

St Nicholas Catholic Primary School Newsletter

8th May 2015



*Living and Learning in
Spirit and in Truth*

Stars of the Week

Holly Friend
Alice Winton
Harrison Winton
Frankie Ocampo
Alfie Arun
Ryan Jones
Millie Wildman
Joseph Power
Bea Hughes
Julia Dziedzil
Ruben Chacko
Jasper Morrell
Chelsey da Rocha Lima
Katelin Passmore
Gabriel Hendricks
Bea Hughes
Louis Stephens
Kieran MacIver
Ashton Johnson
Ella Taylor

Well done to you all!



Diary Dates

May

11 - 15th SATS week
17th 1st Holy Communion
Mass – Blessed Sacrament
10.30am
18 – 22nd Yr 6 at Kilve
19th New Reception Class
welcome talk 9am
25 – 29th Half term

June

4th Relationship Education
meeting 3.30pm
5th Pentecost Liturgy led by
Dartmouth 9.15am
6th Summer Fayre
7th 1st Holy Communion Mass
Sacred Heart 9.30am
15 – 19th KS2 Haven Banks
Trips

Headteacher: Mrs A Folland

Headteacher's News

One of the focus areas from the recent Ofsted, was to develop teaching to outstanding through sharing good practice within and beyond the school. The teachers have begun a really exciting project to develop their maths teaching over the next year. This half term they have had the opportunity to plan together, watch each other teach, review that

lesson and then watch another person teach the new lesson; they have been filming exciting parts of their lessons and coaching each other. We are aiming to give the children inspirational and dynamic learning.... they will be given the opportunity to give us feedback about how this has improved their learning ... and they always tell the truth!

Information

Pop-top lids

Any donations of pop tops lids from drinks bottles (the type with a valve) would be appreciated for a craft activity in After School Club. Please pass to Charlie or into the Office.

They are also still looking for donations of blankets and tarpaulin.

Love Reading



Lydford Class were delighted to have Bill Wright, a Behaviour Support Adviser who works with us in school, come and read to them as part of our "Love Reading" initiative. He read from three picture books, including one written by his son called The Trouble with Bill! We look forward to welcoming more visitors to the school this term including a Met Office employee.

BASC / Nursery Invoices

BASC payments are due in full by today. Please see Kate in the Office if you have any queries.

Nursery invoices for additional hours will be issued before half term. Letters have also been issued to amend or choose additional Autumn term nursery hours.

Yr 6 Playleaders



We have a number of Year 6 children who are our new Playleaders and who will wear red jackets to identify themselves in the playground. They will help children to find others to play with, organize group games and devise new ones to help to make breaktimes happy and fun filled for all.

Online/Gaming Safety

It has come to our attention that some children are quite possibly playing games with a 15 or 18 rating at home. Whilst there is no legal jurisdiction over children playing these games, it is a parent's responsibility to safeguard their child from inappropriate sexual or violent content.

These games are given a rating for a reason and children's play, language and social interaction are **greatly** affected by what they see and play. We are having to deal with the consequences of children's online and gaming activity and want to underline the fact that, where we are concerned, we may refer this to the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH). **Please ensure your children are safe and appropriate in their viewing and gaming.**

Devon Norse Cleaning Vacancies at St Nicholas School

There are 2 vacancies for cleaners at our school.

1. 15 hours per week for 41 weeks from 3pm to 6.30pm Monday to Friday. Monthly pay would be £378.05,

2. 12 hours per week for 41 weeks from 6.45 to 8.45 Monday to Friday. Monthly pay would be £252.03.

A DBS check will be required for each position. A uniform and training will be provided.

Application forms can be obtained from the Office or you can contact Mike on 01392 351160 / 07884118795.

Reminders



Don't forget.....

- to regularly check the website news page and calendar
- to send in a dinner ticket if your child has had a meal without one. You will also receive a reminder text.
- to bring in evidence of any medical appointments your child has in school time for our records
- to collect Sainsbury's vouchers
- to bring in evidence of booked Able and Talented courses for our records

Weekly Reflection

Father,

Teach us to love one another
with a love that is all-embracing,
without any boundaries of race,
colour or creed. Amen.

May Crowning Liturgy



Congratulations to Powderham Class who led the May Crowning liturgy so beautifully yesterday. A video and more photos are posted on the news page of the website.

Thank you very much to all parents who donated flowers to decorate the hall and atrium.

Lost Property

We have a pair of gold rimmed aviator style adult's sunglasses in the Office that were found in the playground. We also have a pair of child's red and black glasses from Specsavers and 2 girl's purses – one in the shape of a penguin and one pink with a butterfly on it. Please come to the Office to claim these. There are also many items in the lost property boxes in Reception – please come and have a look for any missing items!

Parish and Community News

Nepal Watch out soon for news of how we are going to fundraise for those suffering in Nepal after the recent earthquake.

1st Holy Communion Mass will take place at Blessed Sacrament church on the 17th May at 10.30am. All are welcome to support the children taking their 1st Holy Communion.

PTA

The PTA and the school have been busy spending the funds raised from our recent events and we wanted to share with you what has been going on.

- The PTA money has helped replenish the lunchtime play resources for the golden time area and we will provide a termly amount to help buy new equipment or replace broken items.
- The PTA has once again sponsored a donkey at the Donkey Sanctuary, something we do every year.
- Money has also been set aside to help with the landscaping project the school is embarking on and more on this will be shared with you all very soon.

Finally, we are looking for a new PTA Chair to take over from September. This role can be shared so do please have a think about this position and email me if you would like more information.

Regards
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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 and Mrs S Beach. Named Governor for Child Protection: Mrs Lisa Thomas