



# St Nicholas Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter 15th July 2022

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

Designated Child Protection Lead: Miss K Reynolds

Deputy Child Protection Leads: Mrs D Sparkes & Miss C Lowry

Named Governors for Child Protection: Mrs F Dennehy and Mr J Cookson

*Living and Learning in Spirit and in Truth*

### Head of School's News

How lucky we have been with the weather over the past two weeks! It was wonderful to be able to enjoy our summer social in the sunshine! Thank you to all that attended and supported the event. It was very well attended, with much fun had- particularly on the bouncy castles! The PTA were able to raise over £2000 which will be used to enhance our children's wider experiences in school. I would very much like to thank the PTA for organising such a successful social event and all the school staff who stayed on after school to help out. The success of such events relies very much on the generosity of others.

### Year 6

Year 6 have performed their end of school production to pupils and parents this week. They did exceptionally well and we are all immensely proud of the young people they have grown into. I am always surprised at the hidden talents that come to light during this final performance where we get to see the huge potential that each and every child displays. A huge well done to all the children and a massive thank you to Mrs Hughes who directed!

### Football- Years 3 and 4

Miss Frost took some children in years 3 and 4 to a football tournament this week at the Exeter City football ground. The children showed super resilience, playing in a number of games to reach the semi finals! Well done to them! Their behaviour was impeccable and they were a credit to our school!

## Information

### Important Dates:

<b>15th July</b>	Yr 6 Leavers Mass
<b>18th July</b>	Young Enterprise
<b>19th July</b>	Yr 6 Leavers Mass in Plymouth
<b>21st July</b>	End of term. Summer Holidays
<b>Monday 5th September</b>	Children return to school and can wear summer uniform until October half term

## Information and News

### Yr 1/2 trip to Dawlish Warren

On Monday 27th and Wednesday 29th June Year 1 and 2 went on a trip to Dawlish Warren. This was linked with our Science topic of 'Living Things'. We were lucky to be able to take part in a range of activities including going on an animal hunt in the woods, pond dipping and field sweeping. The children found so many living things including moths, beetles, leeches and even baby toads! All of the children were able to recall all of the information that we had learnt about in school, and really impressed the rangers with their knowledge! The children were all superstars and we were so proud of how they represented St Nicholas!

## Main Gates

Just to advise that the main school gate will be locked until 8.30am each morning. If your child is in Breakfast Club you just need to press the button on the right of the gate and select **option 2 (After School Club)**. The gates will be opened for you by Breakfast Club. Please do not select option 1 (Reception).

## Library Books

Please could you check at home and see if you have any school library books - we would be grateful if these were returned to the school by the end of Thursday please.

## Lost Property - black jacket

We have had a child's black, padded jacket handed into lost property which we have found out is very expensive. It is aged 5/6. If you think your child has lost this black jacket please come to the office and let us know the brand so that we can hopefully re-unite it with its owner. Thanks.

## Hot weather

With the heat warning for next week please can you help by:-

- Children to bring sunhats with wide brims to avoid sunburn
- Applying before school or allow children to bring sunscreen (at least factor 15 with UVA protection) to protect
- Provide children with plenty of water which we will replenish through the day

## News from the Eco Warriors

Thank you to everybody who donated materials for us to build a bug hotel for our garden area. This week, the Eco Warriors spent a morning constructing it out of recycled and reclaimed materials. It is now ready and waiting for its guests to move in!

We have also used the money we raised from running the cake stall at the Summer Social to buy two bird boxes for the garden and some materials, to add to our existing supply of wood, to build a hedgehog house ready for the Autumn.





## Year 3/4 Football Tournament



Our year 3/4 St Nicholas Football Team had a great day on Wednesday! They took part in the Exeter City Football World Cup Tournament, competing against 14 other schools in Exeter. The team not only represented St Nicks, but also England. They played tremendously well, supporting each other and working together as a team to win games. They had a positive attitude throughout, and were humble in every game as they made it through to the Semi-final! Well done to our year 3/4 team for such a fantastic achievement! Miss Frost

*Sam - 'I scored from a corner! I enjoyed the day because we made it far.'*

*Bonnie - 'I liked that we worked together as a team, enjoyed the game, worked as a team and got through to the semi-finals!'*

*Seb - 'We didn't come last...'*

## PTA

### St Nicholas Fun Day

Thanks all for attending the Fun Day! We really hope everyone enjoyed themselves.

