



St Catherine's C of E School

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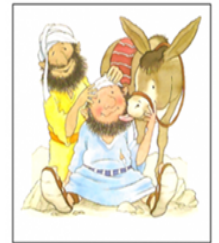
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St Catherine's Newsletter - Autumn 2021 No.1

"At St Catherine's Church of England School, we strive to educate our children to realise their aspirations and to contribute positively to society guided by our Christian principles."



At the end of the Summer Term, all the classes looked at our School Vision (shown above) and were challenged to create a Children's Vision, in simpler language that even our youngest children could understand. When we came back in September, our Junior classes looked at all the suggestions and voted for what they thought was the best children's version.

We think they made a good choice, and that the Children's Vision will ensure every member of the school community has a good understanding of who we are and what we want to achieve.

St Catherine's C of E School

Our children's School Vision



*To make our dreams
come true,
be kind to everyone
and follow God's rules.*

Confirmed Diary Dates:

Academic Year 2021-2022

Autumn 1st Half Term - Tuesday 7th September—Friday 22nd October

Autumn Half Term Holiday - Monday 25th - Friday 29th October

Autumn 2nd Half Term - Monday 1st November - Friday 17th December

Wednesday 10th November—*Individual School Photographs*

Christmas Holiday - Monday 20th December - Tuesday 4th January

Spring 1st Half Term - Wednesday 5th January - Friday 18th February

Spring Half Term holiday - Monday 21st February - Friday 25th

Spring 2nd Half Term - Monday 28th February - Friday 8th April

Easter Holiday - Monday 11th April - Friday 22nd April

Summer 1st Half Term - Monday 25th April - Thursday 26th May

Summer Half Term Holiday - Friday 27th May - Monday 6th June

Summer 2nd Half Term - Tuesday 7th June - Friday 22nd July

Good attendance means...

Being in school at least 95% of the time or 180 to 190 days

365 days in a calendar year

175 days not in school!



Holidays During Term Time

Head Teachers are no longer able to authorise any holidays during term time for pupils

Permission for leave of absence will only be granted if there are exceptional circumstances

Please do not make any travel arrangements before speaking to school

Please be reminded we are unable to authorise any holidays unless there are genuinely exceptional circumstances.

Thank you for your support with this.

Values in Action Award

Reception: Whole class–
friendship; Ivy - compassion.

Year One: Lucia - respect; Anya
- thankfulness.

Year Two: Brody - courage; Axel
- courage.

Year Three: Isabelle–
generosity; Archie– courage.

Year Four: Sienna-courage;
Sadie-generosity and respect.

Year Five: Lewis-courage; Bella-
friendship.

Year Six: Tommy-compassion;
Daniel-respect.

Learners of the Week Award

Reception: Whole class–
working with enthusiasm; Lola-
resilience.

Year One: Rose-resilience;
Jacob-reflectiveness.

Year Two: Marcelina-resilience;
Hattie-responsibility.

Year Three: Theo-responsibility;
Alexis-resourcefulness.

Year Four: Gerard-resilience; Bill
-resilience.

Year Five: Eleanor-
reflectiveness; Freddie-
reflectiveness.

Year Six: Harry-reflectiveness;
Sorina-responsibility.



Uniform for 2021-2022

Just a gentle reminder of uniform and PE kit requirements for school. Please note the acceptable colours.

We do have some pre-loved clothes you can purchase but if in any doubt please ask a member of staff.

Many thanks.

All pupils will need:

- A school sweatshirt or cardigan (can be ordered via Mapac)
- A white poloshirt
- Black (or grey) trousers, jogging bottoms or skirt (no other colours)
- Black, grey or white trainers or shoes (no other colours)
- Black, grey or white socks or tights (no other colours)
- A green bookbag
- A waterproof coat
- Wellington boots.

