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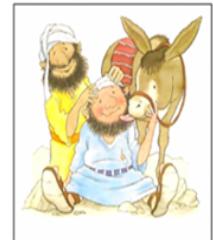
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# St Catherine's Newsletter - Autumn 2022 No.1

*"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."*



## Collective worship Autumn 1

### Journey Through the commonwealth

This half-term we will continue our journey around the Commonwealth countries of the world.

We know how committed the late queen Elizabeth II was in supporting and sustaining the links we have with these amazing countries and in celebrating not only the diversity of culture and experience, but more importantly our shared humanity and all the many things that bring us together as one.

COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES



## Confirmed Diary Dates:

### Academic Year 2022-23

**Autumn 1st Half Term** - Tuesday 6th September - Friday 21st October

**Autumn Half Term Holiday** - Monday 24th October- Friday 28th October

**Autumn 2nd Half Term** - Monday 31st October - Friday 16th December

**Christmas Holiday** - Monday 19th December - Tuesday 3rd January

**Spring 1st Half Term** - Wednesday 4th January - Friday 10th February

**Spring Half Term Holiday** - Monday 13th - Friday 17th February

**Spring 2nd Half Term** - Monday 20th February - Friday 31st March

**Easter Holiday** - Monday 3rd April - Friday 14th April

**Summer 1st Half Term** - Monday 17th April - Friday 26th May

**Summer Half Term Holiday** - Monday 29th May - Monday 5th June

**Summer 2nd Half Term** - Tuesday 6th June - Friday 21st July

## Good attendance means...

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



### Did you know?

A two week holiday in term time means that the highest attendance a child can achieve is

94.7%

## 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.

## Government determined statutory test dates:

Reception Baseline September 2022

**Key Stage 2 Statutory tests** take place in the week beginning **8th June**

**Key Stage 1 Statutory tests** take place in **May 23.**

**Year 1 Phonics** in **June 23**

**Year 4 Multiplication Check** from **5th June to the end of June**



**Please ensure that no family holidays are taken during these important times of assessment.**

**Many thanks for your support with this.**

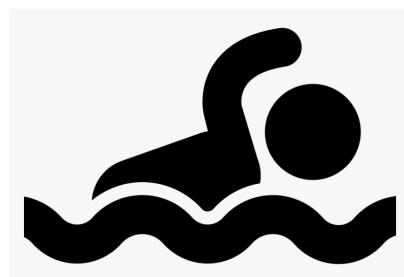
## Swimming Update

As you may know, primary schools have an obligation to ensure that children can swim 25m by the time they leave in Y6. This can be addressed in different ways, so you may see a variation in provision between different settings.

This year at St Catherine's we have prioritised our **Y6 class to swim this term**, whilst the local swimming pool is still in operation. However, no decision can be made about other classes swimming until we are informed about the plans for the local Leisure Centre and how this impacts our provision.

We will of course update you regarding this as soon as we are in possession of all the relevant facts.

Many thanks for your patience.



