

# St Nicholas Catholic Primary School Newsletter

13<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Headteacher: Mrs A Folland



*Living and Learning in  
Spirit and in Truth*

## Stars of the Week

Kieran MacIver  
Oliver Wilson  
Lochlann Hughes  
Andrea Pamposa  
Harry Walsh  
Anthony Baden-Moore  
Tilly Randall  
Floryn Tiacoh  
Henry Spiller  
Grace Sullivan  
Bonnie Watson  
Freya Bolt  
Sreya Paul  
Corey Kelland  
Amara Tickle  
William Thomas  
Elodie Jones  
Martha Spreckley  
Joseph Biju  
Noah Farley

Well done to you all!



## Diary Dates

January	
19 <sup>th</sup>	Fisherman's Lunch
29 <sup>th</sup>	School led mass at Blessed Sacrament 10.30am
30 <sup>th</sup>	Class Assembly led by Reception 9.00am
31 <sup>st</sup>	Parent's Workshop – Internet Safety
February	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Yr 2 sleepover
6 <sup>th</sup>	Class assembly led by Kingswear 9.00am
7 <sup>th</sup>	Open Classroom & Curriculum exhibition

## Headteacher's News

Happy New Year to all of our families and a warm welcome to those joining us in the Nursery.

We are very excited about the opening of the school library; please see the information overleaf to find out more about the new *Accelerated Reader* programme and how this will be used.

We have recently completed all of our Autumn Term lesson observations from Nursery to Year 6 and have been really pleased to see:

- Children of all abilities engaged with their learning
- Children making good progress against their individual targets
- Teachers planning carefully to meet the needs of all ability groups

## Information

### CAFOD

Following the non-uniform day in December in aid of CAFOD we are delighted to tell you that we raised £299.75. Thank you very much for your donations. As you may know we bought CAFOD World Gifts from each class with the money raised including reading lessons, chickens, vegetable gardens, donkeys and bees.

### Severe Weather procedures

In the event of an emergency or bad weather leading to the school being closed

- you will be informed by text message (if you are registered on parentmail);
  - the website will have a message on the home page;
  - Heart Radio and Devon Radio will have updates;
  - [Devon County Council School's Closures](#) page will also have a message.
- If you are still in any doubt please call the School (445403) as there may be a message on the answer phone or there will be a member of staff to advise you.

### Fisherman's Lunch / Change to Menu

It is Census day on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> and to maximise our funding (which is linked to the take up of meals on this day) we have changed Thursday and Friday's lunch choices. Fish and Chip day will now be on Thursday. We will also be offering ice cream pots and the vegetarian option will be cheese frittata. Please encourage your child to have a meal on this day. On Friday we will offer margherita pizza or bean and pasta casserole with carrot cake for dessert.

### Nursery Headcount

It is Nursery headcount week next week and all parents are required to confirm and sign the hours your child attends the Nursery so that the 15 hours of funding can be claimed. This also enables the office to prepare the termly invoices. Please make sure you check your details carefully and sign the form when you bring your child into school.

### Chickens

Our chickens are still being contained under DEFRA guidelines. Their coop has been covered with extra fine mesh to prevent small birds entering. The children are not able to enter the coop to feed them but the eggs are fine to eat and we will begin to sell them again from next week.

## British Values

### Tolerance

15<sup>th</sup> January is World Religion Day. The aim is to unite everyone, whatever their faith, by showing us all that there are common foundations to all religions and that together we can help humanity and live in harmony.

Our Monday Assembly will focus on common foundations and understanding how different Religions are practiced.

## Reminders



Don't forget.....

- to regularly check the website news page and calendar
- to send in a dinner ticket if your child has had a meal without one. You will also receive a reminder text.
- to bring in evidence of any medical appointments your child has in school time for our records
- to bring in evidence of booked Able and Talented courses for our records.

### Weekly Reflection Praised Be

Living God, have mercy on us, for the times we forget that we belong to each other. You call us to be still, to hear the whisper of our Sister Wind, to feel the radiance of our Brother Sun, and to be nourished by our Mother Earth. Renew us in your healing love. Inspire us to water the earth, and nurture one another, so all may flourish.

Together, as one family, may we always sing your praise.  
Through Christ our Lord,  
Amen.

Rachel McCarthy/CAFOD

## Reception 2017 applications

Please note that the deadline of **15th January** is fast approaching to apply for a primary school place to start in September this year for your nursery child. You must apply to Devon Admissions

(<https://new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place/normal-round-admissions>) or you can contact the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019 for a paper form.

In addition you need to complete a supplementary form for the school to assist with ranking applications when oversubscribed. These can be found in Reception.

## School Library

Staff have been busy labelling old and new books in the library with the Accelerated Reader format. This is a powerful tool for monitoring and managing independent reading practice while promoting reading for pleasure. Children will be able to borrow books within their individual development range and then complete fun quizzes to track their reading and progress made. This scheme will be launched at assembly on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January. From this date the library will be open every morning from 8.30am to parents and children so that they can borrow appropriate books.

## Kilve

Please can Yr 6 parents remember to make their regular payments for the Kilve residential in June.

## Governors

Our governing body's strategic vision is now on the website. These are:

**To be recognised as the School of Choice for children, parents and staff by:**

- providing outstanding learning for all children
- celebrating the Catholic ethos of the School
- providing innovative and diverse learning opportunities
- enabling staff to help children reach their full potential

## Drop Off, Drop In

Every Wednesday morning from 8.45 – 9.30am in the Bickleigh Room. Pop in 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.

## Parish and Community News

As part of the Peninsula Dental School a new Dental Education Facility has recently opened in Exeter. Contact address: Veysey Close, Topsham Road, Exeter, EX2 4SG Telephone: 01392 346303. This state of the art facility enables patients gain access to dental treatment, while helping train dental care professionals of the future. We are currently encouraging families with children up to the age of 13 and who do not access NHS dentistry to contact us to arrange a dental assessment to see if treatment is required. All treatment is completely free.

## Blessed Sacrament Toddler Group

This meets every Monday in the Richard Reynolds Centre from 9.30am till 11.30am. All are very welcome.

## PTA

The PTA will meet on Monday at 7pm in school to start to consider fundraising ideas for the new year. All are welcome. We would be delighted to welcome new members!

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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