



St Catherine's C of E School Autumn Newsletter 6- 7.12.18



Dear Parents,

School Improvement

Over the next 2 weeks all of our KS1 and 2 children will be completing end of term assessments. These assessments support teachers in seeing what the children know and what they need to be taught next. They also support the pupils in understanding their next steps and at learning how to be efficient and effective in completing assessments, applying what they know. These assessments help us to see if the school improvement initiatives we are implementing to support pupils writing and maths progress are effective and what else we need to do as a school to keep improving outcomes for our pupils.

Science Day

Mrs Roberts our year 6 teacher and Science lead organised a whole school science day last week. The children completed a full day of science in all areas of physics, chemistry and biology. We saw lots of wonderful practical experiments happening across the school and the children presented their class work in assembly. The children had a very exciting day and we're looking forward to our next science day!

Consultation on the Extension of An Daras Multi Academy Trust

The Board of Directors of the An Daras Multi Academy Trust (ADMAT) are consulting on a decision to apply to the Department for Education to extend the number of local schools within the Trust. This would see the MAT expand from its current seven schools to eight schools. This planned expansion is in part due to guidance from the Regional Schools Commissioner on predictions of the minimum viable size (based on total pupil numbers) for existing multi academy trusts. It would also support further collaborative school improvement initiatives across the wider locality to help ensure standards of learning provision are enhanced. The expansion proposal is for Princetown Community Primary School to become a full partner school within An Daras. Further details about the proposed changes will be accessible on the An Daras MAT or Princetown Community Primary School website. The An Daras consultation window for wider stakeholders on the proposed expansion starts on Wednesday 5th December 2018 and ends on Wednesday 16th January 2019. If you wish to contribute your views to the consultation please do so via email or letter. All correspondence should be addressed to the Central MAT administration team or via email directly to admin@andaras.org Please see the consultation letter on our website letters page.

Staff news

It is with sadness that we announce that Mrs Maguire (who has been with us for almost 15 years) will be leaving St Catherine's after Christmas. She has been promoted within An Daras to work as the HR manager for the whole MAT at our central office. We congratulate her on her new role but know she will be greatly missed by us all here. Miss Davis will continue to work in our office.

Lunchtime supervisor position

We have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor in school – this would be from 12-1 Mon-Fri. If you are interested please request an application form and job description from the school office. The deadline for applications is 18th December. A job share splitting days would be considered.

Collective Worship

This week the children have begun to learn their parts and songs for their Christmas performances. The themes for each KS this year are helping children to understand the Christmas story and its importance but also what Christmas was like at different times, places and for others around the world.

Christmas Performance Rehearsals and Performances

KS2 will be going to St Mary's to rehearse their Christmas service on Thursday 13th December in the morning. Children will need to be dropped off at the Church at 9am. Any breakfast club pupils will be taken down to the church from school but please let us know in advance.

Reception and KS1 will be going to Central Methodist to rehearse on Tuesday 18th in the afternoon. We ask that, if possible, children have a school dinner that day and then bring a packed lunch/picnic tea for late afternoon. To aid the smooth running of the rehearsal and set up for the evening performance, children may remain at the church after school until the performance is complete. Parents may join us at Central Methodist for the performance – doors will open from 4.30pm for a prompt 5pm start. **KS2 will perform on Monday 17th December at St Mary's Church from 6pm. Reception and KS1 will perform on Tuesday 18th at Central Methodist Church from 5pm.**

Christmas Dinner

St Catherine's Christmas Dinner will be on **Wednesday 19th December**. Letters have been sent home this week for you to order this for your child, please complete the slip on the letter and return with your payment of £2.30 (no payment required for infants or free school meals) by **Monday 10th December** at the latest in a named envelope to their class teacher. Due to kitchen ordering deadlines, we regret no late orders can be accepted.

Christmas Tree Exhibition- St Mary's

The school will be displaying a Christmas tree with children's decorations on during St Mary's annual Christmas Tree Festival. The Youth Council are also displaying a tree with contributions from our members here. You can see the trees between 30th November and the 9th December. St Mary's will also be holding a Christingle service which all the children are invited to attend on Sunday 9th December at 4pm. Christingle collection pots are available in each class for any children who wish to take part.

Christmas Craft

Our annual Christmas craft day will be on Friday 14th December. To cover the cost of craft materials, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £1.50. Please hand this to your child's class teacher. Many thanks.

Christmas Parties

Nursery will be holding their party on Monday 17th December – further details will be sent home directly from nursery.

Infants will have their party on Thursday 20th. Children can wear their party clothes all day – but do please be aware that they will be playing outside during the day. The school kitchen will be providing a party lunch for all infants. There is no need to send in contributions this year and no need to order a lunch on that day.

Juniors will hold their party on the same afternoon – children may order a party lunch for that day, Thursday 20th, at a cost of £2.30 (unless in receipt of free school meals) or bring in their own party packed lunch. Please order any required lunches on the Monday as normal.

Outside school issues

A reminder please that children should be supervised outside of our school gates leading up to the start of the school day and after school. We have had a few issues reported to us about pupil behaviour outside of school causing concern for safety reasons and have also had school property damaged by pupils climbing on it. We appreciate your support with this issue.

Lego Masters



DO YOU WANT TO PUT YOUR BRICK BUILDING SKILLS TO THE ULTIMATE TEST?

