

# St Nicholas Catholic Primary School Newsletter

17<sup>th</sup> November 2017



*Living and Learning in  
Spirit and in Truth*

## Stars of the Week

Clarice Fermor-Oldfield  
Megha Paul  
Ethan Mason  
Elodie Jones  
Chloe Carolan  
Ellie Botting  
Thomas Crowe  
Alice Winton  
Zivah Taylor  
William Thomas  
Luciana Avery  
Koko Iyi-Oyo  
Daniel Ward  
Milosz Bak  
Flynn Margrie  
Ellie Botting  
Kuba Zacynski

Well done to you all!



## Diary Dates

November	
20 <sup>th</sup>	Non pupil day
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Dress Down for Christmas Parent's Evening 3.00 – 6.00
24 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 3/4 Trip to Cheddar Gorge
28 <sup>th</sup>	Parent's Evening 3.00 – 6.00
29 <sup>th</sup>	New Nursery Welcome Talk 9.00am Apple John 7pm
December	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Christ the King Liturgy 9.15am led by Totnes Class
1 <sup>st</sup>	Christmas Fayre 5.30 – 8.00pm
4 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Nativity 2pm and 6pm
6 <sup>th</sup>	St Nicholas Day Mass

Headteacher: Mrs A Folland

## Headteacher's News

Wow! What a lot of odd socks appeared on Monday: children and staff! Thank you to everyone for really showing that we are wonderful in our differences and that it is because we are all made differently in God's image that the world is such a fun and creative place to live!

At Parent's Evening over the next two weeks you will see your child's class teacher. If they do not teach them for maths, they will have a short report from the teacher who does. Please remember this is a

## Information

**REMINDER MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER IS A NON PUPIL DAY**

### Earrings

Please remind your child/ren that earrings must be covered or removed during PE (unless in the initial 6 week period after piercing).

### Operation Encompass

The school has been given the opportunity to take part in a project that will run jointly between schools and the Devon and Cornwall Police. Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has been exposed to, or involved in, any domestic incident. Operation Encompass will ensure that a member of the school staff, known as a Key Adult, is trained to allow them to liaise with the police and to use the information that has been shared, in confidence. This ensures that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have been involved in, or exposed to, a domestic abuse incident. We are keen to offer the best support to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all involved.

### Anti-Bullying Assembly (Odd Socks)

As you know on Monday we asked all the children and staff to wear odd socks. Mrs Harding delivered an anti-bullying assembly on this theme and the presentation has been posted on the school website news page.

### Skip2bfit

We are delighted by the new craze in school for skipping ropes. Everywhere you look at lunchtime there are ropes being used and children enjoying skipping to be fit! Please see the website for photos and a video of the final skipping challenge between Miss Aneta and Ryan in Yr 6!

### Facebook

Please like and share our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/exeterstncls](http://www.facebook.com/exeterstncls).

### Parentpay help

Kate O'Riordan will be available in the atrium at both Parent's Evenings to answer queries on using Parentpay including how to log on and activate your account; how to make payments and manage your account; budgeting for future expenses or any other queries you may have.

### Dress Down for Christmas – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

Children are invited to dress down next Thursday for a donation towards our Christmas Fayre. Please see Parentmail and the posters around the school for more information.

new system and we are working on ways of effectively feeding back to you.

We are delighted that Bishop Mark will be the lead celebrant for our St Nicholas Day Mass. Can you believe the school has been located here for 10 years this year? To mark this occasion we have invited past staff, Governors and current groups such as CAFOD and SVP with whom we work closely. We would love to see you at the Mass and to help us with numbers please let Ali in the office know.

**British Values**



The School Council are currently leading on a project to review the learning behaviours across the school. They have consulted the rest of the children on:

- How can you start your work quickly?
- How can you keep busy?
- How do you show you are interested in your work?
- What if you can't do your work?
- What do you do if you have tried one way and it didn't work?
- How do you solve problems?
- How can you improve your work and deepen your learning?
- How can you be an explorer in your classroom?
- What attitude does an explorer have?
- How can you make new discoveries in your learning?
- How could you work well in a group?
- How could you take on different roles in a group?
- How can you help others?

**Weekly Prayer**

*Father God, we thank you that we  
are all  
different.*

*Life would be so boring if we were  
all the same.*

*Help us to embrace difference.*

*Help us to celebrate difference.*

*Help me to be a good friend.*

*Help me to never knowingly hurt  
someone.*

*Let us always remember that it's OK  
to be  
different.*

**30 Hours extended entitlement**

Apply now, if you want 30 hours **free** childcare from January  
[childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://childcarechoices.gov.uk)



To keep your 30 hours free childcare place **you** need to check your details are up to date every 3 months. Go to [gov.uk/childcareaccount](http://gov.uk/childcareaccount)



Are you looking for support with childcare costs? Getting financial help with your childcare costs is easier than you might think. Childcare Choices brings together all the government childcare offers in one place for the first time, including two new schemes for working parents: Tax-Free Childcare and 30 hours free childcare. Use the Childcare Calculator on Childcare Choices to see what offers are available to support you and your family. To find out more about the new and existing offers, and how they can help you, go to the Childcare Choices website today.

**Parish and Community News**

**Drop Off, Drop In**

Our weekly 'Drop Off/Drop In' session is running each week on Wednesday mornings from 8:45-9:30am. This is a great time to meet new parents / grand-parents / carers, chat with old friends and enjoy a cup of fresh coffee, tea and cake. We especially look forward to welcoming anyone who hasn't come before. Be brave; we'd love to meet you!

**Theatre Alibi Production of Apple John**

Theatre Alibi are returning to St Nicholas School on the 29th of November at 7pm to perform their fantastic new play for 5 - 11 year olds - Apple John by Daniel Jamieson. The life story of a man called John. And an apple tree. Tickets are £4 for a child and £5 for an adult. Please bring to the office the correct cash in a sealed envelope marked with your oldest child's name and class and the number of adult and child tickets required. The PTA will distribute the tickets via your eldest child.

**PTA**

St. Nicholas Catholic Primary School  
**CHRISTMAS FAYRE**  
Fri 1st December  
5.30pm - 8pm

Santa's Grotto  
Christmas Bar  
'Proper' Hot Dogs  
Musical entertainment from St. Peter's Jazz Band and the St. Nicholas School Choir  
Crafts & Activities  
Christmas Raffle  
and more!

ENTRY **£1** per adult

Ringswell Avenue · Exeter · Tel: 01392 455403

**St. Nicholas Christmas Fayre  
Friday 1st December 2017  
5.30pm - 8pm**

*Please come and join us for a fun and festive evening where you can enjoy a one of our 'proper hot dogs' and a glass of fizz or warming mulled wine while being entertained by St. Peter's Jazz Band and our very own St. Nicholas Choir. There will be our popular Christmas Raffle, activities for the children and Santa himself will be resident in his Grotto (we'll be taking bookings for Santa's Grotto very soon - watch this space for more info!).*

*Entry is only £1 per adult (children free).  
We really hope to see you all there!*

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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 Denise Sparkes and Mrs S Beach. Named Governor for Child Protection: Mrs Lucy Wills



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