## **What Would Jesus Do Award**

### **Summer 2022**

**Reception:** Evie - kindness and generosity.

**Year One:** Lily - thoughtful choices and kindness.

**Year Two:** Lily - ALWAYS thinks of others before herself.

**Year Three:** Cristian - thoughtful choices and responsibility.

**Year Four:** Gerard - compassionate and open-hearted.

**Year Five:** Brogan - A kind, faithful and forgiving friend.

**Year Six:** Toby - so helpful and supportive to others.

## **Children of the Term Summer 22**

**Reception:** Teegan and Harry - a positive attitude towards everything they do!

**Year One:** David - wonderfully dedicated and enthusiastic!

**Year Two:** Jake - working hard and listening to feedback.

**Year Three:** Alexis - great role model for all learning powers.

**Year Four:** Jamie - enormous progress in ALL areas!

**Year Five:** Freya - working hard to listen well and follow all instructions.

**Year Six:** Alfie - his positivity in all areas is a great role model.



## **Values in Action Award**

**Reception:** Everyone for great first week! Everyone for being so ready to learn!

**Year One:** Ronnie - respect; Elowen-respect.

**Year Two:** George - courage; Rufus-friendship.

**Year Three:** Imogen - Courage; Micky-respect.

**Year Four:** Nora - service and compassion; Oscar-generosity.

**Year Five:** Jamie - courage and responsibility; Jasmine-service.

**Year Six:** Noel - responsibility; Taran-courage.

## **Learners of the Week Award**

**Reception:** Everyone for super effort! Everyone for taking responsibility for themselves!

**Year One:** Lola - respectful and resourceful; Chloe-responsibility.

**Year Two:** Lily - responsibility; Jackson-resilience.

**Year Three:** Marcelina - resilience; Ethan-resourcefulness.

**Year Four:** Nina - resilience and courage; Louis-reflectiveness.

**Year Five:** Sienna - reflectiveness and resilience; Lacey-reflectiveness.

**Year Six:** Owen - responsibility; Poppy-resilience.



# Terrific Toddlers!

This term has seen the start of our new Toddler Group - and everyone agrees it is a fantastic success!

The group meets in the **hall on a Wednesday from 10.00 am to 11.20 am** and is run by our very experienced staff from the Nursery.

As you can see, there are lots of activities available for children to explore, with themes changing week-by-week to ensure a full range of experiences are available.

**Fees are £3 per session or you can book 6 in advance for £15.**

Tea, coffee and biscuits are also part of the deal!



# Taekwondo Demonstration



**Richardson Martial Arts**

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Two weeks ago, Mark Richardson, who offers Taekwondo lessons in the local community, visited St Catherine's, along with several other adult members of his club (and some very proficient junior members) to give a demonstration of the different skills involved in this exciting martial art.

We were all very impressed with the discipline and energy exhibited and learned a lot about how the skills progress with each higher level.

Mark was quick to point out that the skills learnt in his lessons are only ever used either in the practice room, or in extreme situations, where individuals may need to defend themselves and we are very pleased to be able to confirm that all of his students respect this important rule.

If you are interested in Taekwondo lessons for your child or yourself, you can find out about this by visiting Mark's Facebook page, shown above.

# How can we help?



Currently, the news is full of the cost of living crisis, and we know many families are worried about spiraling food and fuel prices.

As a school, we are able to help by issuing **foodbank vouchers**. Either message Mrs Parish or Miss Thurston or pop into the office to collect one. We are also able to **help with uniform** - again just pop into the office so we can help.

The following link also has some really useful sections on other ways you can get help.

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/debt-and-money/get-help-with-the-cost-of-living/>



## NUT FREE SCHOOL



May we respectfully remind you that children are not allowed to bring any nuts or food with nuts (such as the chocolate spread with hazelnuts or the chocolate yoghurts that contain nuts) into school, for snack or lunch. We currently have several children with LIFE THREATENING ALLERGIES and even touching a table that has had nuts on or brushing up against someone who has been eating nuts can be enough to trigger a very severe reaction. Many thanks for your understanding in this matter.

# Reading in the Infants

## St Catherine's Early Reading

Following recent guidance from Ofsted, we will be changing how and when we change the children's reading books. Ofsted recommend that children read a text **three times at home** before moving on to a new book.

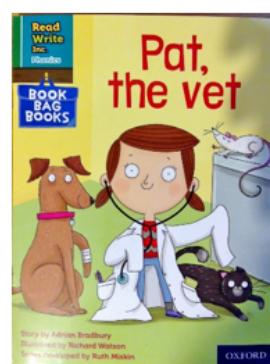
- ✚ The first time is to work on **decoding and blending** skills.
- ✚ The second time is for **comprehension**. Children should be encouraged to answer questions about what they are reading.
- ✚ The third time is to aid them in **fluency** of reading.

### Changing books

Monday – all children will be given the RWI book bag book that links to the story that they are completing in RWI lessons this week. The green and red words in the book bag book are similar to the words being practiced in the class RWI book, thus improving fluency further.



**Class book:** The story being completed in RWI lessons for the week, starting on a Monday.



**Home book:** The corresponding story is sent home as the reading book.

**Thursday** – RWI home books are collected in. A new book will be issued using our own RWI banded system (stuck in the front of your child's reading diary). These books are not written by the RWI programme but will contain words that your child should be able to decode. These books will allow children to enjoy and explore different genres, styles and formats.

### Year 2 readers who have completed the RWI programme

For Children in Year 2 who have completed the RWI programme, they will also have their books changed twice a week on Monday and Thursday. If your child is on a book band with a colour, then they are off the RWI system (for example: orange).

