

St Nicholas Catholic Primary School Newsletter

7th December 2018



Living and Learning in
Spirit and in Truth

Stars of the Week

Compton - Shayla
Plympton - Kaja
Totnes - Bennett
Rougemont - Kai
Okehampton – Elli-Mai
Lydford - Jemima
Dartmouth - Freya
Drogo - Jude
Powderham - Annabelle
Nursery – Julie-Jane

Well done to you all!



Diary Dates

December	
10 th	KS1 Nativity 2pm and 6pm
13 th	Foundation Stage Nativity 10.30am
14 th	Foundation Stage Nativity 2pm
18 th	KS2 Advent Liturgy Sacred Heart Church 7pm
19 th	School Christmas Lunch and Singalong
20 th	Advent Liturgy led by Plympton Class 9.15am in the hall
20 th	Break up for Christmas holidays
January	
8 th	Children return to school
11 th	Epiphany Liturgy led by Okehampton 9.15am in hall

Headteacher: Mrs A Folland

Headteacher's News

As you are all aware, Ofsted were in last week. The inspection was a full 2 day section 5 which looked at all aspects of the school's work. There were 3 inspectors on each day as well as an HMI (Her Majesty's Inspector) quality assuring the inspection. Although it was a tough week for the teachers to have a parent's evening, it was so fortunate that the inspectors

had the opportunity to speak to so many parents! Many thanks to you all for supporting the school with your positive comments. (A huge thank you to the anonymous parent for sending in cake for the staff!)

We hope to receive the finalised report to share with you before the end of term and are sure that you will be pleased with its findings.

Information

Staffing

Congratulations to Rosie Reynolds who has been appointed to a TA post in the afternoons to support 3 children in Reception Class. To enable her to do this she has resigned from her MTA and her Breakfast Club Playleader roles. We are delighted that Anna Griss, who left us in July, has returned on a temporary basis to cover these roles.

Planning Update

Following the decision by Exeter City Council to agree to the proposed secure unit near our school, Raymond Friel, our CEO, released the following statement:

Plymouth CAST is disappointed by last night's decision by Exeter City Council's planning committee to grant approval for the building of a 54-bed secure independent hospital on land adjacent to St. Nicholas Primary School, one of the schools in its multi-academy trust.

We submitted an objection to the proposal, as did hundreds of local residents. We remain of the view that the decision to allow the building of this facility in such close proximity to St. Nicholas Primary School will mean additional safeguarding risks to our children and the community.

We are committed to the safety and well-being of our children and staff and are not convinced by any of the arguments that the proposed facility does not increase the risk to them. While we acknowledge the need for such facilities, we simply do not understand the logic of placing the facility next door to a primary school.

We will continue to object to the proposal through the planning process.

For any enquiries please contact: Raymond Friel, Chief Executive Office at Raymond.friel@plymouthcast.org.uk or Karen Cook, Chief Finance and Operations Officer at Kcook@plymouthcast.org.uk

Clubs

Dance Club and Boxercise Club have now finished. The last Zumba and Cheerleading Clubs will take place next week. Please see Parentmail to find out about the clubs to be offered next term which include Martial Arts and Zumba. The Parentmail form should be completed by Monday 10th so that places can be allocated.

Celebration Assembly

There will be no celebration assembly next week as the Foundation Stage are performing their nativity at 2pm.

Safeguarding

A SCOMIS newsletter has been sent out with this newsletter which may be of interest to you. It includes information about websites you can visit to set up parental controls on technology bought for your child this Christmas, staying safe online and internet connected toys.

Congratulations



Although the Children's Takeover Day wasn't during the National School Meals week, Devon Norse, our catering service, decided our kitchen team deserved special recognition for effort as they loved the pictures of our children enjoying themselves during their time in the kitchen. Our team received shopping vouchers which were sponsored by one of Norse's suppliers. It was just a small token to show appreciation to Sam, Janet and Shauna for the extra mile that they go to for the children and school.

Prayer

O good holy Nicholas,
you who brought joy to
children,
put in my heart the spirit of
childhood
about which the Gospel
speaks.
Teach me how to sow
happiness around me.
Amen.

St Nicholas Day



It was St Nicholas day yesterday and we celebrated in true St Nicholas tradition. We held a mass in the hall, con-celebrated by Fr Jonathan and Fr Kieran. Then the children in KS2 and staff gathered in the atrium so that Fr Jonathan could bless our lovely new plaque depicting St Nicholas. The children were also able to ask questions to the sculptor about how it was made.

Janet and Sam in our kitchen made some fantastic cakes for all the children and staff to enjoy to celebrate the day.

The children made paper shoes which were filled with chocolate coins (thanks to the PTA). Please see the website for more photos of this lovely day.

Reception 2019 Applications

Please ensure you have applied to Devon Admissions **by Tuesday 15th January 2019** for a Reception 2019 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> or you can call 0345 155 1019. You also **must** submit a supplementary application 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.

Parish and Community News

CAROLS AT TESCO'S

The Sacred Heart CAFOD group have arranged two evenings of music and carol singing at the main Tesco's supermarket from 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm on Tuesday 18 December and Wednesday 19 December. Please go and support or join in with playing or singing!

Exeter University Singers

Join Exeter University Singers this Friday 7 December at 7:30 pm at Sacred Heart Church for a wonderful candlelit celebration of choral Christmas music. Refreshments of mulled wine and mince pies will be served during the interval. We look forward to seeing you there!

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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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