



St Catherine's C of E School Summer Newsletter 1-2.5.19



Dear Parents, School Improvement

Last week we had our Ofsted inspection. Once the report is received, usually about 2 weeks, we will be able to share the inspectors' findings. Many thanks to all the parents who were able to add their views through Parent View. We were very proud of the children who represented St Catherine's very well in their interactions with the team.

This term we have had training as a staff on outdoor learning and will be having an outdoor learning week later in May. We have also been focusing on writing still and in the children's books our marking is focusing on ensuring the basics – handwriting, spelling and punctuation are correct for age related expectations – a crucial part in children achieving at the end of each key stage. This has had good impact on raising standards of children's writing – they are using the feedback to edit and improve their work also.

Curriculum enrichment

Year 2 have been to visit Kernow House and have really enjoyed meeting the residents there this week.

Reception Class have had a great time in Forest School this week.

Year 1 and 2 had fun outside learning all about growing as they began to plant up lots of different seeds such as sunflowers and grass.

Year 5 and 6 swimming has begun to help everyone achieve a good level of swimming and water safety before they leave St Catherine's.

Year 4 and Reception have booked their trip to Eden Project for the end of term.

This week the children in yr1 and 2 had a special assembly about the cricket they will be learning from their new coach.

KS2 had a visit from local lifeguards to talk about Beach Safety.

Outdoor learning week is happening in the last week of term – this will include a well-being day on the Monday.

Collective Worship

This term our collective worship has a global theme. So far the children have learnt about countries that struggle to have enough clean, water. They heard about the charity Water Aid and what they do. They have then found out about food and reflecting on the need to share food around the world. They have heard about the baptism of Jesus and Jesus calming the storm in an exciting presentation (where the children played the part of the storm) in Open the Book.

Class photos

Next week, Wednesday 8th May, Tempest will be in to take Class photos.

Safeguarding

Below is a link sent out to us from Cornwall county Council this week.

<https://www.who.int/news-room/detail/24-04-2019-to-grow-up-healthy-children-need-to-sit-less-and-play-more>

Although this report specifically links to under 5s lots of the information is very relevant to all age groups. In school, we are trying to encourage lots of activity through the use of our extensive grounds during lessons – such as PE, Forest School, outdoor maths, science and English – all seen in school during the last fortnight.

Civil Engineering Extravaganza

On Saturday 22nd June the Institution of Civil Engineers will be hosting a Civil Engineering Extravaganza!

This family fun day aimed at all ages will be an interactive, creative and sometimes messy look at the wonderful world of civil engineering.

This event is completely free of charge to attend and will be taking place 10:00 – 14:00, at the Devonport Guildhall, Ker Street, Plymouth.

Friends- fund raising

Friends have organised a 'Bags For Schools' collection. Bags will be sent home next week to be filled and returned in June. More information about what can be put in the bags will be sent out. The school will raise money based on the weight of the bags we return.

Launceston College summer School

Launceston College will be running its Summer School this year from Monday 12th August to Friday 16th August, from 08:30 to 14:30. This is open to current yr6s to support transition into year 7 at Launceston College. The College will send out letters shortly to each pupil transitioning to Launceston College in September.

An Daras Jobs

Job vacancies for St Catherine's and for other An Daras Multi-Academy Schools are advertised on their website on the Work With Us/ Vacancies page. <https://andas.eschools.co.uk/web/vacancies>

Values in Action

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

Reception: Theo – friendship

Class 1: Phoebe – gentle, thoughtful, caring

Class 2: Oliver - forgiveness

Class 3: Aaron – kindness and compassion

Class 4: Evie – making good decisions

Class 5: Miley – creativity

Class 6: Ruby – friendship

Good Learner

These are our star learners this week:-

Reception: Ella-May -responsibility

Class 1: Louis – resilience

Class 2: Louie – responsibility/ Adam - resilience

Class 3: Freddie B– responsibility

Class 4: Toby - responsibility

Class 5: Ostin – perseverance

Class 6: Jessica –responsibility

End of term awards

Our fabulous end of term award winners were-

What would Jesus do: Esmae, Malachi, Feb, Megan, Grace, Abbi and Brooklyn

Child of the term: Tuscan, Tabby, Louie, Eleanor, Jacob C, Millie B, Jake, Aaron and Dexter.

Dates for the Diary

Fridays – Year 5/6 Top-up Swimming

Tuesdays – yr2 Kernow House visits

Thursdays Yr 6 SATS Open Revision Group

Fridays Shakespeare Club 3.15-4.15

May 6th Bank Holiday Monday- no school

May – Year 2 SATS

KS2 SATs week 13-16th May

Wk beginning 20th May – Outdoor Learning Week

24th May – Reception and Year 4 Eden Project Trip

May 27th-31st Half term Week

3rd June INSET Day

Tues 4th June Back to School

Wk beg 10th June Yr1 Phonics Screening

11th June New Reception Initial Meeting

19th June – Provisional Sports Day

21st June Shakespeare Performance

Wk Beg 24th June Heritage Week

3rd to 5th July yr6 Residential

Wk Beg 8th July – Yr 5 Trips

Wk Beg 8th July Reports

15th/16th July Yr 6 Transition Days Launceston

College- Transition Week in School

18th July – Leavers' Service St Mary's

22nd July 2pm Yr6 Leavers' Show

23rd July Yr 6 Leavers' Prom 4.30pm-7pm

24th July end of term

Further information and dates will be added once these are confirmed.

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 92%

Year 1 94%

Year 2 93%

Year 3 94%

Year 4 94%

Year 5 95%

Year 6 94%

Whole School Attendance

94%

Well done again to year 5 this week! 😊

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,

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