



St Nicholas Catholic Primary School

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St Nicholas School is committed to safeguarding children.

Designated Child Protection Lead: Mrs D Sparkes

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Head of School's News

Like all schools, St Nicholas has had to learn to run differently due to the restrictions placed on the country as a result of the COVID 19 pandemic. Many times over the past 18 months, the children, staff and families have felt a real sense of loss as some of the events and normal school routines have been unable to safely take place as they usually would. However, we have learnt to be creative in an attempt to provide the children with some of the memorable experiences that form part of their school journey.

While we were unable to have parents on site, the sports days that we ran were a great success. All children were able to participate in sporting activities; KS2 children even got to compete using our brand new high jump equipment! All the children had the opportunity to safely spectate while enjoying an ice lolly provided by the PTA. The feedback from the children was fantastic- As a school, we are so pleased to be able to offer the children those moments of normality and it's wonderful to see the positive impact that this has on them.

We still have more events to look forward to in these last few weeks of term. Year 6 are currently working hard on producing their end of year production which we look forward to sharing with you all - the rehearsals sound very impressive already! We also are planning a joint challenge with OLSP school in Teignmouth. Using our running tracks, all the children and some staff are going to run the miles from John O Groats to Lands End! This combined effort is to raise money for The Catholic Children's Society. A 'Go Fund Me' page has been set up for donations

<https://gofund.me/25a644e6> .

New classes

Many of the children are beginning to wonder about their new classes for September- as with everything this year, COVID has altered our usual systems. However, we can assure you that letters containing details of your child's new class and teachers will come out next week.

Parking

The car park is **only to be used by staff and parents who have been granted a parking permit**. If you use the car park without a permit you will be challenged by staff. It has also been noticed that many cars are now parking along the railings and in the bus lane. This is unsafe. **If you have a parking permit, please use the designated spaces along the back of the car park.**

Disciples of the week

Compton	Angelo	Okehampton	Joshua / Isla
Berry Pomeroy	Tilly / Marc	Lydford	Toni / all of Lydford Class
Plympton	Evie-May / . Amelie	Dartmouth	Sebastian / Nguyen
Totnes	Lexi B / Clara	Powderham	-
Kingswear	Lucas / Kelsey	Drogo	-
Rougemont	Filip / Alysia	Nursery	Lily / Oliver

Well done to you all!

Living and Learning in Spirit and in Truth

Car Park Permits

We will be issuing new car park permits for September and all current permits will be invalid. If you need a permit for the 21/22 school year please complete the form that will be issued to you on Parentmail. If your permit is agreed we will contact you and ask you to come to collect it.

Data Checks

Please make sure you complete the Parentmail form sent to you recently to check we have accurate data for you and your children on our systems. Please complete one per family and submit as soon as possible. If you have any queries please contact the office.

Parentmail

If you have any issues with Parentmail please contact the school office (admin@stnics.uk). This could be if you no longer wish to receive all correspondence OR you or your partner may wish to be added as a priority parent so that you / they **do** receive all information about your child/ren.

You may also need to change your contact details. Please note that if we make a change on your account then you have to agree to this change within 7 days (you will receive a notification) or it will revert back to the original information.

St Nick's and OLSP Running Event - Lands End to John O'Groats

Throughout the week beginning the 12th of July, all pupils and staff from St Nicks and our sister school, OLSP in Teignmouth, will be working together to formally introduce our brand new all-weather running tracks. All pupils and staff will run, walk, jump or skip enough laps to add up to the equivalent distance from Lands End to John O'Groats, which is a total of 837 miles. Eleven laps of the running track is equivalent to 1 mile, and all children from nursery to year 6, and all staff from teachers to office staff, will be working together to run the full distance!

We are doing this to raise money for the Catholics Children Society, which is a great charity that supports families with young children in our communities, a cause we feel is especially valuable during this time. Please donate via <https://gofund.me/25a644e6> Please donate anything you can, to support us in our challenge!

Sports Day

Please see the website newpage for photos and a few videos of the children enjoying their sports days last week. We were lucky with the weather and we thank the PTA for buying every child an ice lolly.



The pupils had a fantastic 2 day COVID friendly sports days. They tried 3 different Athletic challenges, and points were added together to calculate the winning team. Congratulations to the Italy Team with Nursery, Okehampton, Totnes and Berry Pomeroy, winning 734 points in total.

Well done to the France Team for earning the Silver Award with 729 points, and Team Germany for earning the Bronze Award with 727 points. Well done everyone for your hard work, determination and resilience shown during sports day! Miss Frost

Tennis Coaching

The KS2 pupils had a great Tennis session last week with Exeter Golf and Country Club. They learnt a number of different Tennis skills for passing and serving, as well as ball and racket control.

Due to the enthusiasm from the pupils during the session, our School has been given a special discount for Summer Camp sessions which are being led by our instructor James, from Exeter Golf and Country Club, throughout the summer holidays.

If your child would like to take part, you can book using this link:

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/ExeterGolfandCountryClub/Coaching/Camp?courseID=1d5763c5-4939-4452-a5d7-9b8b4acf2c59>



Accident on Middlemoor Roundabout 16th June

There was an accident on Middlemoor Roundabout on the 16th June straight after school. If any parents would be able to confirm that the traffic lights were not working on that day, and would be willing to state this to insurers please contact head@stnccs.uk.

Community News

The Diocese of Plymouth are running their annual week long Faith Camps from 9 - 13 August. This year it will be online. These camps provide opportunities for young people to learn about their faith within a holiday atmosphere. Please email to reserve a place or to find out more information: juniorcamp@prcdtr.org.uk



Prayer

May we make our homes places of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety.

May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves, but helping others enjoy the blessings of the summertime.

Lord God, Creator of all things, guide our steps and strengthen our hearts during these months of summer.

Grant us refreshment of mind and body.

May we constantly strive to make a meaningful difference

in the lives of our loved ones and in the world around us as we enjoy the warm days of summertime. Amen.

