

# St Nicholas Catholic Primary School Newsletter

12<sup>th</sup> January 2018



*Living and Learning in  
Spirit and in Truth*

## Stars of the Week

Harry Ballard  
Elleisa Hinton  
Zach Stevens  
Lizzie Bradford  
James Amos  
Cruz Blell  
Kaja Jankowska  
Finley Ballard  
Daniel Goldsbrough  
Tyrone Vicente  
Adam Lawford  
Nathaniel Hilton  
Elliot Hinton  
Leona Sabetghalamfard  
James Botting  
Freya Bolt  
Katie Hill

Well done to you all!



## Diary Dates

January	
18 <sup>th</sup>	Special Lunch (Census Day)
25 <sup>th</sup>	Learning Assembly led by Plympton
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

Headteacher: Mrs A Folland

## Headteacher's News

Happy New Year to all of our families and a warm welcome to those joining us in the Nursery, in KS2 and on the teaching team.

Well done to Rougemont Class for leading our Epiphany Liturgy last week. Photos are on the website. We were pleased to welcome the representative from

the Catholic Children's Society to receive our cheque for £176 to help local families in need. We really appreciate your donations on the non -uniform day last term.

We look forward to an exciting Spring term.

## Information

### BBC 500 Words Competition

Next week all the children will be writing a short story to enter into BBC2's 500 words competition at school. They will start their writing by joining in with BBC 2's Live lesson which takes place on Monday 15 January at 2pm.

More information and the programme can be found here:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/2yRxNT9ws7MkJJsFvbxPfhry/500-words-2018-live-lesson>

You can help your child by talking to them about their ideas and encouraging them to tell you their story!

### Sick Children

When advising the school that your child is sick please always make sure that you advise Josie of the nature of the illness. If you do not we will have to call you to find out. It is important to know in case we need to advise other parents of an infectious illness and there are also a few diseases that are notifiable and must be reported to Public Health England. Please remember that if your child is sick or has diarrhoea they must be off school for 48 hours from the last occurrence.

### Drop Off, Drop In

Our weekly 'Drop Off, Drop In' session begins again next Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January. Please do join us in the Bickleigh Room anytime between 8:45-9:30 for cake, coffee/tea and a chat. All are welcome!

### Reception 2018 Admissions

Please ensure you have applied to Devon Admissions by next **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January** for a Reception 2018 place. It is easiest to do this online at <https://new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-primary-school-place>.

You also then need to submit a supplementary form to school (obtainable from the office) so that we can correctly apply the oversubscription criteria as needed. Please see Ali in the office for more information.

### Free School Meals

All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 at state schools automatically get free school meals. However, you are still encouraged to apply for free school meals as this can help our school to attract additional 'pupil premium' funding to support learning. From year 3 onwards, children whose parents are in receipt of some benefits are entitled to free school meals. You can check and apply at [https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal\\_LIVE/](https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/) or google 'Devon Citizen Portal'. This is the easiest way to apply and will result in you getting an instant decision. You can also call the Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

## British Values



This week all the Year 6 children received a visit from the Be Nice bus where they had the opportunity to explore the consequences of their behaviour and actions when using social media.

The children showed great maturity in their discussions around understanding and appreciating the viewpoints of others on the issue of cyber bullying.



## Reflection

Life is often a desert; it is difficult to walk in life, but if we trust in God it can become beautiful and wide as a highway.

Never lose hope, continue to believe, always, in spite of everything. When we are before a child, although we have many problems and many difficulties, a smile comes to us from within, because we see hope in front of us: a child is hope. And in this way, we must be able to discern in life the way of hope which leads us to find God,

God who became a child for us. He will make us smile; he will give us everything.

- Excerpted from *On Hope* by Pope Francis

## Teaching Assistant Vacancy

We have a temporary, part time vacancy for a teaching assistant at our school to support a child with Downs Syndrome. The closing date is the 26th January. This post is temporary as it is linked to external funding and the child being on role at school.

The hours are Monday - Thursday 11.30am - 3.15pm, Friday 8.15 - 1pm (19.5 hours per week).

The hourly rate is £8.25 per hour.

We are only accepting applications through TES. The link to apply is <https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/teaching-assistant-to-provide-1-1-sen-support-exeter-devon-1022705>

All the information about the post is on this link but if you have any further queries please contact [abrocksom@stncls.uk](mailto:abrocksom@stncls.uk).

## Nursery Applications

We are now taking applications for Nursery spaces starting in September 2018. Application forms (yellow) can be obtained from the Office and submitted to Ali Brocksom along with a copy of your child's birth certificate and baptism certificate (if applicable).

We would also be pleased to give you a tour of the Foundation Stage so that you can see the Nursery in action. Tours can be booked by contacting Ali (01392 445403 ext 222 / [abrocksom@stncls.uk](mailto:abrocksom@stncls.uk)).



## Parish and Community News

### Exeter Children's Orchestra Open Day

Exeter Children's Orchestra will be holding an open day on Saturday 20th January at 10 am - 12 pm (or 11am-12 pm for Junior Orchestra), at St Leonard's School, Exeter, for anybody currently playing an instrument or even new to music.

We are always looking for new members and an Open Day is a great fun way (with no pressure attached) for the children to come along and have a go. They don't need to make a decision on the day and can try us out for a few weeks free of charge! We only charge £40 (£20 for Juniors) each term (and offer discounts for early payment and siblings), so is really good value for the additional music tutoring that they get during this time - not to mention the fun they have! Contact: [exeterchildrensorchestra@gmail.com](mailto:exeterchildrensorchestra@gmail.com)

### DIAS SEND Parents Information Events

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND): How does it work in Devon? DIAS is holding information sessions for parent carers at schools around Devon. Use the Eventbrite link below to find and book on to a course near you. <http://devon.cc/sendevents2017>

### Concert at Blessed Sacrament

The Clifton String Trio with guest speaker Jilly Spencer, will present a programme of music and words at Blessed Sacrament Church on Sunday 28 January 2018 at 3pm. You pay what you decide.

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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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