



## St Catherine's C of E School Spring Newsletter 4- 8.3.19



### **Dear Parents, School Improvement**

In order to support improving outcomes for pupils we assess pupils half termly. This allows us to analyse and gaps in their learning and therefore plan more effectively for the next blocks of learning. This allows us to use time in lessons fully and be more accurate also in setting targets and for children's home learning such as in Spelling Shed and Times Table Rocks Stars.

**Parent Questionnaires** Thank you for all your responses to our survey. I will now collate the results and share these in the next newsletter. However, please remember if you have any concerns at any time, to pop in and see us so that we may help to resolve them.

### **Curriculum enrichment**

This week Year 2 took part in Launceston's St Piran's Day parade and had a wonderful time. – they were amazing standing up and singing in front of a huge crowd and behaved impeccably the whole day – well done year 2! Year five and six are soon finishing their 10 week block of recorder lessons and will hopefully put on a little performance for us to see. Year 5 are continuing with weekly swimming. Year 4 are going to Kernow House weekly and building a great rapport with the residents there. Year 2 hope to continue this project after Easter. Year 3 have been on their trip to Cairnglaze Caverns this week and Year 5 and 6 have really enjoyed their Rugby lessons taught by the Cornish Pirates team members. Reception and year 1 are enjoying Forest School activities each week – weather permitting and reception had great excitement last week when Miss Rowe brought in a baby lamb to meet them.

### **Collective Worship**

This week our worship focused on getting on and falling out and the best ways to deal with this inevitable part of growing up and life! We also talked about caring for our school environment – looking after equipment, keeping things tidy and showing thought and care in our actions – especially important as we have just taken delivery of a new set of playground/playtime equipment and are working hard to secure repairs on our fixed playground equipment.

### **Funding**

Please see the separate letter going out today about the crisis in school funding.

### **Friends**

St Catherine's Friends will be holding an end of term disco for the children of the school. This will be on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March** here at school. Infants disco will be from 5-6pm and Juniors from 6-7pm. They will send out full information nearer the time.

There will also be a meeting to plan future fundraising for the school on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March** at 2pm here at St Cath's. If you are new to the school and would like to join our Friends group to help, we'd love to welcome you to come along – Your school needs you!

### **Safeguarding**

Recent news highlighted the importance of knowing and understanding how to keep our children safe online. This is an important part of what we teach as part of our curriculum in school and we will continue to share useful information. In school this week, children have been talking about using Instagram at home and this is causing them friendship issues. **Instagram – Online Safety Guide for Parents & Carers – Updated March 2019**

Instagram is a hugely popular social networking app with over 1 billion snap happy users worldwide. The app, which is accessible on iOS and Android devices, allows users to upload images and videos to their feed, like an online gallery. Images and videos can be transformed with an array of filters to edit the shot before sharing. Instagram has been in the news this month after the NSPCC reported that it is used in 32% of cases reported to the police for the sending of inappropriate images. **Revised Guide for Parents & Carers here:**

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/instagram-parents-guide/>

### **World Book Day**

This week was World Book Week – well done to our staff and children on a fabulous set of book characters in school – they all looked amazing and had fun in school celebrating the wonderful world of books. It was especially lovely to see our children working across age groups in their Houses to share books and the stories they had written.

## **Year 6 Booster**

These are for year 6 pupils on Thursday after school to work on specific areas of maths SATs revision.

## **Science Week**

The whole school are taking part in National Science Week next week. Mrs Roberts has arranged for a whole range of activities, workshops and science activities over the Thursday and Friday with the particular theme of Health.

## **Holiday Science Challenge - Let it rain**

What an amazing array of entries we had to this half term break's holiday challenge. The water cycles sent in were so imaginatively created with such a lot of thought and care put into them right from reception up to year 6. All of the children were given certificates and the entries are currently being displayed in school. Photos of the winning entries are up on Class Dojo.

## **Shakespeare Project 201**

This will be run as an after school club on Fridays. This year's play will be Romeo and Juliet.

## **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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Cleaning Job**

We currently have a vacancy for a cleaning job in school. This is every night after school during term time. If you are interested in this job please pop into the office for full details and an application pack.

## **Values in Action**

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

Reception: Porsche - compassion  
Class 1: Joshua – responsible and helpful  
Class 2: Skye – model of our golden rules  
Class 3: Anna – Fantastic role model  
Class 4: Summer – kindness and respectful  
Class 5: J.V. – generous and supportive  
Class 6: Alfie – Improved attitude

## **Good Learner**

*These are our star learners this week:-*

Reception: Louis - resilience  
Class 1: Harper – reflective  
Class 2: Kezia – attitude and focus  
Class 3: Amelia - resilient  
Class 4: Darcey - reflective  
Class 5: Sarah – perseverance and progress  
Class 6: Leo H – responsibility and challenge

## **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  
14<sup>th</sup> March Breathe Outdoors Workshop – yr4  
Wk Beg 18<sup>th</sup> March – dates to be sent out from each class  
20<sup>th</sup> March Pupil Health and Well-being MOT  
28<sup>th</sup> March Full governors 5pm  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – School Discos  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 1pm Reception and Nursery Class Easter Bonnet Parade

Easter Service – St Mary's – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April – 2.15pm-3pm – **Yr1-6 only**  
End of term Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April  
Start of summer term: Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April  
May 6<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday Monday- no school  
May – Year 2 SATS  
KS2 SATs week 13-16<sup>th</sup> May  
May 27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> Half term Week  
Wk beg 10<sup>th</sup> June Yr1 Phonics Screening  
3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> July yr6 Residential  
15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> July Yr 6 Transition Days Launceston College  
24<sup>th</sup> 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	89.6%
Year 1	95.3%
Year 2	96.3%
Year 3	94.7%
Year 4	93.8%
Year 5	92.3%
Year 6	94.5%

## **Whole School Attendance**

**93.8%**

**Well done Year 1 and 2 on fab improved attendance! 😊**

**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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