For PE:

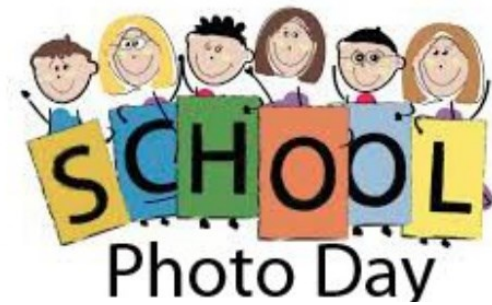
- T-shirt in House Colour or plain white (no other colours)
- Black or grey shorts, skorts, leggings or joggers (no other colours)
- Sports trainers in black, grey or white.
- (If a hoodie being sent for warmth it must be school colour or black or grey plain)



Notices

School Photographs

Individual school photographs will be happening on **Wednesday 10th November**.



We will send more information out nearer the time.

Applications for EYFS2 (Reception) and Year 7

Just a reminder that you need to be making your applications now for any children needing a place in EYFS2 (Reception) or Year 7 in September 2022.

See the information below for guidance.

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Starting school

September 2022

Applying for a place in a reception class for children born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018

Attending a nursery or pre-school
You will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. Please note that if a school is oversubscribed the fact that a child attends a school's nursery or pre-school, or a local nursery or pre-school, does not automatically guarantee a place at that school. The school's oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

Information and guidance
Website and application form: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions
Email: schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk
Post: School Admissions Team, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY
Telephone: 0300 1234 101

Need help with your application?
Contact the Family Information Service on 0800 587 8191



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Transfer to secondary school

September 2022

Applying for a place in year seven at a secondary school

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Thanks

Covid Organisation

The return to St Catherine's this Autumn has not been as smooth as we would like, with incidents of Covid around the school requiring us to be constantly flexible, re-arrange timetables and re-think our approach to social contact.

We are extremely grateful for the patience and support of our families in stopping the spread of the virus and being flexible with the changes we have had to introduce.

We hope and pray that the current situation will soon be rectified and then we can once again contemplate a more usual approach to school life!

Please continue to log in to School Dojo where Mrs Hussey posts any updates and latest advice for parents.



Goodbye Mrs Grout—We will Miss you!

We are very sad to have to let you know that we will be saying goodbye this half-term to our wonderful HLTA/TIS practitioner Mrs Tracy Grout.

Tracy has been at St Catherine's for 14 years and through her various roles as TA/HLTA / Parent Support and TIS practitioner, she has been an amazingly inspirational teacher and invaluable support to so many children, their families and her colleagues.

We are hugely grateful for the dedicated, loving service that Tracy has so willingly given the school for so many years and we will all miss her ever-optimistic approach, timely words of wisdom and infectious laughter filling the corridors!

We wish her every happiness and success in the future and hope that she will bless us with an occasional visit!



Our New, Improved Infant Department!

We thought, as we cannot have visitors at the moment, that you may appreciate having a look at what the Infant Department rooms look like following the flood damage re-fit. It was enormously hard work getting ready for September, but hopefully you will agree all the effort was worth while!

Infant Work Area



Year Two



EYFS2 (Reception)



Year One

Community Notices

Samba Band

Anyone who wants to join a fabulous Samba Band go along to the Gateway Centre on the first Saturday of every month, from 10.00 am to 1.00pm.



Autumn 2021

A warm welcome back to all of our families at St Catherine's. Not quite the trouble-free start to term we all dreamed about, but regardless of this a positive start has been made by all. Every class has settled really well and can be seen to be tackling their learning with enthusiasm and enjoyment! We can see progress for all, even in the short time we have been back, and are really looking forward to a happy and productive year ahead.

We are sad to have to again be cautious about mixing bubbles for socialising and Collective Worship, but play and worship continue every day just as it should and we wait excitedly for the time when we can all share the same space and sing and pray as a family once more.

As always, your support and understanding in the challenge of delivering the best possible care and education we can for all our children is hugely appreciated.

Pippa Warner (Head of School) October 2021

