



An Daras Trust
Igniting Curiosity Growing Capabilities



St Catherine's C of E School

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Please read and enjoy the latest newsletter! Hope you find it helpful in keeping you up to date with what's happening in school this term.

Values in Action

These wonderful pupils have been spotted demonstrating our school values in the last two weeks:

Reception: Ethan – friendship; Henry – generosity.

Class 1: Piotr-respectful; Lillie K – courage.

Class 2: Amina-compassion; Phoebe-friendship.

Class 3: Annja-kindness; Adam –respect.

Class 4:Frankie-forgiveness; Lina-generosity.

Class 5:Daria-friendship; Scarlett-courage.

Class 6: Jayden-responsibility; Morwenna-kindness.

Good Learner

These are our star learners:

Reception: Hartlynn-responsibility; Jasmine-perseverance.

Class 1: Theo-reflective; Lincoln-responsibility & resilience.

Class 2: Louis-resilience; Lacey-resourceful.

Class 3: Noah-responsible; Freddie B –reflective.

Class4: Anna-reflective; Alfie-resilience.

Class5: Darcey-responsible; Ethan K-responsible.

Class 6:Mollie-participation; Chloe-creative & resourceful.

Reading Focus - Helpful Questions

Here are some suggestions of questions you might ask children when reading with them, to support and develop their understanding of the texts. Hope you find them helpful!

The answer is right there in the text:

- What did..... do?
- Who did..... do it to
- How many..... were/are there?
- Who are.....?
- Can you tell me what this word/bit means?
- What kind of is that?



Can your child think and search for the answer?

The answers are found in different parts of the story and they might have to apply prior knowledge or personal experience to an answer:

- How do you make/do.....?
- What happened when..... did.....?
- What happened to.....?
- What do you think might happen next OR what happened before?
- How many times...
- What examples can you find?
- Where did this happen?
- Where was..... when this was happening?

Can your child answer questions without referring to the story?

The answer is not in the story, it is your child's opinion and thoughts:

- Have you ever...
- If you could...
- If you were going to...
- In your opinion...
- Do you agree with.....? Why?
- Do you know anyone who.....?
- How do you feel about.....?

Children in Need

Many thanks for supporting "Children in Need" on Friday with non-uniform day. We were able to raise £200!



Harvest Food Bank

We thought you would like to know that you donated a total of **101 kg** of food for the local foodbank! This was a big increase on last year, when we donated 44kg, so many thanks for all of your much appreciated generosity.

Focus on "Friends" – Christmas Hamper

The "Friends" of St. Catherine have organised a **Christmas Hamper Raffle** to raise funds for the school. They would be very grateful for donations of food or gift items, to be brought in **by December 11th** and tickets will be available at **20p each or £1 a strip** from **December 2nd** in the **school office** and at **the Infant and Junior Christmas Concerts**. Winners will be posted on Facebook and Dojo on December 18th. Good luck everyone!



Winter Warning!

With Winter on the doorstep we thought it would be a good time to remind everyone of the school closure procedure. Obviously our first priority is the safety of our families and staff as they travel to and from school, so we are always really grateful for your support in making these decisions.

If School leaders decide to close the school because of severe weather warnings we will inform parents using all of the following: **text message; website; Facebook; School Dojo; Radio Cornwall and Heart Radio.**



refreshments available.

Marie Curie Christmas Craft Fair

On **Saturday 30th November**, you are all invited to come to **St Catherine's from 10.00-12.00pm** for a **Christmas Craft Fair** in aid of the Marie Curie Foundation, who provide amazing care and support through terminal illness. There will be a variety of craft stalls and light

Parent Meetings

This year our programme of parent meetings will take the pattern of: one half hour meeting with the teacher (Autumn or Spring); one ten minute meeting (Autumn or Spring) and an open evening in the Summer. As there isn't time for every class to undertake half-hour meetings in the same term, we will share these over two terms, so if you have a ten minute meeting this term, next term you will be offered the longer half-hour one and vice versa.

