



St Nicholas Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 17th June 2022

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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

The second half of the summer term always brings lots of sunshine and this half term is no different! It has been lovely to see the children outside enjoying their learning and play in the sun. The new play equipment that Miss Frost has introduced weekly in our celebration assemblies, is being treated respectfully by the children and really enhancing their playtimes.

As well as this, Mrs Martin, Miss Rachel and the MTA team have been working hard to reintroduce The Outdoor Play and learning Project (OPAL) to our school. The OPAL project has enabled us to consider how we provide for the 16 different types of play needs during break times. The children have enjoyed being creative in their play, using crates, tarpaulin and other resources for den building. The playground is full of lovely chalk pictures created by the children and some children are really enjoying the opportunity to engage in small world play. Mrs Martin will keep you all updated on the progress of OPAL and how parents can support through our OPAL newsletters- please keep your eyes open for these!

Kilve

Our year 6 children have spent the week on their residential trip to Kilve. They have been able to experience lots of new activities that they may not have tried before including, river walks, climbing, mountain biking and high ropes. They will return to school today and I look forward to hearing all about their adventures. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Mrs Thatcher, Mrs Hughes, Miss Nicky and Miss Sue, for giving their time and energy all of this week to take the children and helping them to create wonderful memories that will stay with them for years to come.

Drop off

Whilst the gates are open at school from 8:30am the whistle is not blown until 8:40am. There will always be one staff member on duty, but because of the open grounds, we request that parents stay to supervise their children until the whistle is blown. This will ensure that all children are safe and do not wander back out of the school grounds when parents have left. This of course does not include children in year 6 where parents have considered them old enough to walk into school on their own.

Lateness

We are noticing an increasing number of children arriving to school late. Registration is at 8:45am- 8:55am. If your child arrives at school after 8:45am, they will receive a late mark on the register. If your child arrives after 8:55am, the register will be marked as an unauthorised absence. A number of late marks or unauthorised absences will be picked up and discussed in attendance meetings held with the senior leadership team and the educational welfare officer. Persistent lateness will result in you receiving a letter from the school or even the Educational Welfare Officer.

Sun

As mentioned above, the sun is out! Please ensure that your child comes to school with a bottle of suncream with their name on, a sun hat and a bottle of water. Thank you.

Information

Important Dates:

24th June	PTA non uniform day - see below
29th June	St Peter and Paul Mass led by Pupil Chaplains
1st July	Sports Day
1st July (after school)	PTA Summer Social **Save the Date**
7th and 8th July	Transition Days - information to follow.
14th July	Yr 5 and 6 performance 2pm and 6pm
15th July	Yr 6 Leaver's Mass
21st July	End of term. Summer Holidays
5th September	Children return to school and can wears summer uniform.

Disciples of the week			
Compton	All of Yr 6 at Kilve	Okehampton	Sultan / Eva
Berry Pomeroy	Freya / Whole Class	Lydford	Ashton / Maddison
Plympton	George / Jesse	Dartmouth	Judah / Lucy
Totnes	Poppy	Drogo	Harry / Lyza
Kingswear	Jackson / Hunter	Nursery	Harrison / Heidi
Rougemont	Seth / Kuba	<i>Well done to you all!</i>	

Information and News

Sports Day

This year, Sports Day will be held on Friday 1st July. It will begin at 9:15am and finish at 11:30. Parents are more than welcome to attend. We are hoping for sunshine but in the event of bad weather it will be rearranged and you will be advised. On the 1st July please can your child come into school wearing a top of their house colour. If you have any questions about this, please ask your class teacher.

Nursery

We still have some September (Autumn term) spaces in our Nursery for 3 and 4 year old children. We offer the local authority 15 hours funding as well as the extended 30 hour funding for eligible families. We would be delighted to show prospective parents our Nursery in action and to answer any questions they may have about joining our school community. Please contact Mrs Brocksom (abrocksom@stnics.uk / 01392 445403 option 4) to arrange a visit or to find out more.

Uniform

We still have summer uniform on sale on our new platform [Uniformd](#) including dresses and shorts. The summer uniforms can be worn until October half term. 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!

Donations for OPAL

We would be grateful for any donations for OPAL to enhance playtimes as follows

- **Den Building** - Tarpaulin, large tarpaulin bags (from sand deliveries etc), blankets, cushions, bean bags, seats, rope type netting
- **Mud Kitchen** - pots, pans, wooden spoons, baking trays, washing up bowls, drainers, pine cones
- **Water play** - bath toys, boats, bottles, funnels, scoops
- **Sand play** - buckets, spades, shells
- **Garden** - plant pots, seeds, small trowels, plastic artificial flowers
- **Small world** - cars, boats, aeroplanes, animals, dinosaurs
- **Things that can be pushed** - Kids wheelbarrows, kids pushchairs/ real life pushchairs
- **Dressing up** - Clothes, hats, masks, bags, kid sized coat hangers
- **Storage** - sturdy supermarket type crates, buckets - solid and flexi type
- **Cardboard** - boxes large enough for children to get in and large cardboard tubes
- **Guttering and plastic pipes**
- **Wet weather items** - welly boots, umbrellas, waterproof trousers and jackets



Please bring items to our drop off point on the playground. If rain is forecast and they are not waterproof please cover them with a bin bag or plastic bag.

