

St Nicholas Catholic Primary School Newsletter

26th May 2017



*Living and Learning in
Spirit and in Truth*

Stars of the Week

Logan Fox-Wright
Luke Bosley
Coco Blell
Neve Kelland
Matilda Burningham
Adrien Ghiglia
Neve May
Ciara Tiacoh
Ben Whitham
Shayla Robertson
Oscar Zumfelde
Grace Sullivan
Riana Blell
Jody Wildman
Evie Thomas
Marc Dupuy
James Amos
Jordan Newbery
Joe Port
Katie Hill
Luke Travill

Well done to you all!



Diary Dates

May	
26 th	Break Up for Half term and return on 5 th June
June	
5 th	NO SWIM SCHOOL
7 th	Class Photographs KS1 Dance Club
9 th	Pentecost Liturgy led by Berry Pomeroy 9.15am
11 th	School led mass Sacred Heart 9.30am
12 – 16 th	Yr 6 residential to Kilve
12 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">SwimschoolClass Assembly led by Reception
19 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">SwimschoolSt Peter and St Paul liturgy led by Rougemont Class

Headteacher: Mrs A Folland

Headteacher's News

Please be aware that we have a number of children in the school with social, emotional and mental health difficulties. We are working alongside a number of external agencies to support the staff in ensuring all of our children have the support and provision they require. If you have any concerns about behaviour management or the well being of our children please remember that we have an open door policy and are always happy to

meet parents and discuss your concerns. We do ask that you contact us directly and ensure that you use social media appropriately.

The Year 2s and 6s have worked really hard over the last few weeks on their SATs – we are really proud of you all – well done! The Year 1s will take the phonic screening test during the week of 12th June. All children will receive their school report and results of the SATs during the week beginning 10th July.

Information

Staffing News

- On Monday staff and pupils said goodbye to Miss Karla (our Early Years Teaching Assistant) who is moving on to start another job. We will miss her kindness, dedication, enthusiasm, and sense of fun. She has contributed so much to the school in the time she has been with us and received a fitting send-off with a blessing from Fr Jonathan, presents and 3 cheers from the children. Good luck Karla!!
- In July we will say goodbye and good luck to two teachers - Mr Hadden and Mr Tebbutt. Mr Tebbutt will be taking up a new position at Newton Abbot College (as well as his role at St Peter's) and Mr Hadden has been successful at securing a position at St Michael's. They will both be a huge loss to the school – more about them later in the term!
- We will also say goodbye to two teaching assistants, Elicia Down who is off to do a degree in social care and Alex Capell who has provided excellent 1:1 support for children at our school.
- Miss Kitchen will start her maternity leave in September and Mrs Jordan is also expecting her first baby and will start her maternity leave in October.

Mustard Seeds

Mustard Seeds will be selling cups of squash for 10p every Wednesday in the playground during June and July in aid of Urafiki charity. All money raised will help us to support our sponsored friend Pauline go to school.

Class Photographs

Tempest Photographers will come on Wednesday 7th June to take class photos. These will be available for you to buy and receive before the end of the summer term.

2017/18 Term Dates ****Changes****

The non pupil days for next year have been changed to enable us to take part in a Plymouth CAST writing project with other schools in the Trust. These have been distributed with this newsletter. The changes are: 20th November 2017 will be a non pupil day; 16th April 2018 will **not** be a non pupil day; 4th May 2018 will be a non pupil day

Nut Policy

Please remember that we are now a 'nut-free' school. More information is on the website news pages. Thank you for working with us to keep all of our children safe.

Governors

We are very pleased to welcome two new Community Governors to the Governing Body for a 4 year term – Mrs Lucy Wills and Mr Alex Hill.

British Values



Democracy, Rule of Law, Individual Liberty, Mutual Respect and Tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

The tragic events in Manchester on Monday have shocked us all. Some of the children have asked questions and wanted to talk about what happened. All teachers have been given resources to enable them to sensitively support discussion about such events.

