



St Catherine's C of E School Summer Newsletter 5- 5.7.19



Dear Parents,

Staff News

We would like to welcome Miss Victoria Hourihan to our nursery team. We also welcome Mrs Rebecca Brewer to our teaching team. Mrs Brewer will be stepping down from her Governor role and we like to thank her for her hard work and commitment to the school working as a volunteer on our governing body for the last 12 years.

School Improvement

Continuing on our successful transition weeks, which we have found really help our children prepare for their next class, this year these will be held in the week beginning 15th July. Year 6 spend the 15th and 16th July at Launceston College and our new reception class join us for the week too. Now that staffing arrangements have been finalised our class structure for next year is as follows:

Nursery: Mrs Bishop with Miss Basford, Miss Davey and Miss Hourihan.

Reception: Miss Rowe with Mrs Pipe

Class 1: Mr Hudson with Mrs Pike

Class 2: Mrs Powell with Mrs Gillespie

Class 3: Mrs Laithwaite and Mrs Williams with Mrs Penn

Class 4: Mrs Brewer and Mrs Warner with Mrs Grout

Class 5: Mrs Roberts with Mrs Davey

Class 6: Miss Bruce with Mrs Fisk

Mrs Fowler and Mrs Barker will continue to support pupils in each class.

Children will spend transition week with their new teachers. I will still be based at St Catherine's for the majority of every week.

Reports and Parents' Open Evening

This year, An Daras MAT schools are trialling an online portal for reports. Hopefully, these will be ready to access by 10th July. Please return your consent slips for the online reports or a notification if you require a written report by 3rd. Teachers will be available after school on Tuesday 16th July if you wish to pop in after school to see your child's work or talk about your child's report. All teachers including our leadership team will be present on this evening also.

Curriculum Enrichment

Year 3 had a wonderful time on their trip to Brat Tor. Our Shakespeare group have completed their performance and were brilliant in their roles. Year 5 and 6 have taken part in a Rugby Tournament and next week will complete their final swimming session. Some of our KS1 pupils have also taken part in the Plymouth Argyle football tournament. This week our Year 6s have taken part in a residential to Adventure Okehampton. Next week Year 5 have an array of exciting trips to take part in.

Collective Worship

This week, we learnt about people who stand up for what they believe even when that is challenging to do so. We have also learnt healthy bodies are happy bodies – thinking about looking after ourselves and how we do that.

Safeguarding

Our organisation has signed up to the Zero Tolerance to Hate Campaign. Signing this pledge means we will:

- Promote an equal society to uphold the rights of everyone and we will work to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and unfair treatment
- Foster good relations by promoting respect for each other and tackling prejudice
- Report any incidents of hate that are witnessed within our organisation / premises



To find out more visit: <https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/advice/threat-assault-abuse/hate-crime/zero-tolerance/about-the-zero-tolerance-campaign/>

Sports Day

Well done on all who took part in our sports day this week. A special well done to Kensey house who won the overall trophy. Thank you to all who helped with running the events and with Friends refreshments.

Change to date of early 2020 May Bank Holiday

You may have seen the announcement that **the spring Bank Holiday will be moved from Monday 4 May 2020 to Friday 8 May 2020**. This is related to recognition of the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War in Europe. This does not impact on the school terms as the week commencing 4 May falls in the middle of the first summer half term. Some parents could already have booked a trip away for the Bank Holiday weekend 2-4 May 2020. If so, you may want to reconsider for employment reasons and because the Monday will now not be a Bank Holiday. Any parents who cannot change a commitment they have already made please let the school know.

Construction Work

We have been in touch with the site manager of the new building site behind Moorland Road, following concerns over the number of trucks passing through at school pick up and drop off times. Following this he has said they have now reiterated delivery restrictions for their muck shift operations. The restriction times are: 8.30-9am and 3-4pm. They also now have someone on their gate ensuring these restrictions are being met by photographing and documenting the times that the large trucks are arriving on site, so that they are able to manage any that don't adhere to the restrictions. Hopefully this will reduce the risks to the safety of our children and families during this time.

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>.

Up and coming events.

Please see fliers below for a range of activities coming up soon in the local area.

Values in Action

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

Reception: Riley – fairness/Lily M - friendship

Class 1: Julia – friendship/Leah - courage

Class 2: All of Year 2 -generosity/ Patryk - thankfulness

Class 3: Scarlett – thoughtful /All of Year 3 – Trip behaviour

Class 4: Ethan K – compassion/Wael - bravery

Class 5: Reece – courage/Megan - courage

Class 6: Melody – responsibility/Cameron - friendship

Good Learner

These are our star learners this week:-

Reception: Ella-May – resilience /Oscar - responsibility

Class 1: Orla – resilience / Pippa - improvement

Class2: Annija – resourceful / Skye - respect

Class3: Filip – reflective / Kubus - resilience

Class 4: Amelia – learning powers / Oliver – learning powers

Class 5: Megan – improving work/ Ellie - strategic

Class 6: Ben – reflective /Emily- reflective

Dates for the Diary

3rd to 5th July Yr6 Residential

Wk Beg 8th July – Yr 5 Trips

10th July Reports

16th July Open evening

Further information and dates will be added once these are confirmed.

