

# St Nicholas Catholic Primary School Newsletter

26<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Headteacher: Mrs A Folland



*Living and Learning in  
Spirit and in Truth*

## Stars of the Week

Rebecca Loaring  
Kieran Maclver  
Cormac Hill  
Clara Gill  
Oliver Hutfield  
Jeeva Joy  
Aliya Joseph  
Filip Kowalski  
Shayla Robertson  
Evie Frost  
Mille Best  
Ryan Thomas  
Ava Mason  
Elli-Mai James  
Lily-Rose Jones  
Oliwier Radtke  
Charlie Boulton  
Ella Margrie

**Well done to you all!**



## Headteacher's News

I usually use this section of the newsletter to let you know about activities and progress with school improvement. It is therefore disappointing to have to let you know that much of my time over the last two weeks has been spent discussing and meeting with angry residents, Highways and the Police about the appalling parking and behaviour of some parents when picking up and dropping off their children. I am well aware that this is a minority of parents, but the number is increasing.

Due to the high number of parents who believe they have a right to park in the school carpark we are once again forced to use the school budget to man the gates. Whilst the carpark looks large, there are often only just enough spaces for all our staff and on many occasions staff are blocked from leaving. The Stagecoach bus service, used by approximately 60 children a day, is dependent on leaving on time to get to its connection at St Peters. Once again, parents parking in the carpark are jeopardizing this service by blocking the bus in.

I have reported the chaos to Highways and the Police and am expecting them to visit shortly to see the problem for themselves.

I cannot think of a parent who would not want the school to deal effectively with children who are not following the rules; unfortunately the parents parking on double yellow lines, across driveways and in the carpark without permission are doing just that.

### Please remember:

- **It is illegal to park on double yellow lines – they are there to help the flow of traffic out of Ringswell Avenue.**
- **You are trespassing if you park in the carpark without permission or a permit.**
- **Please show some courtesy to our neighbours around the school by not parking across their driveways.**

I look forward to being able to get on with my core job of improving the outcomes of your children by being able to focus on teaching and learning.

## Information

### Buddy's Workout

Following the assemblies led by the NSPCC this week about how to stay safe, the children will be taking part in Buddy's Big Workout on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January. All money raised through sponsorship will make a significant difference to the work of the NSPCC – in fact just £5 could pay for a trained practitioner to answer a call to the helpline. Your sponsorship is much appreciated.

### Learning Assembly led by Plympton Class



Plympton Class led a very entertaining assembly based on a book they had read called 'The Nightmare Man'. Yr 5/6 will now concentrate on writing their own versions of the story in their literacy lessons.



## Diary Dates

January	
28 <sup>th</sup>	School led mass at Sacred Heart 9.30am
February	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Yr 2 Sleepover
7 <sup>th</sup>	NSPCC Buddy's Big Workout
8 <sup>th</sup>	Learning Assembly led by Totnes
12 – 16 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term
19 <sup>th</sup>	Non Pupil Day
20 <sup>th</sup>	Pupils return to School
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Lenten Liturgy led by Berry Pomeroy 9.15am
March	
1 <sup>st</sup>	World Book Day

## British Values



Some classes are currently trialling 'Class Dojo' an online reward system to encourage immediate reward for demonstrating the Learning Values.

Behaviour in our school is good. There is a clear policy and framework for ensuring that children learn the difference between right and wrong and that they develop the skills to understand the consequences of their choices. However this is one element of good behaviour in a school.

Class Dojo is being trialled to improve the participation and engagement levels of all children so that their *behaviour for learning* is excellent.

## Reflection

### Presence

God is with me, but more,  
God is within me, giving me  
existence.

Let me dwell for a moment on  
God's life-giving presence  
in my body, my mind, my  
heart  
and in the whole of my life.



## Catholic Children's Society

We have received a letter thanking the school for the cheque for £176.11 following our non-uniform day last term. They say:

*"We are so pleased that the school joined in with this and once other schools have given us their collections we will be in touch to let you know the total raised.*

*The money raised by this appeal will be used to support parents through our parenting programme and also to provide essential items such as clothing and shoes to help children more directly. This month we will have helped four families with shoes and clothes for the winter months, and one asylum family with school uniforms so that the children can start new lives in a safer environment.*

*Thank you again for your support."*

## Better Contact with Parents – The ParentMail App.

We know that as parents you get information coming at you thick and fast from schools and clubs and it can be a challenge to keep all that information organised. We are aware that some parents are using the free mobile app Parentmail PMX. We'd like to encourage ALL parents to download the app as there are a number of benefits for you and for the school. You don't need to login to pick-up messages or attachments when you use the app. The app stores all the messages we send you in one place so you don't have to search. Every message sent arrives as an instant alert on your mobile.

You can download the Parentmail PMX app for free from either the Apple app store or the Google Play Store and it will really help you to get the best experience from the ParentMail system. Please see Ali in the Office for more details.

## Parish and Community News

### Half Term Hockey Camp Exeter School

Monday February 12<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday February 13<sup>th</sup> 10 am – 3 pm. Boys and Girls aged 8 – 14 years - all abilities welcome, beginners, advanced or Goal Keepers. Indoor for younger players if bad weather. Learn new skills, play fun games and matches, win prizes and get a FREE Gift. Cost; £40 for both days, £25 one day only. Coaches are Sue Hutchings, Level 3 Coach, Devon and West Panthers and Lauren Hutchings, Level 2 Coach, Welsh International. Contact Sue Hutchings on [suejhutchings@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:suejhutchings@yahoo.co.uk) or mobile 07414894799. [www.westpanthers.co.uk](http://www.westpanthers.co.uk)

### Exeter Music Holiday School

A timetable has been sent out with the newsletter for Exeter Music Holiday School. They offer a 10% discount to our pupils should you wish to make a booking. Their contact details are: Telephone: 07572 610742 / e-mail [exetermusicolidayschool@hotmail.com](mailto:exetermusicolidayschool@hotmail.com) / [www.exetermusicolidayschool.co.uk](http://www.exetermusicolidayschool.co.uk)

### School led Mass this Sunday



### Sacred Heart Church, South Street, 9:30 Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January.

Please wear school uniform. You and your family are warmly invited to come to Mass with us on Sunday! There are many ways for your children to participate and we'd love to see you. There will be singing, reading, signing and praising! Mrs Quinn and Mrs Folland will meet and greet the children who will sit with them at the front.

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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, Mrs S Beach, Mrs D Sparkes, Miss C Follows and Miss R Reynolds. Named Governor for Child Protection: Mrs Lucy Wills



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