



St Nicholas Catholic Primary School

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St Nicholas School is committed to safeguarding children.

Designated Child Protection Lead: Miss K Reynolds

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Head of School's News

What a busy and exciting two weeks we have had since returning to school following February half term.

St David's Day

Last week, the children in St David's house family were able to come together and celebrate the day. They all dressed in yellow, had a special lunch in the hall which had been beautifully decorated with yellow tablecloths and daffodils and then got to participate in Welsh based activities for the afternoon such as Tag rugby and making daffodils. Next week we have St Patrick's day. Children in St Patrick's house family can come to school dressed in green and look forward to a special lunch and Irish themed activities in the afternoon.

EYFS Carpet

Over half term, we were able to have a new carpet fitted in EYFS - after 14 years, the old one really needed replacing! We would like to say a HUGE thank you to Helen Manning who sourced the colourful carpet tiles for us. It looks truly amazing and has massively improved the learning environment for our youngest children.

Parents evening

We are very pleased to be able to open our doors to parents for parents' evening after two years of having to do this online. Parents' evening will take place in the hall and you should have received information about how to book an appointment.

Red nose day

Friday 18th March is red nose day. Children are invited to make or find a crazy hat to wear for the day in exchange for a donation to the charity event. Children must still wear their school uniform.

School uniform

Just a reminder that children should continue to wear full winter school uniforms until the Easter holidays. This includes a school tie and appropriate school shoes, not boots or trainers. Hoodies for PE should not be worn- children should wear school jumpers or fleeces if the weather is cold. If your child is not in full uniform, a member of staff will ask them about it. If you are missing any parts of the uniform and need some time to purchase more, please email your child's class teacher.

Information

Important Dates:

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| 15th March | Parent's Evening |
| 17th March | St Patrick's Day - joint school liturgy |
| 24th March | Parent's Evening |
| 5th April | Supper of the Lord liturgy led by Plympton Class |
| 8th April | Way of the Cross liturgy |

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| | Break up for Easter holiday |
| 25th April | Return to School St George's Day - joint school liturgy |

| Disciples of the week | | | |
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| Compton | Grace / | Okehampton | Riley |
| Berry Pomeroy | Toby / Tianna | Lydford | Maja / Ellie |
| Plympton | Robbie | Dartmouth | Isabella / Toni |
| Totnes | Ecaterina / Sissi | Drogo | Eloise / Jonah / Logan |
| Kingswear | Jude / Alexander | Nursery | Levi / Raffi |
| Rougemont | Innanna | <i>Well done to you all!</i> | |

Information

#Letgirlsplay



Thank you Exeter City coaches for coming to run a taster session for #LetGirlsPlay to inspire girls in England to play football. The KS2 girls have had a great time learning skills and playing matches and it has been great to see so many girls so motivated to try something new! Here are just some of the positive thoughts girls are having about football in school!

Yr 3 - Rosie - *I thought football was really really fun! I enjoyed it because we were playing games like cops and robbers but with a football. I learnt how to pass the ball to a player on my team. I want to play football again!*

Yr 4 - Anna - *My favourite game was cops and robbers! There was a bank on each side, and we had to try and tackle each other to get the ball and put it in the bank. It was fun and I learnt how to tackle another player. I enjoyed tricking other players, when they tried to get the ball from me! I'm looking forward to playing football again!*

Yr 5 - Mela - *It was great! It was fun that we were playing games with different girls we wouldn't normally play with. I learnt how to tackle and get the ball when playing in a match! I'm excited to play it again!*

Yr 6 - Chloe - *I really liked that I was with all the girls playing football. I've tried playing with boys but they were all better. I enjoyed playing with girls that were on the same level as me and we could have a good game together! I learnt how to tackle another player to get the ball. I can wait to do it again!*

Maybe we do need a St Nicks Girls Football Team? #LetsGirlsPlay

Uniformd

We are pleased to have opened our [Uniformd](#) online shop to sell donated or unclaimed uniform for low prices. The uniform is all in good condition but may need to be washed. All proceeds will go directly to our PTA. Please log on using the link above and search for our school. You will see the items listed and quantities we have of each size. Purchase using a credit card and we will let you know when items are ready to collect. If you would prefer items to go directly to your child in class please then email Mrs Ellis (admin@stnics.uk) who will arrange this for you. Once you have your items please make sure they are clearly marked with your child's name. Mrs Ellis is the manager for Uniformd so please contact her if you have any queries.

If you have any old uniform you can donate to the school we would be delighted to receive it. Please bring it to the office.

Job Vacancies

We currently have 2 MTA vacancies, one for 5 days and one for 3 days per week, 1.74 hours per day. Please note that the hourly rate has increased to £9.50 per hour.

<https://www.devonjobs.gov.uk/customjobs/mealtime-assistants-2-posts-st-nicholas-catholic-primary-school-plymouth-cast> Please email Mrs Brocksom for more information and an application form.

PTA

Twos-day Challenge - Well done and thank you to all the wonderful children that took part. Between you, with all your sponsored events, bake sales and chores, you managed to raise an amazing £415.81 for the PTA! You are all stars and you should receive your certificates very soon. Massive congratulations to Alex B, who won the 'most creative' competition, completing your sponsored 222 basketball hoop shooting!



Visit the NEW PTA webpage: <https://web.classlist.com/stnics-pta> for updates on upcoming events...

Here you will find a link to preorder a [Mothers Day Cream Tea Gift Box](#). They are selling quickly and there are only a few more available. Please email PTA@stnics.uk for further information or if you are unable to preorder via the link, (if sold out and there is enough demand, we can look at offering a further batch).

Finally, don't forget to join [Classlist](#), the new PTA social platform, to get in touch with fellow parents and to keep up to date with PTA events, activities and announcements.

Community News

DfE Information for parents and carers on COVID-19 vaccination for at risk 5 to 11 year olds

Children aged 5 to 11 years who are in a clinical risk group or who live with someone who is immunosuppressed can get the COVID-19 vaccine, in line with advice set out by the [Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation \(JCVI\)](#). Eligible children include those with diabetes, immunosuppression, learning disabilities, and other conditions as outlined by the [UK Health Security Agency \(UKHSA\) in the Green Book](#). Vaccinations help to increase protection against COVID-19, which is particularly important for those with underlying health conditions.

Further information is available in the [guide for parents of children aged 5 to 11 years published by UKHSA](#). We have published some [frequently asked questions](#) on the vaccination programme including information on eligibility, accessibility and advice for parents of children at high risk from COVID-19. Following [advice](#) from the JCVI, healthy 5 to 11 year old children will also be offered two 10 microgram doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. The NHS will prepare to extend this non-urgent offer to all children during April.

Get a Healthy Start! Families could claim 3 free local fruit and veg boxes



A number of local fruit and veg suppliers in Exeter, East Devon, West Devon, South Hams, Teignbridge, and Torridge are working with Devon County Council to provide 3 free seasonal fruit and veg boxes in March and April for residents who are signed up to the government's Healthy Start scheme. The boxes are worth £10 each and in addition recipients will also receive an information booklet containing tasty and nutritious recipes. Families can find out more details and order directly from their local supplier, details of which can be found on the [Devon Food Partnership website](#).

Prayer for Ukraine

Loving God,

We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world
that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways
so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine
and for all the world.

Amen.