Catholic school communities promote values that are both Catholic and British. By our words and actions we live out the 'British' values listed by the government. However, we do much more than that, seeking to base all that we do on the teachings of Jesus Christ.



Congratulations to Yr 3/4 children who performed "It's all Greek to me" on Thursday. It was a fantastic extravaganza. Thank you to all children and staff for your hard work and to parents for your support. Photos are on the website.

School Choir Out and About

47 children from St Nicholas Catholic Primary performed at the Devon County Show on 19th May. This is the third year they have entertained show-goers on the Devon Music Education Hub stage and they gave a great performance. Later that day they took part on a bread-making workshop with Warburtons and ended up baking their loaves with HRH Sophie, Countess of Wessex. The school received an email from Warburtons the next day 'I would like to say we couldn't have asked for a better school to come to our stand when HRH Sophie was due, your school lit up the whole unit. They were very polite and fun to work with, they really were a credit to your school.'

The Monday after that they took part in the Mass at St Rita's in Honiton to honour St Rita of Casia. Bishop Mark was lead celebrant and the children led a beautiful communion hymn. The Mass was broadcast world-wide via youtube and was a wonderful opportunity for the children to be part of the wider community.

We are so proud of the children and the way they shared their gifts and talents with the community! There are many photos on the school website of these activities.

Parish and Community News

Blessed Sacrament Summer Fayre

At the Blessed Sacrament Church Fore Street, Heavitree Saturday 10th June from 12 noon until 4pm. Featuring: Exmoor Zoo, Bouncy Castle & Obstacle Course, DJ Simon, International Food, Grand Draw (at 3.30pm), Auction of Promises, Games, Teas & Cakes, plus all the usual stalls including Nearly New, Plants & Flowers, Crafts & Cards, Tombola, BBQ and much more!

Raffle tickets for the Grand Draw can be bought from the school office. 1st prize is £250, 2nd is £100 and there are many other prizes.

Weds 31 May FREE Drop-in & Stitch: Emojis and Emoticons

Our FREE kids half-term fun - is a drop-in & stitch workshop for everyone to make emoji badges & emoticon patches. Materials are provided; you can also bring your own personal fabric pieces. We suggest a donation of £1 per person. Free, drop-in, no booking required. 10-12am & 1-3pm (Under 13 yrs children accompanied by an adult please.) Main Gallery, Devon Guild of Craftsmen, Riverside Mill, Bovey Tracey, Devon TQ13 9AF 01626 832223

Poltimore Festival

Sunday 28th May, 11am – 10.30pm at Poltmore House Exeter EX4 0AU Music, theatre, poetry, art, comedy, film and much more for children and adults. For more information including ticket prices please go to www.poltimorefestival.co.uk.

Piano and Violin Recital

There will be a piano and violin recital in Sacred Heart Church this Friday 26 May at 7.30 pm featuring pianist and composer Stephen Beville and concert violinist Jonathan Storer.

PTA

Our biggest event of the year the Summer Fayre is on Friday 23rd June. We have arranged for some exciting entertainment and also stalls which are dependent upon enough volunteers to help run them. We are therefore looking for volunteers to give ½ hour of their time on the evening to assist in running a stall, and this will mean that those already involved will have the opportunity to enjoy the fayre as well! If you are able to help please email Alex at pta@stncs.uk

A prayer for peace in our communities

Gracious God,
We pray for peace in our communities this day.
We commit to you all who work for peace and an end to tensions and those who work to uphold law and justice.
We pray for an end to fear, for comfort and support to those who suffer.
For calm in our streets and cities, that people may go about their lives in safety and peace.
In your mercy, hear our prayers, now and always. Amen

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St Nicholas School is committed to safeguarding children.

Designated Child Protection Officer: Mrs Amelia Harding Deputy Child Protection Officers: Mrs L Stone, Mrs A Folland and Mrs S Beach. Named Governor for Child Protection: Mrs Lisa Thomas



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