



# St Nicholas Catholic Primary School Newsletter 5th November 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 & Mr James Cookson



# **Head of School's News**

## Goodbye to Bernie Franklin

Yesterday, Mrs Franklin said goodbye to the staff, children and families at St Nicholas. She has worked in our early years unit for 16 years and has been fundamental to the success of our nursery. We are going to miss her very much and would like to wish her the very best for her retirement.

#### Remembrance

I would like to say well done to Compton who led our remembrance liturgy this morning. It was beautifully done and it was lovely to be able to share this with Compton parents.

Next week to mark Remembrance day on Thursday, the children will make paper poppies. As a school we have decided not to sell plastic poppies with a view to reducing plastic waste. All of the children's poppies will be gathered together to create a cascade of poppies which will be displayed on the school gates at the end of the day- please look out for this when you collect your children from school!

Each class will also do a lap of the school running track. With 11 classes, we will have 11 laps! To raise money for the poppy appeal, we will hold a cake sale at break time. A parent mail will come out giving more details about this.

Disciples of the week			
Compton	Noah	Okehampton	Eli
Berry Pomeroy	Lucas	Lydford	Riker
Plympton	Evie-May	Dartmouth	Jessica
Totnes	Eva	Drogo	Phoebe
Kingswear	Matilda	Nursery	Sophie
Rougemont	Troy	Well done to you all!	

# Information

# **Important Dates:**

12th November	PTA non uniform day to raise funds for the PTA - please bring in £1 per child	
15th November	Tempest Photographers to take individual & sibling photos of children	
26th November	Christ the King liturgy led by Drogo	
6th December	St Nicholas Day Mass	
17th December	Break up for Christmas holidays	
4th January	Children return to school	

#### Headlice

We have had a few cases of headlice in KS2 recently and would ask you all to regularly check your child/ren's heads to make sure they do not have any. For information about how to identify and treat them please go to <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/">https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/</a>

## **Tempest Photographers**

Tempest photographers will come on the 15th November to take individual and sibling photos of the children. We are unfortunately not able to offer whole family portraits as we have done in the past.

#### Flu Immunisation

We have been advised that the new date for the children's flu immunisation is the 7th January 2022.

#### Lost items

Please check you have your child/ren's jumper at home. Lots of jumpers and cardigans are being lost and we think this is because children are taking home other children's jumpers accidentally. Please can you also check that jumpers/fleeces and ties are labelled clearly. Thank you.

## PTA

# **Smartie Challenge 2021**

Our PTA would like to give the children a yummy treat, so they are sending home these colourful Smarties to eat!



Keep the tube don't throw it away, do tasks and good deeds to earn your pay. So we can raise money for the good of our school.

<u>Parents/Guardians</u>. Over the next 2 weeks the children should decorate their smarties tube and then be encouraged to complete chores and tasks to earn 20p pieces to fill their tube. There will be prizes for the best decorated tubes so please ensure your child puts their name on their tube to be in with a chance of a prize! Maybe you might be lucky to get a cup of tea, have the dishwasher emptied, breakfast in bed or even a foot massage! Thank you for your continued support. Smartie tubes should be returned no later than Friday 19th November

### 2022 Calendar - Sponsorship

We are producing our wonderful school calendar to raise much needed funds for the pupils of the school and are looking for local businesses to sponsor this to boost the funds! We are looking for a minimum donation of £50, in return the company logo will be added to the front cover. This is being professionally designed and printed. For more details or how to donate- Please email <a href="mailto:pta@stncs.uk">pta@stncs.uk</a>

# **Community Information**

# Parenting for Faith

Want to help the children you love find God in everyday life? CELEBRATE is running the Parenting for Faith course on Zoom! The Parenting for Faith course is for you - it's not just mums and dads who long for children and teens to know God for themselves. Whether you're a parent, guardian, grandparent, family member, friend, or catechist, you can help the young people in your life develop a vibrant and connected relationship with God – whatever their age!

Dates: Block one: 2nd, 9th, 16th, & 23rd November 2021 Optional evening: 30th November 2021 with Rachel Turner, Parenting for Faith Pioneer

Block two: 11th, 18th, 25th January & 1st February 2022

During the sessions there will be opportunity to discuss the content in small groups online. These will be organised in regions so that you can get to know other families in your area. To book your free place on the course, you need to register here: <a href="www.celebratetrust.org/parentingforfaith">www.celebratetrust.org/parentingforfaith</a> We look forward to seeing you all there!

The CELEBRATE Team

## **Blessed Sacrament Parent and Toddler Group**

Starting on 15th November from 9.30 - 11.30am on Mondays (term time only). A friendly and informal group for children aged 0-5 and their parents / carers in the Richard Reynolds centre next to Blessed Sacrament Church. Please see flyer sent out on Parentmail for more details.