15th/16th July Yr 6 Transition Days Launceston College-

Transition Week in School

18th July – Leavers' Service St Mary's

22nd July 2pm Yr 6 Leavers' Show

23rd July Yr 6 Leavers' Prom 4.30pm-7pm

24th July end of term

Thursday 5th September Back to School

Attendance

This week's attendance is:

Reception	91%
Year 1	95%
Year 2	93%
Year 3	94%
Year 4	94%
Year 5	94%
Year 6	93%

Whole School Attendance

93%

Well done Year 1 on great attendance this week!

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



The "Sticky Paw Gang" have struck again and stolen all the honey from the factory in Honey Pot Lane!
Can you help find the leader of the gang?

Paw-lease join in the hunt from the 15th July – 31st August at the Bearhouse in Launceston.

Entry is free and there will be a prize, drawn at the end of the summer, for one lucky super sleuth to win a Bearhouse Bear and £100 spending spree at the Bearhouse.

We are open Monday to Saturday every week from 10am – 4pm.

Call Headbear on 01566 777092 if you would like more information or just come along you will find us at:

Charlie Bears Bearhouse, Pipers Close, Launceston, PL15 7PJ



Launceston Priory Park
Community Dig

26th to 28th July, 10am-5pm



Join the Friends of Launceston Priory as we investigate the results of a geo-physical survey.

- Have a go at digging a test pit
- Undertake finds washing
- No archaeological experience necessary
- It's free to participate

Council for
British Archaeology

For more details visit
archaeologyfestival.org.uk



Holiday Club@Lawhitton
Summer Holiday 2019

Week 1 - 29/7/19 Exploring the Woodland

Monday - Woodland walk and river play.
Tuesday - Den building. Creating a second base camp in the woods.
Wednesday - Nature arts and crafts.
Thursday - Building a bug hotel, using materials found in the woodland.
Friday - Exploring the river wildlife and carrying out experiments.

Week 2 - 5/8/19 Fire and Cooking

Monday - Learn how to build your own fires and enjoy toasting marshmallows and making smores.
Tuesday - Bread making on the fire.
Wednesday - Learn how to use a kelly kettle on the fire to make hot chocolate.
Thursday - Use the Dutch oven to make soup.
Friday - Discover different types of fire. Which fire burns the longest? What resources do you need?

Week 3 - 12/8/19 Using Tools

Monday - Learn to safely use a variety of tools in the woodland.
Tuesday - Make your own whisks for making hot chocolate on the fire.
Wednesday - Make a mallet from wood to help build your dens.
Thursday - Learn the skill of whittling to make a knife.
Friday - Wooden jewellery making.

Week 4 - 19/8/19 Nature Arts and Crafts

Monday - Create using clay. Will you make a troll, elf or goblin? Maybe a hedgehog, a bug or a pot?
Tuesday - Leaf printing using the technique of Hapa Zome.
Wednesday - Creating natural collages and sculptures.
Thursday - Make a woodland/garden bird feeder.
Friday - Woodland team games.

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LAUNCH WALK!
Sunday 7th July Lukesland Gardens, Ivybridge from 11am
Join us for a family walk as we send Ben on his way to his first peak and launch our Miles for Smiles campaign.

Help us reach our target of 24,901 miles which would take us around the whole world.

July - October 2019

MILES FOR SMILES

How far would you go?

Raising funds for families for children adoption

www.familiesforchildren.org.uk
Charity No. 1093131

Help us walk around the World
from 7th July - 14th October 2019

Get Active with your family this summer and help raise vital funds for the support of adopted children many of whom have experienced developmental trauma and neglect in their early years; join the Miles for Smiles - every step for adoption campaign!

Families for Children had been looking for a campaign to launch in 2019 to raise much needed funds for our Family Strengthening Unit and adoption support therapies. We need to let more people know about the life-changing work we undertake and how we need to recruit more adopters for the 4,500 children currently waiting in care in the UK. We were generously approached by local sports professional, Ben Knight, who had challenged himself to walk/ climb the 5 highest peaks in 5 different countries in Western Europe! Ben was looking for a charity to support whilst completing the challenge, he has had personal experience of coaching children in foster care and understands how a family's support, love and nurturing can help a child realise their ambition - Families for Children fitted his beliefs.

Families for Children's, Miles for Smiles, campaign will enable all our friends and families to support Ben's personal challenge - We challenge you and your family to collectively (with others!) walk around the world, 24,901 miles between July 7th and October 14th 2019. We know we can do it with your help!



Meet our Challenger - Ben Knight

"Encouraging families to be active and at the same time doing something to support a charity like Families for Children, who aim to place young people into loving and supportive families seemed like a very worthwhile reason to challenge myself and hopefully encourage others to be active by simply getting out and walking some miles."

Minimum entry is £25 sponsorship.

To register visit
www.familiesforchildren.org.uk/m4s

If you walk the miles you will receive a certificate/medal and:

- 10 miles: Teddy key ring
- 50 miles: metal sports bottle
- 100 miles: T-shirt

www.familiesforchildren.org.uk



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