

Dear Parents,

Thank you for all that were able to attend our parent lunches this week – it has been lovely to see such a good uptake and the children have thoroughly enjoyed showing their hospitality to you! Don't forget next week we have the Yr5 parents' lunch on Monday and the Yr6 parents' lunch on Tuesday. If you have been unable to attend and would like to visit at another time for lunch please let us know. A big thank you to our wonderful kitchen staff from Chartwells who have worked hard to provide all the extra lunches too.

School Improvement - Building Learning Powers

We hope you have now seen in your child's book bag their 'Building Learning Powers' sheet which you can add to whenever you notice them demonstrating these learning dispositions at home. The children can keep these in their book powers and share their achievements in class and in celebration assembly each week.

Maths – helping at home:

Try to spot maths in everyday life with your child. Look for opportunities for them to calculate (with money), estimate (with measures) or reason (How many do you think will need? How do you know? Why? Type questions). This can be through cooking, household chores, things you see out and about, cooking, etc.

<http://www.everydaymaths.org/stories>

<https://www.thinkthroughmath.com/math-real-life-examples/>



Make September Gold for Childhood Cancer – Super School Day

Thank you to those who supported our day – the children (and staff!) looked amazing in their costumes! We raised over £200. Gold ribbon badges will be on sale in the school office for a few more days.

Launceston Museum

Launceston Museum have a weekend of events coming up towards the end of September as part of their Dark Skies: Bright Stars project, of which the astronomy printmaking workshop that Year 6 was a part of related to. There is a 'Full Circle Creative Heritage Weekend' which takes place on and around Bodmin Moor from 22nd - 24th September and starts with an Equinox evening where they will show films made by other participating schools as well as live music, Poetry Postie and some very interesting astronomy! Flyers can be found in school or from the museum for more information.

Friends of St Catherine's

Following our Friends meeting this week we have a date for your diary – Our Christmas Fair will be on Friday 1st December from 3.15pm. The group will need lots of help to run stalls, set up and bake cakes so if you're able to offer some time either before or during the event please sign up in the school office. So far, we know there will be a Santa's Grotto, craft stalls, all children will have made something to sell as well as cake stalls, refreshments and games and competitions. Leading up to this there will be a raffle for Christmas hampers too. The fair will be open to the public so spread the word as it will be a great opportunity to get some fab Christmas gifts! More info to be sent out soon.

Coffee Morning

Open the Book – a voluntary group who come into us weekly and host a lovely interactive Collective Worship with the children are holding a coffee morning. All are welcome – it is on Tuesday 17th October from 10-12 noon at the Central Methodist Church. As well as tea and coffee there will be a cake staff and plants and produce for sale.

School Money

Look out for a letter next week to tell you how you can register for an account with School Money that will allow you to make online payments for school expenses.

50 Things

If you haven't yet seen our '50 things' book do pop in and see it or look at it on our webpage. This is a book we have given to every child in the school as a promise of the things we will do with them during their time at St Catherine's in addition to the academic!



Attendance

In-line with government expectations and other schools nationally, we are continuing to work hard on improving attendance in the school as it has such an impact on children's learning and progress. Following advice from our Educational Welfare Officer, who monitors attendance in the school, we will not authorise term time holidays unless in exceptional circumstances. Our whole school target is 95% - this includes lateness which is marked as unauthorised after 9.20am. The last week's attendance percentages are:

Reception	96%
Year 1	95%
Year 2	95.7%
Year 3	98.3%
Year 4	98.1%
Year 5	96.7%
Year 6	94.9%

Whole School Attendance

96.4%

Keeping up the great start! 😊

A reminder that absence for reasons other than the child's illness or medical appointment do go down as unauthorised.

Values in Action and Child of the Week Awards

Reception: Jessica and Amina
Class 1: Brogan and Skye
Class 2: Amelia and Aaron
Class 3: Jhah Jhah and Oliver
Class 4: Abbie and Matt
Class 5: Rihanna and Maddie
Class 6: Jessica and Connor B

Reception: Harper and Jasmine
Class 1: Roseanna and Freddie H
Class 2: Harry and Jacob
Class 3: Melissa and Grace
Class 4: Evalyn and Donna
Class 5: Alex and Brooklyn
Class 6: Seth and Donna

Dates for the Diary

Thursdays this term: Yr 5 Swimming- Collection from the pool.	Friday 20 th Oct Harvest Festival
Thurs 12 th Oct Reception Trip	Friday 20 th Oct End of half term.
Thursday 19 th Oct – Bread Making with School Council	Friday 10 th Nov Tempest Photography Day
	17 th Nov Class 2 Theatre Trip
	Wednesday 20 th Dec End of Term.

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 twitter: [@StCathsAndaras](https://twitter.com/StCathsAndaras) and Facebook: [@stcatherinesandaras](https://www.facebook.com/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/>

Yours sincerely,

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