



St Nicholas Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 8th April 2022

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St Nicholas School is committed to safeguarding children.

Designated Child Protection Lead: Miss K Reynolds

Deputy Child Protection Leads: Mrs D Sparkes & Miss C Lowry

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

Head of School's News

After a busy term of hard work and super learning, the children are all ready for a well deserved break! We have lots of exciting things to look forward to in the summer term. After two years of keeping our distance to reduce the risk posed by COVID, we are looking forward to welcoming parents back onto the school site for assemblies, liturgies and events. With the summer term being filled with special events such as sports' day, the PTA summer social and year 6 leavers' happenings we hope to see many of you in school again.

Celebration assembly

Celebration assemblies will continue to happen on Friday afternoons at 2:30pm. If your child is nominated as the disciple of the week, you will be notified by text and invited to come to the celebration assembly so that you can hear all the wonderful things that your child has done that has made them stand out to the adults in the school. If your child has achieved something at home that they would like celebrated in assembly, they can put this in 'the silver book'. We would also like to invite you to that assembly to see your child's achievement being recognised.

St George's Day

Monday 25th April is St George's day. The children in the St George house family are invited to come to school wearing red. After a morning of learning and a themed lunch, all of St George house will gather together for some St George themed activities.

Staff changes

We are very sorry to be saying goodbye to Steph Curry who has worked with us for 2 years. Miss Steph has provided much support to the children and the teaching team during her time with us and we wish her the very best in her new role.

Miss Gibb is returning to us on a part time basis following her maternity leave. Miss Gibb will work in Plympton on a Monday, releasing Miss Standen for her maths leadership time. On a Tuesday, she will work across the school, teaching music to release teachers for planning time.

Summer uniform

After the Easter Holidays, children may choose to wear summer uniform. This means that green polo shirts, shorts or summer dresses can be worn. I would like to remind you all, that children should be in school shoes, not trainers or boots, and school jumpers should be worn on PE days, not hoodies. Please make sure that all long hair (past shoulder length) is tied up and only stud earrings are permitted - no other jewellery.

We would like to thank you all for your continued support of the school. We wish you and your families a peaceful and happy Easter.



Information

Important Dates:

19th April	Offer day for Reception 2022 places
25th April	Return to School St George's Day - joint school liturgy
29th April	Easter liturgy led by Okehampton
2nd May	Bank Holiday - school closed
4th May	Whole class photos
9th May 9th - 10th May	SATS week Yr 5 Bristol residential
12th May	Ascension Day mass led by School Chaplains
13th May	May Crowning led by Rougemont
17th & 18th May	EYFS Stay and Play
23rd and 24th May	Yr 3 residential - Ultimate Adventure Centre Bideford
30th - 6th June	Half term. Children come back on Tuesday 7th June
13th - 17th June	Yr 6 residential to Kilve
1st July	PTA Summer Social **Save the Date**

Disciples of the week			
Compton	Lily / Tilly	Okehampton	Ronnie Rae / Tilly
Berry Pomeroy	Finn / Ioan / Toby	Lydford	Kyron / Jacob
Plympton	Abishek / Chloe	Dartmouth	Isabella / Niall
Totnes	Oliver / Brooklyn	Drogo	Justin / Logan
Kingswear	Anna / Dominik	Nursery	Willow / Elsie
Rougemont	Florence / Mirna	<i>Well done to you all!</i>	

Information

Job Vacancies at St Nicholas School

[2 permanent MTA vacancies, one for 5 days and one for 3 days per week](#)

1.75 hours per day, £9.50 per hour.

[2 temporary Teaching Assistants to support children with SEND](#)

6.25 hours per day, 31.25 hours per week, Monday - Friday. £9.50 per hour

[Opal Playleader](#)

12.5 hours per week (2.5 hour per day from 11.30am). £10.43 per hour

Please see the [school website](#) for more details (link to Indeed), job descriptions and application forms.

Deadline for all is 24th April and completed applications should be emailed to abrocksom@stnics.uk

Living and Learning in Spirit and in Truth

Uniform

We are delighted with the number of parents and carers who have bought second hand uniform from our new platform [Uniformd](#) - we have already raised nearly £150 in funds for our PTA! We have much summer uniform on sale including dresses and shorts. If you have any items you can donate please bring them to the office. Please make sure that you clearly mark any purchased items with your child's name - if found unnamed they may go back on sale!

Covid Update

With effect from Friday 1 April 2022, Covid-19 guidance changed, as we continue to transition from numerous restrictions to living with Covid-19.

GUIDANCE CHANGE - From 1st April:

Anyone with a POSITIVE test result is advised to try and stay at home and avoid contact with other people for the period they are deemed most infectious, which is:

- 3 days for those aged UNDER 18 years
- 5 days for those aged 18 years or OVER

Help! I have no tests...how do I know if I need to isolate?

From 1st April, anyone who is experiencing symptoms of a respiratory infection (including Covid-19) and a high temperature, or who feels unwell, is advised to try and stay at home and avoid contact with other people, until they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to resume normal activities.

Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people as much as they can. They can return to school and/or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature and are well enough to attend.

Is my child too ill for school:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

News

Nursery Mini Beast Hunt



Nursery have been reading together, 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and going on mini-beast hunts to support this learning. The children in Nursery talked about what they saw on their mini-beast hunts and said, "caterpillar", "2 ants and a butterfly" and "bumble bee".

PTA

Drop Off, Drop In

We are excited to be able to invite you to join us, on Friday 29th April, for a cuppa and cake, at our first "Drop Off, Drop In", this year. Drop your children at school and then join us in the Bickleigh Room to meet or catch up with fellow parents. We will have a box of toys for the smaller children, so please feel free to bring your little ones along too! You can RSVP [here](#), or in your events on your classlist account, to help us ensure we have plenty of snacks available.

Summer Social Planning

Thanks to all that attended the meeting on Wednesday. Planning is now underway and we've got Friday the 1st July in the diary for this year's Summer Social, so save the date! We welcome any ideas and if you have any contacts that could help we would love to hear from you. If you think you can help in any other ways, please do email us at pta@stnics.uk.

Classlist

Don't forget to join Classlist, our parent social platform, to allow you to meet parents at the school and to be the first to know about events the PTA are holding. All our events will be advertised here and you will have the option to RSVP / buy tickets. [CLICK HERE](#) to register for free today. You can also use Classlist to set up private events, such as birthday parties, or use the marketplace to sell or give away second hand toys, dress up clothes or any other personal items, to others at the school.

Community News

Devon County Council now has a website to support Ukrainian Families. It is still in development but already includes support for guests (such as: information on money and welfare support, health services and education and childcare) and the website also includes support for sponsors.

[Essential information for Ukraine guests](#)

Easter Prayer

The veil of darkness
Transformed to the brightest light.

The most dreadful end
Became the most beautiful beginning.

The depths of despair
Fade to reveal hope everlasting.

The curse of death
Defeated by eternal life.

Thank you Lord, for the wonder of Easter.

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