



St Catherine's C of E School Summer Newsletter 4- 21.6.19



Dear Parents,

School Improvement

Next week our year 4s will be taking part in a trial of the new multiplication tables check that the government will be implementing in the next academic year. The test is a short, online times table test. The government target is that pupils should know all their tables by year 4. The children's use of Times Table Rock Stars has really helped them to achieve this. Both of our maths online schemes and Spelling Shed are useful tools that the school has funded in order to support pupils develop these crucial English and maths skills. If you want to know more, please pop in and ask your class teacher. The children who are most improved/most committed and also those top of the times table Rockstar league, will be selected for Red Carpet week during which they get some special rewards for their efforts.

Curriculum Enrichment

Year 3 will be off on a trip next week to Brat Tor. Our school will be taking part in a Heritage week next week – we will be learning about local, national and global heritage culminating in our annual spirituality day which has the theme of 'Love thy neighbour' this year. Our Shakespeare group have completed all of their rehearsals and will be performing at Launceston Castle tonight. Year 5 and 6 have taken part in a Rugby Tournament and next week will complete their final swimming session. Next week some of our KS1 pupils will take part in the Plymouth Argyle football tournament.

Collective Worship

This week, we have learnt about Jesus as a leader and the children thought about what makes a good leader. Open the book enacted a story called 'The Great Parade'. The children really enjoyed the acting and talking about the story and what it meant to them.

Safeguarding

This week, we have sent a copy via Dojo to our year 6 parents regarding online safety and preparing for transition to secondary school. A copy is also on our website, should you wish to read the advice given.

PCSO Visit to Year 6

This week, our local PCSO Sarah came to meet year 6 and talk about the issues that can occur and problems that arise when using social media and online messaging services. The class discussed the risks and how to be safe online.

Sports Day

We will make our 2nd attempt at having our sports day on Monday 1st July. Arrangements are as previously – arriving for 1 for a 1.15pm start. Hopefully, the weather will be kind to us this time! Thank you for all the cakes donated which went to a brektime cake sale instead.

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.

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 has sent letters out to each pupil transitioning to Launceston College in September. Should you wish to know more, please contact Launceston College.

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://andaras.eschools.co.uk/web/vacancies>.

Staff News

Sadly, we say goodbye to Mrs Dean today. Mrs Dean is returning to fulltime hair-dressing, but she will be greatly missed here at St Catherine's. We wish her all the best and thank her for her hard work and commitment to our school and all the children here at St Cath's. Mrs Penn and Miss Abbie Davey (one of our nursery assistants) will continue to run breakfast club.

Free Swimming Lessons -Swim Safe

Children and young people love swimming outdoors, but swimming in the sea, rivers and lakes is very different to swimming in a pool. Swim Safe is a fun, free opportunity for children aged between 7 and 14 (able to swim 25 metres) to learn how to keep themselves safe when swimming outdoors, and what to do if they get into trouble. From 29 July to 8 August, Monday to Thursday, children have the chance to take part in a fun, practical, interactive Swim Safe session at Summerleaze Beach, Bude and learn all about how to stay safe by the sea. Each hour-long session is completely FREE and includes safety advice from qualified lifeguards and up to 30 minutes in-water tuition with qualified swimming teachers. Swim Safe is an inclusive activity that can be adapted for children with special educational needs and/or disabilities. Visit swimsafe.org.uk to book your place, or visit us on the day.

Values in Action

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

Reception: All of reception – for their behaviour on their trip
Class 1: Benia – friendship/Piotr - courage
Class 2: Jack – generosity/ Finlee - creativity
Class 3: Brandon – hospitality/ Jessica – being amazing
Class 4: Kacie-Joe – forgiveness/Mawgan - compassion
Class 5: Chloe – creativity/ Amelia – our values
Class 6: Leo H – generosity /Ruby -Compassion

Good Learner

These are our star learners this week:-

Reception: Martha – positivity/Jacqueline – responsibility
Class 1: Julia – perseverance /Class One – hard work on phonics
Class2: Kezia – reflectiveness /Eleanor - reflectiveness
Class3: Honey – resilience/Harry - resourceful
Class 4: Scarlett – resourceful /Grace – resilience
Class 5: Ameila – participation / Lily – great learning
Class 6: Alex – reflectiveness/ Sophie - reflectiveness

Dates for the Diary

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| Fridays – Year 5/6 Top-up Swimming-Last session next Friday | 3 rd to 5 th July Yr6 Residential |
| Wk Beg 24 th June Heritage Week | 15 th /16 th July Yr 6 Transition Days Launceston College- Transition Week in School |
| 28 th June Year 3 Trip | 18 th July – Leavers' Service St Mary's |
| 1 st July Sports Day 1.15pm | 22 nd July 2pm Yr 6 Leavers' Show |
| Wk Beg 8 th July – Yr 5 Trips | 23 rd July Yr 6 Leavers' Prom 4.30pm-7pm |
| Wk Beg 8 th July Reports | 24 th 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. National expectations and average is at 96 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:

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| 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: @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,
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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SWIM SAFE

COME AND JOIN US AT
SUMMERLEAZE BEACH
FOR FREE OUTDOOR SWIMMING AND WATER SAFETY SESSIONS FOR 7-14 YEAR OLDS

Summerleaze Beach, Cornwall, EX23 8HJ
29 July - 8 August*

Several sessions each day. Book your session in advance at swimsafe.org.uk or on the day at the beach.
*Monday to Thursday



