



# St Nicholas Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter 1st April 2021

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

Designated Child Protection Lead: Mrs D Sparkes

Deputy Child Protection Leads: Mrs A Folland & Miss K Reynolds

Named Governors for Child Protection: Mrs L Wills and Mrs F Dennehy

### Head of School's News

After another period of disruption, we are pleased to end this term with all of our pupils and staff well and in school. This has been a challenging term for all of our pupils, families and staff. However, as with all things that challenge us, we leave this term reflecting on the lessons that we can take forward into the future. With this in mind, we would like to wish all of our children, parents and staff a peaceful and restful Easter holiday. We look forward to welcoming you all back after the break for a term of learning and sunshine!

#### Stations of the Cross

Mrs Quinn has transformed the Bickleigh room into a calm and prayerful space this week where the stations of the cross have been represented. Each class has been into the room and had opportunities to pray and reflect with their class teachers. The room has been beautifully prepared and the children have engaged really well. Please see the website for photos.

#### PTA Easter Scavenger hunt

To mark the end of term and celebrate Easter, all of the children have taken part in an Easter scavenger hunt today where they have had to find 'famous bunnies' dotted around the school and solve some Easter related puzzles. They all will have been rewarded with a small Easter treat for their efforts. Thank you to the PTA for organising this and providing the treats!

### Disciples of the week

<b>Compton</b>	Eve	<b>Okehampton</b>	All of Okehampton Class
<b>Berry Pomeroy</b>	Asia	<b>Lydford</b>	Eva
<b>Plympton</b>	Karla	<b>Dartmouth</b>	Camilla
<b>Totnes</b>	Robbie	<b>Powderham</b>	Kara
<b>Kingswear</b>	Kelsey	<b>Drogo</b>	Kannon
<b>Rougemont</b>	Olivia	<b>Nursery</b>	Charlie

*Well done to you all!*

### Contact Tracing over Easter

To support the NHS Test and Trace process, staff will be available for the first few days of the Easter holiday to fulfil necessary contact tracing responsibilities. Parents and carers **must** inform us by emailing [head@stncls.uk](mailto:head@stncls.uk) of a positive case if either symptoms or a positive home LFD test occurred within 2 days of your child/ren being in school. Where this is the case, we will assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as your child/ren may have been infectious whilst at school. Positive tests after 2 days do not need to be reported to the school but you should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

### Leaving the Site

We are still under COVID restrictions and using the one way system. Please would parents leave the site speedily after pick up in the afternoon and not congregate near the school gates which blocks the exit for other parents.

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

## Recycling

Alongside the bucket in Reception to collect dead batteries we also have a new 'Ink Bin' in the Reception area to collect home use printer cartridges. Many are sent for refilling and reselling. The school PTA will receive funds back for each full box we have collected. Please see <https://www.theinkbin.co.uk/> for more information.

## Current Staff Vacancies

We currently have the following vacancies:

- **Permanent Midday Assistant.** 8.75 hours per week, 1.75 hours per day (Monday to Friday 11.30 - 1.15pm). £8.96 per hour.
- **Temporary 1:1 Teaching Assistant** for a Reception child. 28.75 hours per week, 5.75 hours per day with 1 hour for lunch. 8.30am - 3.15pm Monday to Friday. Starting at £8.96 per hour.

The closing date for both is 19th April. Both are advertised on Indeed and all forms and information can be found on the school website under [About Us / Job Vacancies](#)

## Easter Raffle

Congratulations to Joanna in Lydford Class who won the fantastic Easter cake in the PTA raffle.

## Return to school

Children return to school on **Monday 19th April**. They may wear summer uniform from this date including a bottle green polo top (instead of shirt and tie) or a green and white summer dress. More information on the school [website](#).

## Comic Relief

Thank you for supporting Comic Relief. We made £242.89 in total.

## New PE Equipment

Lockdown has been a tricky time for children to keep active and compete in different sports with their peers. Throughout lockdown, we have thought long and hard about equipment we could purchase to encourage children to enjoy their physical activity and try something different! So, we now have a fantastic, fully equipped high jump and crash mat for all pupils to use in PE, and an all weather race track will soon be laid on the field. It's very exciting to give our pupils equipment they may not have used before and possibly they might even find a new hobby or skill.



## Exeter City Community Trust Football Training

We are once again able to offer Yrs 3-6 football training from Exeter City Community Trust after Easter. Please note that this will take place on **Thursdays** after school. A flyer with more information was sent out on Parentmail. A link to the booking system is below. There is a limit of 15 spaces per group.

<https://exetercct.org/courses-events/after-school-clubs/st-nicholas-primary-school-after-school-club-football/>

## Exeter Foodbank

We have been asked to advise you that there will be no foodbank session on Friday 2nd April at the Mint or the Beacon Centre and no session at the Mint on Monday 5th April.

## Parking on Ringswell Avenue

We have received another complaint from a neighbour on Ringswell Avenue after their car was damaged by one of our parents. The incident was caught on CCTV and although this incident has been resolved it once again brings up the problem of parents driving and parking irresponsibly outside the school. We encourage neighbours to contact the police if such incidents arise as the school cannot become involved. We once again ask that you consider whether you need to park outside the school or whether you could park a little further away and walk to reduce congestion and further conflict with our neighbours.

### Easter prayer for children

God made you and God made me, He made the world for us to see.  
God loves you and long ago, He sent his Son to tell us so.  
Jesus showed us many things, To love and share and dance and sing.  
To learn and pray, to help and care, He promised he'd always be there.  
He died but then came back to life, Let's celebrate for he's alive! Amen

