



St Catherine's C of E School Summer Newsletter 3-7.6.19



Dear Parents,

School Improvement

We are currently redesigning our curriculum to start in September. The aim of this is to ensure that our children have a broad curriculum with a deep level of knowledge and understanding by the time they reach year 6. This new approach will incorporate the work we have done of the seven capabilities this year – Managing feelings, confidence and agency, resilience and determination, creativity, planning and problem solving, relationships and leadership and communication. We will also be creating subject knowledge organisers and vocabulary maps which the children can use independently to learn. We will continue to ensure the children have access to a wide range of enrichment activities which enable them to apply their learning in real life contexts. Once all of the documents to support these developments are completed we will share our year group themes and schemes of learning via the curriculum.

Curriculum Enrichment

Reception and year 4 had a lovely trip to the Eden project on the last day of half term and were wonderfully behaved whilst out of school. Our last week of the half term was dedicated to outdoor learning. All our classes took part in a range of learning outside of the classroom. Key stage 2 also took part in a health and well-being day. Lots of our classes joined together for some joint learning activities.

Collective Worship

This term, our collective worship has a global theme. Our focus this week is on weather and natural disasters. Open the book enacted a story about Jesus and the children.

Summer Precautions

We have now had some lovely sunny days – please remember to send in sun hats and sun-cream (but also still raincoats!) please.

Safeguarding

A reminder that this website: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/> is full of useful information such as – how to keep your under 5 child safe online, how to set up parental controls as well as updates on what's new that your child may be exposed to.

Engineering Project Competition

Last term all our pupils entered a STEM (Science, technology, engineering and maths) competition – 'If you were an engineer what would you do?' They had to come up with a design for something they would make if they were an engineer. The competition was a national one for Primary and Secondary pupils. We are thrilled that **Ella-May (Reception) has won a trophy for her design**. Also these are the children who were shortlisted and **awarded a distinction** for the Primary Engineering Award – **Samantha (Reception), Lacey (Year 1), Kalina (Year 2), Anna (Year 3), Jessica (Year 3), Yazmyn (Year 3), Daria (Year 4), Scarlett (Year 4), Aaron (Year 5), Millie M (Year 6)** - their entries will also be on display at the exhibition. A staggering 3,469 entered this year, only 371 were shortlisted and reached the final round of judging and from these the 17 winners were chosen. To acknowledge this fantastic achievement, they will be displaying 234 of the shortlisted finalists at the public exhibition.

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 have been sent home this week to be filled and should be returned today by Friday 7th June. 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: Isaac – friendship

Class 1: Mateus – courage/Ollie - responsibility

Class 2: Millie-Rose – courage/Adam - creativity

Class 3: Tommy – friendship/ Frankie - generosity

Class 4: Ronnie – generosity/Joe - friendship

Class 5: Riley – creativity/Alistair - Creativity

Class 6: All of year 6 – SATs/Zack – kindness and patience

Good Learner

These are our star learners this week:-

Reception: Antonia – responsibility

Class 1: Tabby–reflectiveness/Amina - responsibility

Class2:Finlee – resourcefulness/All of yr 2 – SATs

Class3:Brooklyn – resilience/Kubus – reflectiveness

Class 4:Darcey –reflective /Millie B – resilience

Class 5: Harvey – Attentive, focussed learner/Jamie -responsible

Class 6: All of year 6 – SATs/Alfie - resourceful

Dates for the Diary

Fridays – Year 5/6 Top-up Swimming

Tuesdays – Yr2 Kernow House visits

Fridays Shakespeare Club 3.15-4.15

Wk beg 10th June Yr1 Phonics Screening

11th June New Reception Initial Meeting

19th June pm – 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

At present our whole school attendance is below national average. Whilst taking into account the illness that has been rife this year and recognising the strategies the school have put in place to raise this, Ofsted have set this as a school target for improvement. I will be meeting with the Education Welfare Office who is employed by county to ensure that the statutory requirement to attend school is met across Cornwall, to look at further strategies to improve attendance. **Letters will be sent home to let parents know if their child's attendance is a concern.** National expectations and average is at 96%. A child whose attendance is currently around 85% equates to having a whole half term off school so you can see the impact this would have on their learning and progress. We'd like to support all families to achieve the national expected. Please let us know if there is any support you'd like in improving attendance for your children.

This week's attendance:

Reception	91%
Year 1	94%
Year 2	93%
Year 3	94%
Year 4	93%
Year 5	94%
Year 6	93%

Whole School Attendance
93%

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: @stcatherinesandas

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,

Mrs Louise Kussey

Executive Head

SUMMER FAIR

Saturday 29 June

FROM

2-4 pm

Kernow House Care Centre
Summer Fair has something for everyone!
We are combining our Care Home Open Day
with a fun day.
Live music by Gareth Hedges, BBQ, cream teas,
Kernow Kones, stalls and games raising money for the
Sowenna Appeal.
The mayor will open our new sensory garden

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