LEGO MASTERS

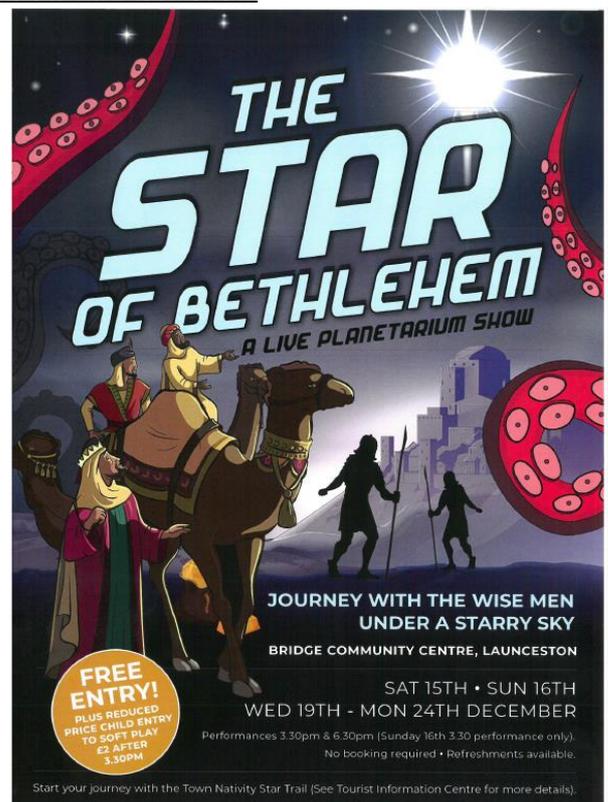
The popular Channel 4 series is looking for imaginative building pairs to take part in the creative brick-building competition to find the UK's most talented amateur builders.

Please email build@tuesdayschild.tv for more information.

Unfortunately, we are unable to answer all the requests. Individuals under 18's must be aged 16 by 03/02/2019 in order to take part and a parent or guardian must email on their behalf. Tuesday's Child is committed to safeguarding and protecting your Personal Data. Further information can be located on our website - www.tuesdayschild.tv

TUESDAY'S CHILD

The Star of Bethlehem



THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM

A LIVE PLANETARIUM SHOW

JOURNEY WITH THE WISE MEN UNDER A STARRY SKY

BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE, LAUNCESTON

SAT 15TH • SUN 16TH
WED 19TH - MON 24TH DECEMBER

Performances 3.30pm & 6.30pm (Sunday 16th 3.30 performance only).
No booking required • Refreshments available.

FREE ENTRY!
PLUS REDUCED PRICE CHILD ENTRY TO SOFT PLAY £2 AFTER 3.30PM

Start your journey with the Town Nativity Star Trail (See Tourist Information Centre for more details).

For all enquiries, please contact: Email: planetg2shows@gmail.com Tel: 07737008416

Attendance

The national government target for pupils' attendance is 96%. We will send a reminder letter home to parents when their child's attendance is flagging up as below national expectations. The last week's attendance percentages are:

Reception	90.6%
Year 1	96.9%
Year 2	95.2%
Year 3	92%
Year 4	88.3%
Year 5	89%
Year 6	75.4%

Whole School Attendance

89.7%

A reminder please, it is a statutory requirement to inform the school if your child is off school. If we are unable to ascertain a reason for a child's absence we have to record them as an unauthorised absence.

Values in Action Awards

These wonderful pupils have been spotted demonstrating our school values this week:-

- Reception: Ella May – compassion/Isabelle - friendship
- Class 1: Amina –all school values/Tabby–Trustworthy, responsible and respectful
- Class 2: Brogan – responsibility/Holleigh – model pupil
- Class 3: Cerys –Kind and compassionate/ Yazmin– all values
- Class 4: Aiden–Kindness and concern/Scarlett–Humility
- Class 5: Luke–Creativity /Ellie–caring and thoughtful
- Class 6: Sophie – Courage/Alex – all our values

Good Learner Awards

These are our star learners this week demonstrating our learning powers:-

- Reception: Riley–Resourceful / Lydia–reflection and responsibility
- Class 1: Tian – Responsible/Jessica - Responsible
- Class 2: Leland – Responsible/Kornelia – Respectful
- Class 3: Jacob C –Resilience/Krasimira – Responsibility
- Class 4: Ethan K –Reflectiveness/ Mawgan –Reflective
- Class 5: Riley– Enthusiastic learner/Beth- Independence
- Class 6: Jasmine T –Excellent attitude/Melody – Positive attitude

Dates for the Diary

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| KS2 Rehearsal 13 th December | Choir visit to Bowden Derra 18 th December |
| Christmas Craft Day 14 th December | Christmas dinner 19 th December |
| Nursery Party 17 th December | Choir visit to Hospital 19 th December |
| KS2 Christmas Performance– St Mary's – Monday 17 th December 6 pm | Reception, KS1 and 2 Christmas parties |
| KS1 Rehearsal 18 th December | Last day of term Thursday 20 th December |
| KS1 Christmas Performance –Central Methodist – Tuesday 18 th December 5pm | First day back Tuesday 8 th January (Monday 7 th INSET) |

Links for further info Don't forget, you can access information about the school via our website: <http://www.stcatherinescofe.co.uk/index.php> and Facebook: @stcatherinesandaras

Parent View: As a parent of a child in our school you can complete an online survey for our school at any time via Ofsted Parent View <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

We also share class information via Class DoJo <https://teach.classdojo.com/>

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Louise Hussey

Executive Head