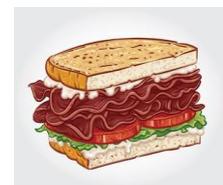
This term **Y6, Y2 and Reception** are offering **half-hour meetings** and details have been shared with each class individually.

Y5, Y4, Y3 and Y1 will be offering **10 minute meetings** after the school day in the week beginning **25th November**. Each class have a timetable sheet for you to **sign up to in the classroom**. Details will also be on Class Dojo.

Parent meetings are a great opportunity to share the learning and progress of your child, talk about strengths and areas for development and agree ways to best support your child as they move forwards with their education – academically, socially and emotionally. We really value this important time to meet together and hope you find it positive and beneficial too.

Bacon Buttie at Breakfast Club!

If you book your child/children into **Breakfast Club on Thursday 28th November** there is the opportunity for the grown-ups to stay and enjoy a bacon buttie along with the children! You need to get to get in quick and go on School Money



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before Wednesday this week, where you will find a special one-off payment site for this activity (£1 for adults). Sorry for the short notice, we only just had this great idea and then needed to fit in with when our lovely kitchen staff could allow us in the kitchen! Hope to see some of you there!

Christmas Services

Infant Performance: **Monday 16th December 4.30pm at the Methodist Church** (details nearer the time)

Junior Performance: **Wednesday 11th December 5:00pm at St Mary's Church** (details nearer the time)

Enrichment - Multi-Skills Competition

On November 6th, a team from Y3 and Y4 represented St Catherine's at a multi-skills tournament being held at St Stephens Primary School. The children worked really hard, with great enthusiasm and were a great credit to us! Keep an eye out for future opportunities, It's always a super experience for the children!



Community Notices

**LAUNCESTON
SWIMMING CLUB**



NOVEMBER & DECEMBER OFFER!

Interested in joining Launceston Swimming Club?

We're offering free membership for the remainder of 2019
and free swimming sessions for a month!

COME ALONG!

JUNIOR SWIMMERS CAN COME AND JOIN SWIMMING SESSIONS ON A
TUESDAY 6.30PM-7.30PM AND/OR FRIDAY 6PM-7PM FREE FOR A MONTH

Progress from 'learn to swim' and continue to improve your swimming

Improve your stroke technique and stamina

Our aim as a club is to help each individual swimmer achieve their set goals
and fulfil their own potential

Whether you're just looking to swim for fitness or your aim is to compete

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact
launceston.swimming@hotmail.co.uk

Launceston's Family Festive Extrabaganza!

Friday 29th November to Sunday 1st December

Skating rink in the Square

Friday 29th 3.30pm to 8.30pm

Saturday 30th 10am to 6pm

Sunday 1st 10am to 4pm



Christmas at Lawrence House

Friday 29th 12pm to 4 pm

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Sunday 1st 12pm to 6pm - Carols in the Mayor's Parlour at 4.30pm.

Launceston Christmas Lights - Grand Switching on and Late Night Shopping!

Friday 29th November - Entertainment on stage **4pm** plus stalls, snow machine, Samba Band, town Band, entertainers ad Pop Choir!!

Switching on at 6.30pm!

Launceston Christmas Markets

Friday 29th Nov - Town Centre 5pm to 8pm

Saturday 30th - Broad Street Market 10am to 4pm

Saturday 14th Dec - Launceston Christmas Market in the Square 9am to 3pm

Charity Santa Run

Sunday 1st December 11am In the Town Square (details Launceston tourist Information)

St Mary Magdalene Parish Church Christmas Tree Festival

Friday 29th Nov - From 7pm then daily till Sunday 8th Dec



All welcome to **Christingle Service Sunday 8th Dec 4pm**

St Catherine's will have a tree in the festival as usual, but also this year will have a tree in the festival at Tre, Pol and Pen, the farm shop on the Callington road.

Fabulous variety of festive events to suit all ages and interests! Come along and enjoy the fun with your families and start the Christmas season with a smile!

Many thanks as always for the great support.

Pippa Warner – Head of School