



# St Nicholas Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter 3rd December 2021

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

Designated Child Protection Lead: Miss K Reynolds

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

### Head of School's News

As we begin December, it definitely feels like Christmas has arrived at school! The children are all rehearsing and practicing their Christmas performances- It is so lovely to hear the children's singing around the school. We look forward to being able to share the final performances with you all soon.

Yesterday, all the children joined in with the Santa run and had a great time wearing their Christmas hats while doing their laps of the school grounds. The staff joined in- all dressed in full Santa costumes! I would like to thank Miss Frost, the Exeter city team and the PTA for organising the event and parents for supporting by making donations.

The children and staff in the St Andrew's house family celebrated St Andrew's day on Tuesday. We decorated the school hall with blue bunting and balloons and the St Andrew's family all wore blue. In the afternoon, children in St Andrew's all participated in Scottish themed activities including, tartan weaving, Scottish dancing and highland games. The day was a real celebration of one of our saints and the children and staff thoroughly enjoyed it.

### COVID 19

While many aspects of life have returned to normal, there are still measures in place within school to minimise the spread of COVID. All adults in the school building will be wearing face coverings while in communal areas and we are continuing with enhanced hygiene practices, regular hand washing and use of hand sanitiser.

Please continue to be mindful of the symptoms of COVID- should your child display any of the symptoms, please do not bring them into school but take them for a PCR test. Should the results of any lateral flow tests return as positive, your child should not come to school and a PCR test should be carried out. We will continue to inform you of cases, if they occur, within your child's class.

### Parking

The school car park is for school staff and parents with parking permits only. If you have been granted a parking permit, please use the parking spaces in the car park and do not park in the bus bay or along the railings. If you park inappropriately, you will be challenged by a member of staff and may lose your parking permit.

### Scooters

We are really pleased to see many children choosing active ways to travel to school. However, please be reminded that scooters and bikes are not to be ridden on school grounds. This is for safety reasons. Last week, we had a serious accident on the playground where a child came off a scooter and knocked his head. An ambulance had to be called. In order to prevent further accidents, please ask your child to walk their scooters/bikes on the school grounds to the scooter storage or bike shed.

### Disciples of the week

Compton	Beth	Okehampton	Sebastian / Edward
Berry Pomeroy	Ellie / Niall	Lydford	Jassim / Joshua N
Plympton	Marc / George	Dartmouth	Lucy / Daniel

**Living and Learning in Spirit and in Truth**

<b>Totnes</b>	Camilla / Poppy B	<b>Drogo</b>	Theo / Logan
<b>Kingswear</b>	Tessa / Jacob	<b>Nursery</b>	William / Violet
<b>Rougemont</b>	Zack / Cormac	<i>Well done to you all!</i>	

## Information

### Important Dates:

<b>6th December</b>	<b>St Nicholas Day Mass and traditional activities</b>
<b>7th December</b>	<b>2pm KS1 Nativity- Dartmouth parents invited to watch in the hall</b>
<b>8th December</b>	<b>2pm KS1 Nativity - Lydford parents invited to watch in the hall</b>
<b>9th December</b>	<b>10.30am EYFS Nativity - Nursery parents invited to watch in the hall</b> <b>2pm KS1 Nativity - Okehampton parents invited to watch in the hall</b>
<b>10th December</b>	<b>2pm EYFS Nativity - Reception (Drogo) parents invited to watch in the hall</b>
<b>13th December</b>	<b>10.30am Christmas liturgy - Kingswear parents invited to watch in the hall</b> <b>2pm Christmas liturgy - Plympton parents invited to watch in the hall</b>
<b>14th December</b>	<b>10.30am Christmas liturgy - Rougemont parents invited to watch in the hall</b> <b>2pm Christmas liturgy - Berry Pomeroy parents invited to watch in the hall</b>
<b>15th December</b>	<b>Christmas lunch and singalong</b>
<b>16th December</b>	<b>10.30am Christmas liturgy - Totnes parents invited to watch in the hall</b> <b>2pm Christmas liturgy - Compton parents invited to watch in the hall</b>
<b>17th December</b>	<b>Break up for Christmas holidays</b>
<b>4th January</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>

### Flu Immunisations

A link has been sent out to all parents of children in Reception to Yr 6 about the flu immunisation programme that was rearranged to 7th January, **Please make sure you only fill in the form on the link sent out if you have not already done so for the previous date.**

### St Nicholas Day

A reminder to please bring in **kitchen roll tubes** for Monday so that the children can all make crackers. These will then be used at the Christmas lunch.

### House Family Tournament by Miss Frost

The children had a great day on Wednesday, despite the wet and windy weather! In their year groups, they competed against other house families in a game of netball. They worked as a team to earn points for their houses. It was great to hear children who wouldn't usually play together, cheering each other on and congratulating each other's achievements. The children were proud to represent their house! Congratulations to the St Patrick house for earning the most points!

## PTA

### Christmas Tree

Thank you very much to 'St Nicholas' for the donation of the soon to be beautiful Christmas tree outside our school. After School Club will be helping to decorate it with decorations made in school.

## **Advent Bible Reading**

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.  
And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.  
He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom,  
establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness  
from that time on and forever.  
The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.  
Isaiah 9:6-7