PTA

Frozen Friday

We will continue to hold Frozen Fridays, each Friday, weather permitting, so please come see us at the end of the long hard hot day and treat yourself and the kids to an ice cream, whilst showing your support to the PTA! As usual, correct change is appreciated, or use the SumUp and BOPP Apps for cashless payments (make sure you are registered, signed in (and if using BOPP, linked to your bank account, prior to ordering)). Thank you so much for your generosity so far, over 2 Frozen Fridays, we have managed to raise £230 profit.

Father's Day Personalised Prints

Thanks to those who purchased a Father Day Print. These will be sent home today with the children, we hope you like them! We have raised just over £66, so thanks again for your support.

Non uniform day - Friday 24th June

Children are invited to wear non uniform, next Friday, the 24th June, in exchange for a Tombola prize at the fayre. This can be anything from a bottled product, to a sweet treat (sealed and in date). We really appreciate any donations you can give. Also, if you have any unwanted gifts at home that you have been holding onto and have been unsure what to do with, we'd be very

grateful to receive these! With everyone's help, we hope to make the Summer Social a fabulous time for the children and adults alike. Thank you.

St Nicholas Primary Fun Day

Earlybird priced Wristbands for Inflatables are selling fast and will be available to reserve until 24th June. Wristbands will allow the wearer (children and adults), multiple 7 minute sessions on the inflatables, which includes Bouncy Castle, 65ft Assault Course, Celebration Slide (upper age limit 14 applies) and Sumo Suits (upper age limit 12 applies). If you don't have a Classlist account, you can reserve your 'tickets' [HERE](#), or if you do, you can go to [St Nicholas Primary Fun Day - Wristband Sales](#), on your Classlist Events page.

We still need volunteers please, to help on the day, so please get in touch if you are able to help at any point during the social, which is running 4pm - 7pm. You can contact us on pta@stnics.uk, or you can go to your Classlist events, [St Nicholas Primary Fun Day - Wristband Sales](#) and scroll down to 'Sign Up' to put your name down for your preferred stall.

We have some fantastic Raffle prizes, so make sure you enter on the day, for the chance to win prizes such as, £40 gift voucher to use at 'On the Waterfront', £20 voucher to use at 'Saddles and Paddles' on the Quayside, A free bounce at iBounce and £20 voucher for Toby Carvery.

More info to come in the week leading up to the social.



St Nicholas Primary Fun Day!

Everyone welcome, from grandparents, to cousins, to family friends!

CASH, SUMUP and BOPP PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON MOST STALLS.

Download and register with the SumUp App, for speedy ApplePay like transactions!

1st July 2022, 4pm - 7pm

ONLY Cash and BOPP Payments accepted on Raffle:

Raffle prizes to include:

- 4 ENTRY TICKETS TO PECORAMA
- £40 'PINHOE HOARD' VOUCHER
- 4 CLIMBING WALL VOUCHERS FOR EXMOUTH LEISURE CENTRE
- £40 'ON THE WATERFRONT' GIFT VOUCHER
- 2 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS TO KENTS CAVERN

SCAN THE QR CODE TO PRE-ORDER YOUR DISCOUNTED WRISTBANDS AT £5.50 EACH, OR BUY 4 OR MORE FOR A FURTHER DISCOUNT, FOR UNLIMITED INFLATABLE FUN!*

(EARLYBIRD AND MULTI-BUY PRICES AVAILABLE UNTIL 24TH JUNE),

ALTERNATIVELY, TURN UP AND PAY AS YOU GO!

*Wristbands will allow the wearer multiple 7 minute sessions on Inflatable Assault Course, Castle, Celebration Slide and Sumo Suits. They do not allow you to jump queues.

Upper age restrictions apply to celebration slide and sumo suits.



INFLATABLE FUN
(Unlimited 7 minute sessions on Bouncy Castle, Giant Inflatable Assault Course, Big Inflatable Celebration Slide and Sumo Suits, with a purchased wristband, or pay as you go!)

TOMBOLA **CIRCUS SKILLS**

ICE CREAM & LOLLIES **FOOD** **HOOK A DUCK**

DRINK **RAFFLE**

CAKE STALL

GUESS THE NUMBER OF SWEETS AND MORE!

FREE ADMISSION FOR ALL

NOTE - Children are invited to wear non-uniform on 24th June, in exchange for a contribution toward the 'BOTTLE and SWEET TREAT' tombolas.

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Summer Prayer



Lord, as we enter the summer months, I am so thankful for the long warm days ahead. It's a time for picnics, family gatherings, and resting. Help me to do just that . . .to rest. Help me slow down a little bit. May I be reminded to rest in the cool shade of your presence. Regardless of what I may face at work or home, slow down my restless heart and fill me with compassion for those around me. Amen.



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PRAYERS
for Summer