

St Nicholas Catholic Primary School Newsletter

12th May 2017



Living and Learning in Spirit and in Truth

Headteacher: Mrs A Folland

Headteacher's News

There was much excitement today as the school chickens were let out into their new run. Many thanks to Neil, our very talented caretaker, for creating a lovely grassed run for them to enjoy. The yolks of their eggs will be all the more yellow for eating fresh grass and don't panic – they can't escape as their wings have been clipped! Please don't throw food or scraps into their run – they do

have quite a particular diet as the children will tell you!

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Karla Dowling who has been a gifted member of the Foundation Stage for the last 7 years. I am sure you will all join me in thanking her for all she has done for the youngest children in our school and wishing her well in her new job; we will miss her boundless energy and cheeky smile!

Stars of the Week

Charlotte Phillips
Jakub Lembas
Ellie-Mai James
Ethan Hugall
Ellen Gill
Esme Davey
Lucas Ryan
Lailah Wells
Jasper Leach
Rougemont Class
Rhianna Thomas
Aeona Ong
Keevan Davey
Olivia Domagalska
Jesse McCrum
Toby Garden
Luke Wlasak
Chloe Mulcahy
Iaon Taghdission
Alfie Arun

Well done to you all!



Information

Meet our School Nurse

We would like to invite all parents/carers to come in and meet our school linked community nurse Jade Simmons. She will be coming into school during the Drop Off Drop In session on Wednesday June 21st between 8.45am and 9.30am. She can offer advice and suggestions on a range of issues, such as sleeping, toilet training, bedwetting, diet, general health, teeth, etc. If you would like to ask her a question or want to pick up an information / advice sheet, please speak to Sarah Beach by Friday June 16th (sbeach@stnics.uk) so that Jade can bring the relevant information with her.

Fisherman's Lunch

On Thursday 18th May we will be holding another Fisherman's Lunch which will replace fish and chips on Friday 19th. The menu will be as follows:

Thursday 18 th	Friday 19 th
Fish Fingers OR	Cheese Wheel
Quorn burger	Vegetable pasta bake
Chips or pasta / Seasonal vegetables and tomato sauce	Salad and / or peas
Ice Cream Pot	Lemon Mousse Slice



Diary Dates

May	
15 th	Swim school begins for Yr 3/4
15 th & 17 th	EYFS Stay and Play 8.50am – 9.50am
18 th	Fisherman's Lunch
21 st	1 st Holy Communion Sacred Heart Church
22 nd	Swimschool
25 th	Yr 3/4 performances 2pm and 6pm
26 th	Break Up for Half term and return on 5 th June
5 th	NO SWIM SCHOOL

Yr 3/4 Performance

Rehearsals are well underway for our Yr 3/4 performances which will be held on the 25th May (two weeks today) at 2pm and 6pm in the school hall. The performances are based on our learning journey 'It's all Greek to me'.

Totnes Class Assembly

Please note that Totnes Class assembly will **not** be on 22nd May as detailed in the school calendar. It has been moved to 3rd July.

Bis-net training - Autism

BIS-net introduces intensive, immersion parent training - 5 weekly sessions on Autism. £150 for a 5 sessions on Thursday 22nd, 29th June, 6th, 13th & 20th July from 9:30am - 2:30pm. We have 10 places available to allow for a more individualised approach. All attendees must have a child with an Autism diagnosis between 0 – 10 yrs; All days need to be attended; A 2/5 minute video of you interacting with your child will be required before the course starts. This course looks to increase parents understanding of Autism and specifically their own child and situation. This course aims to make the parents feel more like the expert where their child is involved, by helping them connect many of the ideas and research around Autism to their own child. Go to <http://www.bis-net.org.uk/> for information or call 01392 360645.

British Values



Year 5 have been involved in a project about extreme views this week.

Should we treat children with blue eyes differently to children with brown eyes?

There was much consternation when Mrs Walmsley sat the blue eyed children on one side of the hall and those with brown eyes on the other and began treating them differently!

We are looking forward to Year 5's assembly to the school on Monday about fair treatment for all, despite physical differences.

Weekly Prayer

The ageless mountains are full
of your glory
the vast seas swell with your
might
the shining skies expand beyond
our imagining
so we pause to praise
we wait in wonder
we listen to learn
of the mountain glory within us
of the sea force in our veins
of love's shining infinity.
Grant us the grace, O God,
to serve this inner universe of
soul among us.
- from *Praying With the Earth:*
A Prayerbook for Peace
by John Philip Newell.

30 Hours Nursery Funding

From September 2017 some parents of Nursery children may be able to claim 30 hours funding ("Extended Entitlement") which will be provided during term time only for up to 10 hours per day. It will be for 3-4 year old children of working parents who meet certain income or benefit requirements.

Parents must check their eligibility by accessing the following websites <https://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator> or <http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk>. If you encounter problems you can call the childcare service Customer Interaction Centre on 0300 123 4097.

If eligible you will be given an 11 digit code which you need to give to school so that this funding can be accessed. You will need to reconfirm the details every 3 months to confirm you are still eligible.

Current Vacancies at St Nicholas School

Lunchtime Playclub Worker

Permanent position, to work from 12 – 1pm Monday to Friday - 5 hours per week. Grade A (Plymouth CAST are a Living Wage employer - £8.25 per hour).

After School Club Playworker

Temporary position to support a Yr 2 and a Yr 3 child at After School Club linked to external funding, to work on Wednesdays from 3 – 6pm
Grade B (Living Wage as above).

For more information and an application form for either position please contact Ali Brocksom (paslt@stncls.uk). Closing date is noon on 24th May.

Parish and Community News

First Holy Communion

We wish all the children taking their First Holy Communion at Sacred Heart Church on Sunday 21st May a happy day and congratulate them on this special milestone in their faith journey.



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 Reception from Monday. 1st prize is £250, 2nd is £100 and there are many other prizes.

St Rita's Day

The School Choir will be singing at the event to celebrate the feast of St Rita of Cascia on Monday 22 May and it will be live streamed on YouTube from 12 noon. <http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgle32stcKkZRYQohOMDNA/live>

Plymouth Diocese Catechetical Summer Camps

30 July-11 August, Grangehurst, Buckfast Abbey. There are three camps running this year for students in school years 7-13. Details and application forms can be found on-line at www.pdsummercamps.org.uk. Prompt applications are advised. Help with funding may be available on application.

Toddler Group

Mondays at 9.30am in the St Richard Reynolds Centre at Blessed Sacrament Church. All are welcome, especially new parents & babies/toddlers.

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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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