please ensure you leave details of their illness.

Forgotten items

Please try to ensure that your child comes to school with all items needed for the day to lessen movement around the school delivering items brought in after 8.45am. KS2 children may be asked to come and collect their items from the Office.

Snacks

Please ensure that your child's snacks are healthy, preferably fruit and not chocolate or crisps. We also remind you that we are a nut free school as we have a few children with severe allergies.

Music Lessons in School

We have a number of peripatetic music teachers who come in each week to deliver music lessons on site. You need to make a private arrangement with the teacher. Currently on offer are piano, guitar, drum, flute, brass and cello lessons. Please see the website for contact details https://st-nicholas-pri.eschools.co.uk/website/music_lessons/201728

Dogs on the school grounds

A reminder that dogs are **not** allowed anywhere on the school grounds to safeguard our children. Please do not bring any dogs on to the site. They also may not be tied up and left unsupervised at the school gates.

Celebration assembly:

We are holding a celebration assembly each week on a Friday afternoon via video link across the school. This enables us to celebrate our disciple of the week and any other achievements that children may have made. Previously children would bring in certificates/trophies to share in assembly. However, we cannot bring such items in from home at the moment. If your child has achieved something special outside of school, they can describe this on a form in their classrooms and they will get a special mention in assembly.

Disciples of the Week

Compton	Jasper / Athena
Berry Pomeroy	All of Berry Pomeroy Darcey
Plympton	
Totnes	
Kingswear	Isabelle / Lizzy
Rougemont	Alysia / Charleigh
Okehampton	Julie- Jane / Matilda
Lydford	
Dartmouth	Eva / Ryan
Powderham	All of Powderham / Edy
Drogo	All of Drogo / Pablo
Nursery	Florence
<i>Well done to you all!</i>	

Reception 2021 Admissions

We are now taking Reception tour bookings for those interested in Reception 2021 admissions.

Due to COVID restrictions we are offering 6 tours over 2 days and are strictly limiting the numbers to 15 people per tour.

The dates are either **Wednesday 21st October** or **Wednesday 18th November** and on each day we are offering tours at **9.30am, 1.30pm or 6pm**

Please email Ali Brocksom (abrocksom@stnics.uk) with your preferred date, time and the numbers coming



Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
you taught us to love our neighbour,
and to care for those in need
as if we were caring for you.
In this time of anxiety, give us strength
to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick,
and to assure the isolated
of our love, and your love,
for your name's sake.
Amen.

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Bags2Schools



Thank you to all who contributed filled bags for Bags2Schools, organised by our PTA. We raised a fantastic £189.

Thank you very much to Helen and Kelly from the PTA for their hard work sorting out the bags.

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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 and Miss J Pym Named Governors for Child Protection: Mrs Fran Dennehy