

# St Nicholas Catholic Primary School Newsletter

20<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Headteacher: Mrs A Folland



*Living and Learning in  
Spirit and in Truth*

## Christmas Stars of the Week



Well done to all children throughout the school who have taken part so brilliantly in our Christmas liturgies, nativities and choir performances.



## Diary Dates

### January 2018

8th	Children return to school
11th	Epiphany Liturgy led by Okehampton 9.15am



We wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas and a very happy 2019.

## Headteacher's News

A huge well done to all of our children who have shared the Christmas story through their nativity celebrations and to KS2 who shared and explained about the Christmas around the World. The Christmas story is central to our Christian community and it is always special to hear it told by children.

The true spirit of St Nicholas can be seen in the generosity of the children in the donations to the CAFOD World Gifts. Thank you on behalf of CAFOD, for all the chickens, goats, mosquito nets, trees, gift of reading and honey bees!

On behalf of the staff and children, I wish you a very happy and holy Christmas and hope that you have lots of family fun over the holiday.

## Information

### Christmas Events

Thank you to all parents, carers, family and friends who came to support the children at the various nativities and liturgies over the last few weeks. Please remember not to post photos of other children publically on social media.

### PE Kits

Your child/ren will be bringing home their PE kits to be washed over the holidays. Please could you all check that your child has brought home their own PE kit and school uniform. If so, please make sure it is clearly labelled.

### Severe Weather Procedures

In the event of an emergency or bad weather leading to the school being closed

- you will be informed by text message (if you are registered on parentmail); the website will have a message on the home page; Heart Radio and Devon Radio will have updates; [Devon County Council School's Closures](#) page will also have a message. If you are still in any doubt please call the School as there may be a message on the answer phone or there will be a member of staff to advise you.

**Please ensure that your child comes in every day with a coat as we encourage children to go outside.**

### Epiphany Liturgy

Okehampton Class are leading our Epiphany Liturgy at 9.15am in the school hall on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January. Parents are very welcome to attend.

### School Gates

Please note that the school gates will not now be opened until 3.05pm to allow parents onto the playgrounds to collect their children.

### Advent Liturgy

Well done to all of Plympton Class who led our whole school Advent Liturgy this morning. It was a special occasion as the whole school were then able to congratulate and throw confetti over Miss Mitchell who is getting married on New Year's Eve and will return as Mrs Frappart. We wish her and her fiancée Tom a very happy day.



## Parish and Community News

### Christmas Mass Times

Blessed Sacrament Church	Sacred Heart Church
<b>24 December</b> Vigil of readings and carols 11.30pm Followed by Midnight Mass  <b>Christmas Day</b> Masses at 9.00 and 10.30am NO evening Mass  <b>Boxing Day - Feast of St Stephen</b> Mass 10.30am	<b>December 24</b> Vigil Mass at 6.00 pm Readings and Carols at 11.30 pm, followed by Midnight Mass  <b>Christmas Day</b> Mass at 9.30 am and 11.00 am  Please also see Parish newsletter for more information

### Epiphany Praise

On Sunday 6 January we celebrate the lovely feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, when the three visitors from the east brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. To celebrate we will gather in Blessed Sacrament church at 3.00pm to sing the praises of the Lord led by the Stronghold music group. Refreshments afterwards in St Richard Reynolds Centre.

### Exeter Children's Orchestra



### OPEN DAY SATURDAY 19 JANUARY

Children aged 7 plus, come and try playing in an orchestra!  
We are an inclusive charity, bringing children together in a friendly  
and supportive environment to make music. No auditions!



Main Orchestra 09.45am start Grades 4-8  
Music can be simplified as required  
Junior Orchestra 11.00am start Can read & play 1 octave

Meets every Saturday at St Leonard's Primary School  
St Leonard's Road, Exeter EX2 4NQ

Find out more: [www.exeterchildrensorchestra.co.uk](http://www.exeterchildrensorchestra.co.uk)

### East Devon Hockey Club

#### East Devon Hockey Club Junior Section Coaching for Boys and Girls:

Under 10: years 3, 4 and 5

Under 12: years 6 and 7 In addition, Boys: Under 14: years 8 and 9 At present coaching 40 boys and girls from Exeter Schools and the surrounding area. Keen to recruit new boys and girls in years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

#### SPRING TERM COACHING SESSIONS AT ST PETER'S SCHOOL, EXETER

For School Years 3 to 9 From Thursday January 10th 2019 until March 21st 2019 6.00 to 7.00 pm on the ASTRO PITCH  
East Devon Hockey Club Junior Section Come along for FREE TASTER sessions On Thursday December 6 at 6.00 pm or Thursday January 10th 2019

**Cost:** First two Taster Sessions FREE Come and see if you like it If you then want to continue: Club Membership is £25 for 10 weeks coaching over the Spring Term

**What to bring:** Trainers / Astro shoes outdoor PE kit.  
**YOU MUST HAVE** Shin pads and Mouth guard. We have sticks to borrow.

For those who have not played before we have huge selection of sticks for you to borrow so you can just turn up.

### St Nicholas School Prayer

Loving Father, St Nicholas, was an example of friendship and love.  
Help us to be like him; faithful to you, willing to serve others and generous to those in need.  
Fill our hearts with joy so that all may see your light shining in our school.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen

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

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Angela Folland. Deputy Safeguarding Leads: Mrs L Stone, Mrs S Beach, Mrs D Sparkes.  
Miss C Follows and Miss R Reynolds. Named Governors for Child Protection: Mrs L Wills and Mrs F Dennehy



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