

St Nicholas Catholic Primary School Newsletter

7th June 2019



*Living and Learning in
Spirit and in Truth*

Stars of the Week

Compton - Jayden
Totnes - Chloe
Kingswear - Tyrone
Rougemont - Molly
Okehampton - Lucy
Lydford - Megan
Dartmouth - George
Powderham - Naomi
Nursery - Joshua

Well done to you all!



Celebration Assembly will be back on as normal next week (14th June) at 2.30pm in the hall.



Diary Dates

June	
10 th	Yr 6 residential trip to Kilve
11 th	Reception trip to West Town Farm PTA meeting 7pm
14 th	Ice Cream Friday
17 th	Compton to Haven Banks Swim School begins
18 th	Lydford to Haven Banks Learning Assembly led by Reception Classes
19 th	Plympton to Haven Banks
20 th	Totnes to Haven Banks
21 st	Ice Cream Friday
23 rd	School led mass at Sacred Heart Church 9.30am

Headteacher: Mrs A Folland

Headteacher's News

During our recent lesson observation round it has been fantastic to see our children challenged, engaged, collaborating, supported and making strong progress in a range of curriculum subjects.

Governors have also been busy – coming in to meet with staff to discuss the developments in science and art, talking to parents in Foundation Stage, carrying out a Learning Walk to look at the School Development Plan in action.

We are currently looking at the class structure for next year and you will receive letters on Monday 1st July letting you know which class your child is going in to in September. The current Year 2 children will return to their class grouping of last year and the current Reception and Year 1 children will be split into three groups to make up 3 classes of mixed Year 1 and 2. There will be a short parents meeting open to any parent of a current Reception or Year 1 child to explain the process on **Monday 24th June at 2.30pm.**

Information

Parent's Links

Please note that there is a new page on the website under 'Parent's Links' for trip information. You will find kit lists there for trips and activities such as Haven Banks and Kilve and links to websites.

Parking

We had a complaint from a neighbour on Ringswell Avenue this week about inconsiderate parking across her drive in the morning. This caused her to be late for an appointment. Please park considerately and do not block our neighbour's drives. We encourage any neighbours to report any incidents directly to the police including number plates.

Football Tournament Report by Miss Frost

The St Nicholas KS2 team were fantastic at our recent tournament and both teams were triumphant, winning overall. Please see the website for a full write-up by Miss Frost and photos of the day.

Chickens Eggs



We were very excited today when we checked the chickens and found our first 'blue' egg from our Devon Blue chicken, Nutmeg (the white one).

Yr 5 visit to Willmott-Dixon building site at Middlemoor by Megha and Amber

The Yr 5s went to see the builders Willmott-Dixon in action. Our favourite part of the trip was going onto the rooftop and seeing one of the completed [police] cells. Compared to the ground floor the rooftop was not as far on in terms of progress. The view from above was very different because we were very high up. The police cells did not look as horrible as you may think but they were very simple. Photos can be seen on the website.

Visitor System

We are trialling an electronic visitor system in the Office next week to determine if it suits our needs better than paper visitor books.

Safeguarding

Teachers are now using an electronic registration system. Please make sure you contact us if your child is absent **as soon as possible and please indicate the nature of the illness**. This avoids the office having to call you to find out why your child is not in school and ensures we know where every child is for safeguarding purposes.

School Council

The children's votes have now been counted to name the school chickens as follows:

FS chicken (Brown) is called Fluffkins

Yr 1/2 chicken (white) is called Nutmeg

Yr 3/4 chicken (grey) is called Oreo

Yr 5/6 chicken (black and gold) is called McNugget.



Pentecost Liturgy

Well done to Powderham Class who led the Pentecost Liturgy so beautifully this morning.



Fundraising for St Nicholas – [Give as You Live](#)

Did you know that you can help St Nicholas Catholic Primary School Parent Teachers Association raise funds for FREE just by shopping online? Now, every time you shop online via [Give as you Live](#) at 4,000+ top retailers including Amazon, eBay, Tesco, Sainsbury's, John Lewis and Expedia, a FREE donation will be made to us and it won't cost you a penny extra! Plus, if you shop through the **Give as you Live** website, you can access top offers so you can save money and raise money! There is a handy app you can download to make it easier to remember to use this site and a link on the school website. **Every time you order groceries, book a holiday or buy anything from Amazon or E-bay etc please remember to use this site and help our school.** We will keep you updated about how much we raise and what the PTA use the funds for. So far we have raised £1.68!!!

Used toner and printer cartridges

To raise more funds we are also collecting used toner and printer cartridges. We have a collection box in Reception in a new 'Recycling Zone' for branded cartridges and toner. You can go to www.emptiesplease.com to check whether yours are eligible for recycling and add them to the correct box. Unfortunately they are UNABLE to recycle compatible or remanufactured toner cartridges (Non branded cheaper alternatives to branded toners), Waste toner powder containers / boxes / bottles and Drum and imaging units. If you would like to take a bin to work on behalf of your school we can organise a pack for you – please contact Ali in the office. Your company's waste may provide our school with some much needed resources!

We are also still collecting used batteries – the collection bucket is in the Recycling Zone in Reception.

Parish and Community News

1115 YOUTH GROUP:

For all 11 – 15 year olds in the Exeter parishes. The next meeting of the 1115 Youth Group will be on Sunday 16 June and will be at the Honiton Youth Rally. Forms can be requested from Patrick at pmorris@wjmmorris.co.uk. The following meeting will be 26 June at the St Richard Reynolds Centre from 6.30 pm – 8.00 pm.

DIOCESE CATECHETICAL SUMMER CAMPS 2019

Applications are now being taken for places at the Plymouth Diocese Catechetical Summer Camps, to be held at Grangehurst, Buckfast Abbey. There are three camps running this year: one Junior Camp, one Senior Camp and one camp (St Petroc's) for students in school years 11-13. Camp details and application forms can be obtained from your parish priest or on-line from the camp website: www.pdsummercamps.org.uk Prompt applications are advisable.

Father's Day Prayer

Thank you for my dad. He works so hard to take care of me. Help me to be more thoughtful of him, to notice when he's tired, and be kind and helpful. Help me to cheer him up with hugs and humour when he's down, to give to him, and not always take from him, to listen to his worries and do nice things for him. He is a great dad.

Please, look after him, help him at work, help him to rest, and give him health and happiness every day.

Amen.

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St Nicholas School is committed to safeguarding children.

Designated Child Protection Lead: **Mrs Angela Folland** Deputy Child Protection Leads: Miss K Reynolds, 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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