

St Nicholas Catholic Primary School Newsletter

22nd April 2016



*Living and Learning in
Spirit and in Truth*

Stars of the Week

Ruben Chacko
Kaitlyn Hendricks
Alexander Klajmon
Eva Taylor
Luke Wlasak
Asia Boot
Lucas Ryan
Gabriel Hendricks
Isabella Sheo
Alex Sparks
Brooke Whybra
Henry Spiller
Isla Knowles
Isabella Sajonia
Aaron Jones
Freya Stainfield
Thomas Wardle
Eddie Bucknell
Bethany Dunn
Zach Stevens
Laura Wlochowicz

Well done to you all!



Diary Dates

April

25th School Assembly led by
Lydford Class 9am
25th St George's Day Lunch
27th Parent's Workshop
(Maths) 6pm in school

May

2nd Bank Holiday
3rd Class Assembly led by
Kingswear
5th May Crowning Liturgy led
by Totnes Class 9.15am
8th First Holy Communion
Sacred Heart Church 9.30am
9th – 13th SATS week

Headteacher: Mrs A Folland

Headteacher's News

Watch out on the national news (possibly at 6pm or 10pm tonight) for St Nicholas school on a BBC interview about Academy schools which was filmed in school today. John Mannix, CEO of Plymouth CAST asked that the interview was filmed at St Nicholas!

The Leadership Team carried out a monitoring activity at lunchtime yesterday. We were pleased to see children eating sociably and politely; active play opportunities being thoroughly enjoyed on the playground and children playing together well. This evaluation forms part of our overall school

improvement decision making and planning.

We have consulted the children on what they would like as their next whole school reward for achieving 6000 learning value shields. We will be having a 'sporty morning' followed by ice cream in the afternoon.

Our chickens are due to arrive before half term too! A huge thank you to Neil for building their run. A child from each teaching team will have their name drawn from a hat to come and choose and collect the chicken and release it for their team into the run.

Information

Staffing

Mrs Walmsley starts her maternity leave this week and we send her our very best wishes. We are delighted to welcome Miss Sealy from Monday who will teach Kingswear Class.

Website

The new website is almost ready and we are hoping to launch it next week. It is much more accessible with a search function and space on the home page to highlight current news or items to note. We hope you will enjoy using it – make sure you bookmark it! Some pages are still under construction so we would appreciate your patience while we continue to add information.

Parent's Maths Workshop on 27th April at 6pm in school

You are all invited to come along to this workshop, run jointly by our Maths Leader, Kelli Reynolds and our Babcock LDP Maths Adviser, Stephanie Burke. It will focus on deeper learning in Yrs 1-6 and how we ensure children are challenged within their year groups. We will be offering crèche facilities to enable as many of you as possible to attend. Please ensure you return the slip on the flyer distributed this week.

School Led Mass at Sacred Heart Church

You are all invited to celebrate Mass this weekend with us at Sacred Heart Church on Sunday 24th April at 9.30am. If your child is able to come please e-mail Mrs Quinn (mquinn@stnics.uk). Children should be in uniform and will sit together at the front of the Church. They will have been informed if they have a specific role in the mass. We look forward to seeing many of you there at this lovely occasion.

Class Assembly

Lydford Class will be leading the school assembly on Monday 25th April at 9am in the school hall. Parents are very welcome to attend.

Kilve Payments

A reminder that full payment for Kilve is needed by 7th May, preferably on Parentpay. Please see Kate in the Office if you have any queries.

St George's Day Feast

Monday 25 April 2016

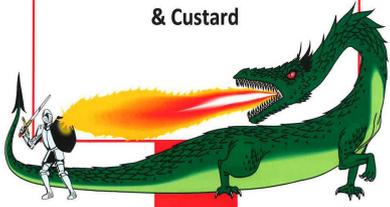
Menu

Toad in the Hole
Onion Gravy

Vegetarian Toad in the Hole

Mashed Potato
Fresh Carrots
Broccoli

Steamed Syrup Sponge
& Custard



Easter Liturgy



Well done to Dartmouth Class who led the Easter liturgy so beautifully last week.

Parish and Community News

University of Exeter Opportunities

Summer Tennis Programme With Wimbledon on the way, get inspired with Summer Tennis programmes at the University of Exeter! We offer coaching to adults and children, of all ages and abilities. With excellent coaches and superb facilities, all players can improve their game and have fun. You can book online, email the Sports Park at exetersport@exeter.ac.uk or give us a call on 01392 724452 to reserve a place. Find out more on our Tennis website or get in touch for an informal discussion.

Outdoor Pool Opening Fri 22 April There's nothing like jumping in the pool to celebrate the start of summer! Here at the University of Exeter, we're counting down the days until the outdoor pool opens on Friday 22 April - and hoping for some sunny days to make the most of the pool and picnic area. Members can swim at reduced rates and children enrolled at St Luke's Swim School can get some practice in for free! Use the casual swim times on our website to plan your visit.

PTA

Preparations are now underway for our Summer Social Evening / Fayre on 24th June 5.30-8.00pm at the school. We are looking for businesses to sponsor our event! Please contact pta@stncs.uk if you would like to advertise your business in the programme for a donation of £20.

We are also still looking for fabric donations of school colours (yellow, green and white) to make bunting. Please take these to the school office.

We will be holding a summer themed non-uniform day on Friday 27th May for a donation of £1 towards prizes at the fayre.

Take a look at our PTA Facebook page where we post regular updates about our events and meetings. Join our group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/stncspta/>

Reminders



Don't forget.....

- to regularly check the website news page and calendar
- to send in a dinner ticket if your child has had a meal without one. You will also receive a reminder text.
- to bring in evidence of any medical appointments your child has in school time for our records
- to bring in evidence of booked Able and Talented courses for our records.
- Watch out for our new healthy menus for BASC on the website.
- To collect Sainsbury's vouchers for the school

Weekly Reflection

Lord Jesus Christ, show us how to spread the Good News far and wide, using every form of communication.

Amen.

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St Nicholas School is committed to safeguarding children.

Designated Child Protection Officer: Mrs Amelia Harding Deputy Child Protection Officers: Mrs L Stone, Mrs A Folland and Mrs S Beach. Named Governor for Child Protection: Mrs Lisa Thomas