



St Catherine's C of E School Summer 1 Newsletter 6- 28 .4.17

Dear Parents,

Welcome back for the summer term. Don't forget Monday is another bank holiday! Thank you to everyone who was able to come along to our Easter Service last Friday. The children did a great job of telling the story and singing. Also a brilliant well done to the reception and nursery class for their wonderful Easter Bonnet parade last Thursday.

School Improvement

At this point during the term, we are beginning to review progress towards achieving our improvement targets so far. Our focus this year has been very much focused on improving outcomes for all pupils across the curriculum and improving the children's learning behaviours. We have been able to evidence good progress in these areas and the impact this is having on children's attainment. We will continue to focus on this over the rest of this year. We will be sending out reports to parents at the end of this term to share children's progress. They will also be creating their own reports to share with you how they feel their progress has gone this year. There will be parent open evenings later in the term to see the children's work too.

School funding

As you know the government have planned significant cuts to school funding. We are in the process of working out what impact this is likely to have at St Catherine's and where cuts will need to be made. If you would like to find out more about this and how it will specifically affect your child please see the attached link: <https://www.schoolcuts.org.uk/#/> This page also gives ideas on how you can join the campaign to stop these cuts.

Football Team News

Our team played a match against Trekenner this week. It was a fantastic match and the team played brilliantly, winning 5-0! Well done to all involved.

Multi-skills Tournament

Year 1 Class went on an outing this week to Launceston College. They went to take part in a Multi-skills tournament and did brilliantly. The children told me how much they had enjoyed taking part.

Year 6s bag packing

On Saturday 22nd a group of our year 6s went bag packing at Tescos. Well done to Sarah, Oliver, Alex, Ruby, Betsie, Erin, Caitlin, Josh and Liam who gave up their time (and the mums who helped!) and managed to raise £207 which will help towards their Leavers' celebrations later this term.

SPAG term of the week:

apostrophe Apostrophes have two completely different uses:
▪ showing the place of missing letters (e.g. *I'm* for *I am*)

I'm going out and I won't be long. [showing missing letters]
Hannah's mother went to town in Justin's car. [marking possessives]

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/>

ADMAT Events

The first event this term will be Year 4 on Friday 26th May at Werrington Football Club.

Club pick-ups

So sorry for any confusion this week regarding collection points. To clarify: **As we do not always have someone at reception at pick up times, children will be collected from classroom external doors.**

Mon - football – Year 5 Class

Tues – Dance – Reception Class

Tues – Multi-skills – Year 3 Class

Wed – Football – Year 4 Class

After-School Child-Care Provision, daily – Creative Hub Door (Old Cloakroom)

Thurs – Homework Club – Year 2 Class

Thurs – SATs Booster – Year 6 Class

Un-notified late pickups after school or a club: after ¼ of an hour, children will be taken to the after-school childcare provision which is a chargeable service.

Summer Term Information

Hopefully, over the next few weeks we will begin to see some improvements in the weather. As such it will be important that the children do come prepared. Please provide your child with a sunhat if possible (named) and if you wish them to wear sun-cream, please apply this at home prior to arrival at school. As the weather can be changeable, it will also be important to send in a raincoat too. Summer uniform includes a green, checked dress or grey or black shorts. Shoes should be school-appropriate. Closed toe sandals are preferred for safety and no crocs please.

After-School club

This is now up and running – you can pick up a form to book for the whole half-term from the office. Providing numbers remain sufficient we will hope to keep this running long-term.

Nursery News

Our nursery will be taking rising 3s from this term and we hope to take from 2 years old from September. From September parents will be entitled to 30 hours funding for 3 year olds instead of just 15 hours.

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	96.8%	Whole School Attendance	
Year 1	97.5%		
Year 2	98.3%		
Year 3	97.3%		
Year 4	95.5%		95.8%
Year 5	99.2%		
Year 6	85.8%		

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

Children of the Week

Values in Action Children of the week:

Reception: Eleanor
Class 1: Tommy-Lee
Class 2: Jennifer
Class 3: Reece
Class 4: Jasmine T
Class 5: Ellie
Class 6: Maisy, Alex, Alfie

Good Learner Children of the week:

Reception: Noah
Class 1: Maria
Class 2: Joe
Class 3: Sarah
Class 4: Cameron
Class 5: Kieran
Class 6: Jess T

Dates for the Diary

28.4.17 RNLI Beach Safety Talk	30.6.17 Yr 2 Trust Event
8-12 th May Year 6 SATs Week	3.7.17 Year 5 Trips Week
12.5.17 Class Photos	13.7.17 Yr 6 Parents Evening Launceston College
26.5.17 Year 4 Trust Event	14.7.17 Year 6 Trust Event
26.5.17-5.6.17 Half Term Holiday	17/18.7.17 Yr 6 Transition Days at Launceston College
5.6.17 INSET Day – no pupils in school	20.7.17 Year 5 Trips Week Presentation Evening
6.6.17 Back to school	24.7.17 Year 6 Leavers Show/Prom
9.6.17 Year 1 Trust Event	25.7.17 Last Day of Term – pupils
12.6.17-15.6.17 Year 6 Residential	26.7.17 INSET Day – school closed for pupils
16.6.17 Year 3 Trust Event	
23.6.17 Rec Trust Event	

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)

Yours sincerely,

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