



St Catherine's C of E School Spring Newsletter 5- 22.3.19



Dear Parents,

School Improvement

Parents Evenings – we have begun to trial longer parents' meetings. We are seeking feedback to see if these are appreciated and useful and then will look to adapt our programme accordingly.

Parent Questionnaires – the results have been collated and we were really pleased with how positive feedback has been. One of the areas parents have fed back to us is about clubs. This is always a challenge to the school in terms of funding but we are looking in to increasing the options available for paid clubs run by external providers such as the current Argyle Football Club. The after-school child care provision requested will run as a trial in the summer term. This will be run in the same way as Breakfast club with a booking/payment set-up on School Money. The club will run from 3.15-4.15 and cost £2. Where parents expressed specific concerns, we have tried to see parents individually but if you feel that you have any concerns, questions etc that are not resolved through parents' meetings, please do pop in to see the class teacher or myself. Feedback about school communication especially Class Dojo was very positive and we will aim to increase consistency with this over the summer term.

Curriculum enrichment

Last week was Science Week – the children had an amazing couple of days taking part in whole school events – science experiments but also Health awareness workshops run by a range of professionals. A huge thank you goes to those who gave up their time and to Mrs Roberts who organised the whole event. We all learnt a lot about being healthy last week!

Collective Worship

Last week, the children were thoroughly inspired by Open the Book's Wednesday collective Worship – the retelling of Peter's Miraculous Fish Catch – a brilliant performance which gave the children lots to think about. This week the focus was on Change and making amends. The children have also begun to record their thoughts about Collective Worship in a school floor book. This helps us refer back to what we have learnt.

Friends Disco, Easter Egg Raffle and Updates

Donations of chocolate eggs for an Easter Egg Raffle are now being collected - if you are able to send an egg in please send in via your child's class or the school office by the 3rd April. The Raffle will be drawn in Celebration Assembly on the 5th April. Raffle tickets will be on sale at the school disco for 20p a ticket or £1.00 a strip. You can also purchase tickets from the school office.

Next Friday is our Disco Night. Infants will run from 5-6pm and Juniors is from 6.15pm to 7.15pm. Tickets are £1.50 each. Refreshments and glow sticks will be on sale. Raffle tickets for the Easter Egg Raffle will be on sale.

If you are interested in helping out Friends - even if you can't make meetings - or want to know more about what Friends do you can join their group on:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/665828766893617/?ref=share>

Or you can pop into the school office to drop off contact details for the Friends to get in touch.

Safeguarding

Another great source of advice for families:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

Red Nose Day

Thank you to all those who donated for Red Nose Day – we raised a fabulous £204.91.

Parents Evenings

This term we are trialling longer parents' meetings with Reception Class, Year 2 and Year 5. All other classes will continue with our normal format and will trial longer meetings in the summer term. Class sign-up sheets and dates will be sent out from each class.

Easter Church Service

We hope you are able to join us for our annual KS1 and KS2 Easter Service at St Mary's Church. This will be held on **Thursday 4th April** at 2.15pm – 3pm. Reception Class will not be involved in this but will hold a separate Easter Bonnet Parade and Easter Egg Hunt with Nursery Class at 1pm on the same afternoon at 1pm in school. If you are unable to join us in church please collect your child from St Mary's Church by 3pm. Reception children can be collected as normal at 3.15pm from school.

An Daras Jobs

Job vacancies for St Catherine's and for other An Daras Multi-Academy Schools will now be advertised on their website on the Work With Us/ Vacancies page. <https://andaras.eschools.co.uk/web/vacancies>
This month, advertised for St Catherine's is a School Secretary Post – details of how to apply are in the job advert.

Values in Action

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

Reception: Connor – thoughtful/Tuscan - responsible

Class 1: Archie – Responsible/Konrad – trust and friendship

Class 2: Whole Class – all values/Freya - generosity

Class 3: Molly – Compassion/Maria – responsibility

Class 4: Jamie – patient and kind/Georgia - thoughtful

Class 5: Jamie – extra home-learning/ Karol – understanding and consideration

Class 6: Ben – responsible and respectful/ Ben – Kind and considerate

Good Learner

These are our star learners this week:-

Reception: Esme – Sharing/Samantha - creativity

Class 1: Jasmine – listening carefully/Leah – positive attitude

Class 2: Freddie B – Working hard/ Kalina – responsibility

Class 3: Whole Class – great learning powers/Aarushee – fantastic learner

Class 4: Natalia – excellent listening/Melissa – responsible learner

Class 5: Chloe – resourceful /Abbi – great determination

Class 6: Grace – excellent role model/Leo H – working hard

Dates for the Diary

Fridays – Year 5 Swimming

Tuesdays – Year 5/6 Recorders

Tuesdays – yr4 Kernow House visits

Thursdays Yr 6 SATS focus groups 3.15-4.30

Fridays Shakespeare Club 3.15-4.15

Wk Beg 18th March – dates to be sent out from each class

20th March Pupil Health and Well-being MOT

28th March Full governors 5pm

Friday 29th March – School Discos

Thursday 4th April 1pm Reception and Nursery Class Easter Bonnet Parade

Easter Service – St Mary's – Thursday 4th April – 2.15pm-3pm – **Yr1-6 only**

End of term and Easter Raffle -Friday 5th April

Start of summer term: Tuesday 23rd April

May 6th Bank Holiday Monday- no school

May – Year 2 SATS

KS2 SATs week 13-16th May

May 27th-31st Half term Week

Wk beg 10th June Yr1 Phonics Screening

3rd to 5th July yr6 Residential

15th/16th July Yr 6 Transition Days Launceston College

24th July end of term

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. :

Reception	91.2%
Year 1	94.1%
Year 2	94%
Year 3	94.6%
Year 4	93.3%
Year 5	95.7%
Year 6	93.7%

Whole School Attendance

93.8%

Well done to year 5 this week! 😊

Active Launceston

Here at the Launceston Leisure Centre we are looking to get the Launceston area active in 2019

To kick start this in March we are offering FREE 3 Day Passes to the parents of St Catherine's pupils.

To sign up for a pass please visit:

www.better.org.uk/guestpasses

If you have any problems or further questions feel free to email us at launceston@gll.org

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



Outdoor Holiday Club@Lawhitton

EASTER FUN IN THE WOODS!

Week 1 - 8/4/19

Monday - Team games in the woods.

Tuesday - Den and shelter building

Wednesday - Bushcrafts, to include, lighting fires with handmade bow drills, chopping pegs from wood and building a permanent fire pit.

Thursday - Building fires and making charcoal

Friday - River adventures including the mud slide . Easter themed nature crafts

For children
aged 5-11 years

Week 2 - 15/4/19

Monday - Survival skills. How to keep safe in the woodland

Tuesday - Campfire cooking. Making bread, toasting marshmallows and popping popcorn

Wednesday - Easter Egg hunt and making chocolate nests

Thursday - Mud play. Using the mud kitchen, mud sculptures and mud painting



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