

# St Nicholas Catholic Primary School Newsletter

7<sup>th</sup> September 2018



*Living and Learning in  
Spirit and in Truth*

## Welcome

We welcome our new families to the school. We also welcome new members of staff:

Miss Lambert who will be teaching in Kingswear Class

Miss Davey who will be teaching the Nursery Class

Mrs Western who will be teaching Berry Pomeroy for 4 afternoons each week

## Twitter and Facebook

Please follow our Facebook page which we are using more and more to celebrate achievements and activities in school.

We are also now using Twitter - @StNicholasCPS.

You can follow us easily by going to the website and clicking on the links at the bottom of the home page.

Please make sure you also read the fortnightly newsletters sent out on Parentmail as these contain much useful information.



## Diary Dates

### September

14	New Year Mass 9.15am in the school hall – all are welcome
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**Calendars detailing events for the whole school year are being finalised and will be distributed next week.**

Headteacher: Mrs A Folland

## Headteacher's News

Welcome back to a new school year. We warmly welcome all the new children and families who have joined us this week; we are sure you will settle in, make new friends and feel part of the St Nicholas family quickly.

The children all look really smart this week; please help them to remain smart by ensuring they have the right uniform at all times.

## Information

### Points to remember

- Please remember that we are a nut free school. No nuts can be brought in as snacks or part of a packed lunch.
- Our policy is that no dogs are allowed on site and are not allowed to be tied up at the school gates and left unattended.
- Summer uniform may be worn until October half term.

### School Games Mark

We are delighted to have been awarded the Bronze School Games Mark. The School Games Mark is a government led awards scheme launched in 2012 to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community. Keeping competitive sport at the heart of schools and providing more young people with the opportunity to compete and achieve their personal best. The School Games events consist of four unique types of competition: intra-school competitions, local inter-school competitions, county finals, and the School Games National Finals. A huge thank you to Mrs Turner for co-ordinating the fantastic sporting opportunities the children have here at St Nicholas.

### Parentpay

Thank you all very much for your help to make the new online lunch system work. Despite a few teething problems we are confident that this will be an easier system to use and hope that you will feel the same. Please contact Kate or Josie in the Office with any queries.

### Autumn Term Clubs

KS1 and KS2 clubs, starting next week, have been issued via Parentmail on a form. The deadline is this weekend – please make sure you complete the form asap so that places can be allocated. If clubs are over-subscribed places will be allocated randomly. Clubs include dance, Zumba, boxercise, rugby and cheerleading and are all free! Please see Ali in the Office if you have any queries.

### Non Pupil Day November

We have advertised to you that our non-pupil day in November is on Friday 9<sup>th</sup>, to allow the school to accommodate a Plymouth CAST conference involving all CAST schools. **We have been advised that the date has changed to Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>.** This date will become the non pupil day and children will now be expected to come to school on Friday 9<sup>th</sup>. We apologise for any inconvenience caused. Please come to the Office if you have any queries or concerns.

With a new year comes lots of new initiatives to keep raising the standard of teaching and learning at St Nicholas. Watch out for further information on:

- Homework
- Marking
- Learning behavior
- New School Councils

We enjoy strong and positive relationships with you as parents and look forward to the year ahead, working together for our children.



### Prayer

Almighty God

We give you our school.

We give you all the teachers and staff who work here,

We give you all the children who study here.

We pray our school will be a place of great discovery, adventure and creativity.

May it be a place where we love to learn and where we learn to love, A place where everyone is respected and all are deeply valued.

We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



### Safeguarding

All staff have had their annual training on identifying wellbeing concerns as well as the school's systems and processes for reporting and recording.

### Road Safety

Please would parents old and new note:

- **THANK YOU** to those parents who have avoided parking on the yellow lines this week. The yellow lines on Ringswell Avenue are to increase the visibility and safety of the children. Drivers must not park on these. Please do not park across resident's drives.
- The staff car park is **ONLY** for staff and a few parents who have been specific granted a permit for reasons. Parents **may not park or drive** through the car park to drop off children.
- Parents are advised to avoid Ringswell Avenue at pick up and drop off times and find another place to park and walk (e.g. Broadfields or Lower Hill Barton Road).

## Parish and Community News

### RD&E Open Day

We are excited to announce members of the public can get an exclusive insight into hospital life at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital this September at its open day.

From **10am–3pm on Saturday 22nd September**, visitors to the hospital's Wonford site, Exeter, will have the chance to see our state-of-the-art surgical robot and take guided tours of areas normally off-limits including operating theatres, laboratories, medical imaging, paediatrics, our huge laundry and more. There will also be fun for all the family with live music, face painting, dancing and delicious street food at the open day's HQ outside the RILD building, on the Wonford site. Book your tour on [www.rdeopenday.co.uk](http://www.rdeopenday.co.uk)

### Exeter City Football Club

Exeter City Community Trust is delighted to be continuing the after school football club at St Nicholas Primary School for children in years 1-6. The course will be 11 sessions and will be run by coaches that are DBS checked, hold an FA coaching award and have a valid First Aid and Safeguarding certificate. Sessions start on 14<sup>th</sup> September after school and will finish at 4.30pm. The cost of the 11 week course will be £38.50p in total. To book please go to <https://www.exetercitycommunitytrust.co.uk/courses/after-school-clubs/st-nicholas-primary-school>

Steps for online booking-

STEP 1- Visit our website <http://www.exetercitycommunitytrust.co.uk>

STEP 2- Click book an activity (top right corner)

STEP 3- Select After school clubs

STEP 4 Select your school

It is absolutely imperative to book your child online by **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September**. If your child is not on our online register for the session by the above deadline **they will be unable to take part unless otherwise agreed with Exeter City Community Trust.**

If you have any questions/queries, please contact Ben Watson

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**St Nicholas School is committed to safeguarding children.**

Designated Child Protection Officer: **Mrs Angela Folland** Deputy Child Protection Officers: Mrs L Stone, 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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