



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: Lydia-thankfulness; Skylar-respect.

Class 1: Connor-courage; Nora-responsibility.

Class 2: Jasmine & Jessica-compassion; Mateus-fairness.

Class 3: Lewis-responsibility; Roseanna-compassion.

Class 4: Yazmyn-friendship; Rufus-fairness.

Class 5: Bertie-friendship; Aidan-courage.

Class 6: Justin & Sarah-generosity; Miley-responsibility.

Good Learner

These are our star learners:

Reception: Andrea-resilience; Micky-resilience.

Class 1: Isabelle-respect; Arni-responsibility.

Class 2: Benia-resilience; Joshua-resilience.

Class 3: Kezia-resourcefulness; Taron-resilience.

Class 4: Toby-reflection; Libby-responsibility.

Class 5: Joe-responsibility; Blake-reflection.

Class 6: Lily-responsibility; Morwenna- ALL learning powers!

School Improvement - Maths

I thought this week you may want to know a bit more about our "Wednesday Afternoon Maths Challenge" - just one of the creative ways in which we are encouraging greater breadth in the curriculum and achieving cross curricular application of vital maths skills.

The Wednesday challenges combine maths and problem solving, embedded within practical science or DT skills. The programme has been carefully designed by Mrs Phillpotts to consolidate maths skills and challenge thinking, and she regularly pops in to classes to see how the children are getting on and assess the impact they are having on the children's learning.

We have had some great activities including measuring sneezes, perfecting paper aeroplanes, propelling vehicles, designing play spaces and if you are a Year Four parent you will be well aware of the amazing savoury tartlets being designed and produced on a Wednesday at the moment!

Maths is a vital skill for life and we aim to encourage all children to feel confident and have a real enjoyment of learning in this area. We would love to know all the great ways that you are encouraging maths out of school - photos on Dojo are always a great way to share your lovely ideas!



Wellbeing & Community Action - 401 Foundation



We have recently been made aware of a great charity, **the 401 Foundation**, who through small grants of between £100 and £3000, aim to support UK projects that help individuals build confidence and self-esteem and tackle mental health and self-development issues. We are all increasingly aware of the importance of these issues for both children and adults and of the growing need for support in these areas within our local communities.

The foundation was set up by Ben, who has experienced bullying and depression and as a way to raise people's awareness and money for projects, ran 401 marathons in 401 days! We thought it would be amazing if we could help with some fund-raising too, so Ms Rowe has challenged us all to see how many miles we can run collectively around our school track. We are always up for a challenge at St. Catherine's and will undoubtedly really go for it in January when the challenge begins! More details to follow before we break for Christmas.

Save for Kicks Count

"Kicks Count" is a really worthy charity that aims to reduce the UK's high still-birth and neonatal death rate by raising awareness of baby movements. They have set a challenge to local schools to help them raise money by collecting various items that can then be recycled and reused, therefore being a great boost to the environment too.

Our challenge is to collect as many **used toothbrushes, electric toothbrush heads and toothpaste tubes** as we can and try to beat other local schools along the way! Please bring washed items to school where there will be a recycling container to collect them in. After Christmas we may have other items to recycle as well, so stay posted for future requests!

Christmas Dinner

Don't forget to book your Christmas dinner on line!

Orders must be in by Monday 9th December in order for the kitchen to process the orders.

Many thanks!



Confirmed Diary Dates:

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)

Reception Parental Engagement: Thursday 5th December 1.30pm – 3.00pm

Year Four Parent Engagement: Friday 13th December 2.45pm - come and watch Bollywood dance!

Children's Christmas Dinner: Wednesday 18th December

Christmas Craft Day: Thursday 19th December

Christmas parties: Friday 20th December

Last day of Term: Friday 20th December

Friends

With Christmas on the horizon, the Friends of St. Catherine's have organised a Christmas Hamper Raffle to raise funds for the school. Please bring food and gift items for the raffle to school before December 11th and tickets will be available at 20p each or £1 per strip from December 2nd in the school office or at the Infant and Junior Christmas Services. Winning ticket to be drawn on December 18th! Good luck and many thanks for all the wonderful support.



Choir

Our wonderful Christmas Choir have been in great demand this year in our local community and have already sung at Kernow House for the residents there, where the sneak preview of the Christmas songs were really well received! We will also be singing at the following venues:

Bowden Derra Residential Community – Tuesday 3rd December (pm in the school day)

Launceston Community Lunch - Friday 6th December (pm in the school day)

St Mary's Church Christingle Service – Sunday 8th December 4.00pm (all welcome)



Launceston Hospital Carol Service – Thursday 19th December 7.00pm.

Many thanks to all the parents who kindly help us support these worthwhile events by bringing children along after school. I know from past experience how much joy the children can bring with their beautiful singing!

Enrichment

Football Tournament

On Monday 18th November, two teams of children from Year Five and Six went to St Stephen's Primary School to take part in a football tournament with two other Trust schools. Ms Rowe, who accompanied them, was extremely proud of the way they performed, demonstrating great positive team-work and support for each other and amazing sportsmanship! Well done everyone, we are really proud of you all



Swimming



This term, Year One are attending the Leisure Centre for swimming lessons on a Thursday afternoon. Mr Hudson has been very impressed with the resilience and positive attitudes that all the children have shown, with the result that all are making great progress with confidence, skills and stamina. Excellent effort Year One - keep up the good work!

Christmas Tree Festivals

This year St. Catherine's are taking part in two Christmas Tree Festivals: **St Mary's Tree Festival, which runs from November 29th to the 8th December and Tre, Pol Pen Farm Shop Tree Festival, which runs from December 5th until Twelfth Night.** Lots of children have had a lovely time making decorations and we would like to invite you to **join us at Tre, Pol and Pen at around 4.00pm on Wednesday 4th to hang the decorations on our tree**, which will be on display in the porch throughout the Christmas season.



So, if you find yourself in the vicinity of St Mary's or Tre, Pol and Pen, why not pop in and admire the children's handiwork!

An Daras Trust

For news about job vacancies within our Trust school please visit: <http://www.andaras.org/web/vacancies>

Community Notices

Christingle

All welcome

An interactive service for all the family

Sunday 8th December 2019

4pm

St Mary Magdalene Church



Toy Swap

Come and swap **toys, clothing and books at Lifton Community Centre on Saturday 7th December from 9.00am to 12.00pm.**

Entry is £2 for adults (children are free) and all proceeds will go to "Sense", a deafblind charity.

Please arrive early if you have items to swap, or you may drop them to Taylors Garage, Lawhitton, PL15 9NJ mon-Fri 9-5. For more information email Becky at: becky.wise1979@gmail.com



Many thanks for all your continuing support.

Ms Pippa Warner – Head of School