Thanks to your support, the Fun Day raised around £2100. This means, the PTA can help to continue to pay for annual commitments next year, such as Santa visit and gifts for Foundation stage, year 2 sleepover snack and year 6 leavers books and party.

### PTA committee for September

To enable us to continue to have a PTA to support the school, as well as plan social events for the children and families, we require a few new members.

Therefore if you are able to help in any way, in the next school year, please can you fill in this updated form: [PTA volunteer and member potential](#). It only takes a few minutes to complete, but could make all the difference to what we can offer going forward!

*We've added a few random unofficial titles to choose from too, as the more people involved in different areas the more we will be able to do and offer!*

## Community News / Summer Activities

### St James' Open days

#### 2022/23 Year 6 Transition Open Evening and Open Morning Dates

Thurs 6th October St James Open Evening

Fri 7th October - Open Morning

Tour start times: 8.40am, 9am, 9.35am and 9.55am.

To book in for a tour, please use the link below.

<https://forms.gle/u7z1GXD7RZsHCTg28>

## Healthy Start

<https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/>

If you're more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under 4, you may be entitled to get help to buy healthy food and milk. If you're eligible, you'll be sent a Healthy Start card with money on it that you can use in some UK shops. We'll add your benefit onto this card every 4 weeks.

You can use your card to buy:

- plain liquid cow's milk
- fresh, frozen, and tinned fruit and vegetables
- fresh, dried, and tinned pulses
- infant formula milk based on cow's milk

You can also use your card to collect:

- Healthy Start vitamins – these support you during pregnancy and breastfeeding
- vitamin drops for babies and young children – these are suitable from birth to 4 years old

See the link above for details of how to apply.

## The Jolly Group

This summer holidays The Jolly Group would love to welcome you once again for more flowers, fun and hopefully sun! On the first day of opening, we will be supporting the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal with proceeds collected from the admission going towards this great cause.

Entry to our fields includes access to the mini maze, sunflowers and flower meadow. We have lots of photo opportunities from our giant letters to the vintage tractor. Come and conquer Bale Mountain and have a whirly of a ride on the Barrel Train. Barista coffee, snacks and stone baked pizza served daily.

Book now: [thejollygroup.co.uk](http://thejollygroup.co.uk). Facebook & Instagram: @thejollygroupuk. Located Nr Silverton, Exeter

## myPhizz resources for Summer

The myphizz team will be posting *free content* on our various social media platforms throughout the summer holidays for anyone who'd like to have a go at some fun 'phizz' activities 😊

[myphizz](#) is a safe teacher built app used by schools to promote physical activity and well-being to children. So if you want to make sure your children are staying active this summer please see the links below and #findyourphizz

[https://www.tiktok.com/@myphizz\\_](https://www.tiktok.com/@myphizz_)

<https://www.facebook.com/myphizz>

<https://www.instagram.com/myphizz/>

Twitter @my\_phizz

[YouTube](#)

## Big Kids Summer Takeover at Exeter Library - 27th August.

Please see flyer below.

The

# BIG

KIDS  SUMMER  
TAKEOVER! EXETER  
LIBRARY

Saturday  
27th August  
10 am - 4 pm

FREE  
EVENT!



KIDS IN LIBRARIES



T-SHIRTS

Face painting

Didi-cars

Exeter Science Centre

Carnival games

POPCORN MACHINE

ANIMAL HQ

 Libraries  
Unlimited

EXPERIMENTS

Fab Lab Exeter

Bouncy Castle

Crafts



## **Prayer for Summer**

### **A Summer Gloria**

Glory be to God...  
for clear blue skies and sunny days  
for fresh green grass and leafy trees  
for vivid purple flowers and well-tended gardens  
for fluffy white clouds and gentle breezes  
for bright red buses and busy streets

Glory be to God...  
for people stepping out with sandaled feet  
for children playing games with delighted squeals  
for picnics and street parties  
for street traders and market stalls  
for long days and short nights  
for open-topped buses and open-necked shirts.

Glory be to God...  
for seasons  
for summer  
for sunshine

(A prayer by Chick Yuill)

