

St Nicholas Catholic Primary School Newsletter

27th January 2017

Headteacher: Mrs A Folland



*Living and Learning in
Spirit and in Truth*

Stars of the Week

Malachy Ryan
Jack Keyte
Rachel Bosley
Jensen Phillips
Malachy Ryan
Laura Wlochowicz
Eva Taylor
Asher Shine
Chelsey Da Rocha Lima
Megha Paul
Tommi Parsons
Natalia Domagalska
Coco Blell
Erick Biernis
Louis Williamson
Fifi Graham
Filip Godbeer
Keevan Davey
Heavenleigh Norris
Rohan Anthony
Alice Winton
Zach Stevens

Well done to you all!



Diary Dates

January	
30 th	Class Assembly led by Reception 9.00am
31 st	Parent's Workshop – Internet Safety
February	
2 nd	Chinese New Year Themed lunch
3 rd	Yr 2 sleepover
6 th	Class assembly led by Kingswear 9.00am
7 th	Open Classroom & Curriculum exhibition
10 th – 20 th	Half Term including 2 non pupil days.

Headteacher's News

We are delighted with the launch of the new-look library and all the children from Year 2-6 now have an accelerated reader book. We had great fun in Monday's assembly where the School Council took part in a quiz where they had to guess 7 members of staff's favourite children's book using 3 clues they had brought in. We read the Gruffalo as a whole school (they all joined in!) and

learned how to do the quiz about the book (scored 100%!).

Who will join the Millionaire's Club? All children who notch up 1,000,000 words in their reading!!

It is well-known research that avid readers make fantastic writers. Please help us to grow even more amazing writers by encouraging your child to sail their way through the new books.

Information

Forward Planning – please note....

- We have non pupil days on the 10th and 20th of February. Children will break up on the 9th and return to school on the 21st February. Calendars for this school year and next, 17/18, can be obtained from the Office.
- We are holding a special themed lunch next Thursday 2nd to celebrate Chinese New Year.
- The advertised Internet Safety workshop on the 31st January will now **not** take place.

St Nicholas led Family Mass

10.30am on Sunday 29th January 2017 at Blessed Sacrament Church

If coming your child should wear school uniform. We look forward to seeing many of you there to celebrate the mass together. We are also looking for parents who would be willing to read at our school led Masses. If you are interested please contact Maria Quinn at mquinn@stnics.uk.

Library



From Monday our beautiful library will be open every day from 8.30 – 8.45am for you to come and help your child choose a library book. We have many new and exciting books for them to choose from and hope it really encourages a love of reading. If any parents would like to come and read to children, either as a 'one-off' or on a regular basis please contact Ali in the Office (paslt@stnics.uk).

Drogo Class Assembly

The assembly on Monday will be led by Drogo Class. Parents are very welcome to attend. It will start at 9am in the hall.


Sickness absence

When advising the school that your child is sick we need a specific reason. We cannot accept 'illness' – we **must** know the nature of the illness for our records or the absence may be unauthorised. This is advice from our Educational Welfare Officer. If you have not given us enough information you will be contacted by a Parentmail text or by phone. Please also remember to bring in evidence of all medical appointments for our records.

British Values

Making a positive contribution

The children have all been invited to add their ideas to the upcoming *Mustard Seeds* project for Fairtrade Fortnight. The children are invited to come along and make suggestions about what we sell in the Fairtrade tuckshop and help promote the rest of the school's understanding of what Fairtrade is and how it helps people.




**DROPOFF
DROPIN**

Wednesdays 8.45 - 9.30am

Pop in to the Bickleigh Room after drop off and treat yourself to fresh coffee, cake and biscuits on us!

Meet new people and catch up with friends - everyone is welcome!



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Weekly Reflection

Lord Jesus

I give you my hands to do your work.
 I give you my feet to go your way.
 I give you my eyes to see as you do.
 I give you my tongue to speak your words.
 I give you my mind that you may think in me.
 I give you my spirit that you may pray in me.
 Above all, I give you my heart that you may love, in me, your Father and all humankind.
 I give you my whole self that you may grow in me, So that it is you, Lord Jesus, who live and work and pray in me. Amen

Parish and Community News

RAMM

Celebrate the New Year of the Rooster by finding Chinese objects around the Royal Albert Memorial Museum & Art Gallery (RAMM). RAMM's World Cultures collection has thousands of objects, illustrating Exeter's centuries of connections with the rest of the globe. Visitors of all ages are invited to follow the picture clues and guess the meaning behind the Chinese symbols. Trails are available online at: <http://rammuseum.org.uk/young-visitors/schools/free-teacher-led-visits/>

University Chinese New Year Celebrations

The University of Exeter will be hosting its annual Chinese New Year Celebrations on Saturday 11 February from 3-6.30pm in the Forum, Streatham Campus <http://www.exeter.ac.uk/chinesenewyear>

This is a free event for families, local residents and students to discover all about Chinese New Year and the Year of the Rooster with our Chinese Student Societies.

Activities in the city centre

1pm	The dragon and lion dance parade will start at Buffet City in Exeter and process through to Bedford Square, Princesshay for a performance. They will then process to the Royal Albert Museum.
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Activities on Streatham Campus, Forum Building

3pm	Opening ceremony with dragon and lion dancers, Great Hall Piazza
3.15-5.50pm	Chinese cultural displays and activities, food, martial arts demonstrations, performances and activities suitable for all inside the Forum
6pm	Procession to the fireworks. Fireworks will be viewed from the rear of the XFI building. Fireworks will fire at 6.15pm.

BIS-Net 2017 Parent Workshop Spring Programme

Parenting a child with behaviour support needs can be challenging and at times isolating. Our courses give parents a chance to learn strategies and techniques that have been used in professional practice with success. As well as group activities allowing you to meet others going through similar experiences and share ideas and support. The training will take place at Devon Disability Collective, 22 Marsh Green Road. Marsh Barton. Exeter. EX2 8PQ. On site parking is free. The ticket price includes both days training, teas & coffees, soft drinks and a selection of fruit and biscuits. Lunch is not included. All courses will run from 9:30am until 2:30pm to allow for school drop offs and collections. This year's courses include:

- Supporting a child with challenging & aggressive behaviours;
- Supporting the social & emotional development of a child with Autism;
- Supporting a teenager with challenging & aggressive behaviours;
- Supporting the social & emotional development of a teenager with Autism; Parent safety & breakaway training;
- Understanding & supporting individuals with attention difficulties [ADHD/ADD];
- Understanding & supporting individuals with pathological demand avoidance [PDA].

For more details visit <http://www.bis-net.org.uk/> or contact 01392 360645.

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******Change of Date******

Please note that the school disco will now take place on the 10th March.



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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