For **shorter books**, we would like the children to read them **twice** to aid fluency. For the **longer books**, we only expect them to read it **once**, before answering some comprehension questions.

For year 2 children who have left the RWI programme, we would like to see a parent comment in the reading diary stating they have answered some comprehension questions on the book before we change it.

### Extra support with reading

If you would like extra help to support your child with early reading, then please visit the school website and look at the phonics page. There are videos to help with pronunciation of pure sounds and extra advice to support your child with reading at home.

**It is essential that every book sent home is brought back on time to allow this system to work.**

# Brilliant Bees!



We are delighted to announce that our school bees have been very busy over the Summer and have produced some delicious honey!

The honey is on sale at £5 for a 227g jar, available at the school office, with 5 different designed labels created by our Bee Club members.

We have kept some spare to enable us to have a 'honey on toast' taster session in each class over the next couple of weeks, so that all the children will get a chance to try it at school if they want to.

All profits from sales will go into future purchases for our bees and bee club. If you are happy and able to return the jars after use that would be appreciated so that they can be recycled ready for next years honey harvest!

# Community Notices



## **Charity Bingo - Friday 11th November 2022**

Kindly held at Trethorne Golf Club

Doors open 6.30pm - Eyes Down 7.30pm

£8 for 8 games, £2 for Cash Flyer round, £10 total per person to play all games

Prizes for 1 line and 2 lines, and Full House prize of Sunday Roast Hamper for the main 8 rounds, kindly donated by **Warrens**

**Butchers and Tesco!** Cash prizes on the night for the cash flyer.

General raffle - lots of prizes - £1 per strip

**PLUS—a grand prize raffle to win a PS5!!!**

£1 per ticket for this amazing prize to take away on the night! All raffle tickets available on the night only.

Pre-bookings only, contact via email below.

Tickets are non-refundable.

Email - [daveparishmarathon23@hotmail.com](mailto:daveparishmarathon23@hotmail.com) or 07972743028

All funds raised go to SANDS, the still born and neonatal death charity. Thank you for your support.



# Community Notices

The **Aid for Ukraine** charity that we supported in the Summer term have made another request regarding gift boxes for adults and children. There are many demands on everyone's resources at the moment, but if you would like to send any donations for children or adults, you are welcome to bring them into school before October 19th and we will happily pass them on.



***"We are looking to put together Christmas gifts to send to Ukraine.***

***I have attached a photo to give you an idea. This one is for a child but we are doing adults too.***

***To help with packing into larger boxes May we ask they can be put in zip lock bags please."***

## **Frontline Support Boxes for adults - appropriate items:**

lip balm  
talcum powder  
foot powder  
wet wipes  
shampoo  
body wash  
4 in 1 shower shampoo  
toothbrushes  
toothpaste  
sanitary items

razors  
roll-on deodorant  
plasters  
imodium  
paracetamol  
ibuprofen  
indigestion tablets  
water purification tablets  
new socks (male female)  
new pants(male/female)  
savoury snacks - noodles, crackers,  
Sweet snacks - cereal bars, (no chocolate)  
Sweets - mints, energy sweets, fudge, pastilles,  
chewing gum  
small sachets coffee/chocolate drinks

# **Autumn 2022**

## **Welcome back to the new school year!**

**Three weeks in and already children have settled right back into that positive, productive learning zone that we have come to expect in all our classes!**

**This year we look forward to the extension of the building between Nursery and Foundation Two (Reception) coming into full effect, which will not only foster even better interaction between the two Foundation facilities but will also provide us with another quiet space for individual and small group working.**

**As always life has lots of challenges and sometimes a mountain or two to climb! But remember we are here to help all our families in any way we can—we may not have all the answers, but we always have time to listen and the will to explore solutions together! We are definitely better when we work together.**

**Pippa Warner Head of School**

### **Prayer for A New School Year**

God of wisdom and might,  
we praise you for  
the wonder of our being,  
for mind, body and spirit.  
Be with our children  
as they begin a new school year.  
Bless them and their teachers  
and staff. Give them strength and  
grace as their bodies grow;  
wisdom and knowledge to their minds  
as they search for understanding;  
and peace and zeal to their hearts.  
We ask this through  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

