



St Catherine's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

May 2021

Live, Love and Learn Together

Important dates for your diary: Coming up...

HALF TERM DATES:

*Monday 31st May
2021*

INSET DAY:

*Monday 7th June
2021*

BACK TO SCHOOL:

*Tuesday 8th June
2021*

FOREST SCHOOL SESSIONS:

*After School Club
and OAK CLASS,
every Friday
please wear play
clothes and
supply wellies.*

LEE CUFF SPORTS

SESSIONS:
*SYCAMORE CLASS,
every Wednesday*

Message from Mrs Terrey:

Phew!! We came back to school with a rocket and our feet haven't touched the ground as yet! We started our After School Clubs and they have been a great success so far and are all full.

We had a flood in Oak Classroom! Miss Sherrin to the rescue again!

Our lovely Mrs King had to leave us due to personal reasons so Mrs Dickson and I are teaching Ash class between us and I'm very much enjoying it!

This week we had a Local Governing Board meeting and the first batch of parents evening appointments have happened, more on that to follow. Sycamore class welcomed back Father Keith for morning assembly, another lovely indicator that we are tiptoeing back to normal life, and then who came knocking on our door...?OFSTED!! Oh My! I will let you know how we fared in the next newsletter.

Drop Off and Pick Ups:

The drop off times will continue as they are.

Bubbles:

We are hoping to merge bubbles at lunchtimes, in line with Government advice, on Monday.

Uniforms:

The sun is out so we are happy for pupils to wear summer uniform provided they bring a jumper or cardigan in too, along with a coat, so we are prepared for the ever-changeable British weather!

School Lunches:

Hot lunches are continuing for Key Stage 1. Remember to order on the Food Links website the Monday before!



Parking:

Thank you all, the parking and road situation are much better, we will continue to monitor this to make sure that our pupils are safe on their way to and from school.

Face Coverings and Contact Tracing:

A reminder that all parents must wear face coverings unless they are exempt. We will offer coverings if you have forgotten. It is Trust policy and the policy of all schools locally that this occurs.

If you or anyone in your household have a positive test result for Covid-19 you will need to contact school so that we can inform close contacts and advise you what to do next.



Parents Evenings:

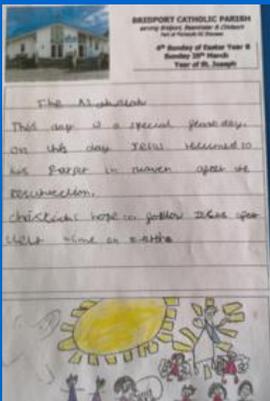
The first parents' evenings were held on the 5th May. The next are on the 19th May. The meetings will be held via Zoom or on the phone, whichever suits you best. If you are having trouble booking online, please contact the office.

COVID Regulations:

Things are progressing in the right way (so far, so good) and the COVID regulations are slowly being relaxed however, we are still adhering to government guidelines. As and when things change, we will let you know.

Help for Heroes Stamp Competition:

Please see the letter attached for more information on this fun activity for a great cause!



After School Clubs:

Netball: We've been learning the rules, practicing shooting, defending and ball skills!

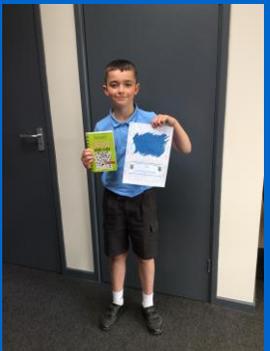
Just Dance: We've learnt some new moves to get our bodies moving and grooving.

Science: Science club have been looking at forces and have created balloon rockets and spaghetti and marshmallow towers. Our tallest construction was 52cm! Can anyone beat us? The children have loved using their investigative powers to see what works and how adjust their methods.

PE: We have been having a great time in PE club, the first week we tried out the REAL PE at home resources and played lots of fun games trying to steal the pirate treasure! Last week we explored the PE apparatus and wall bars. We worked on our jumping, balancing and climbing skills. We are looking forward to doing different things each week and soon we are going to be doing some circus skills.

Art Club: We've been thinking about summer and using pastels and water colour pencils to design suns.

News Letter: We've learned how to interview people and how to get a 'scoop'!





Board Games: It was a very competitive game and players played in pairs against each other. This gave them opportunities to discuss their prospective moves. We saw the black team put under pressure to get out of check a few times.

Forest School: We have been exploring the garden and learning about how plants grow.

Pentecost Day:

Sycamore class have been learning how Jesus' disciples were feeling after The Resurrection and then how their mood changed on Pentecost Day when the Holy Spirit came.

They created a dance in groups to represent how happy the disciples felt and that they could share the Good News with other people that Jesus had remembered to send a friend so people would not be alone when he returned to His Father in Heaven.

So, What Have We Been Doing ..?

Birch and Oak:

We have been enjoying our Enchanted Woodland topic. In our English lessons we watched an exciting video clip about a 'Tree House' that came to life. We then wrote about our own magical tree houses. In Art we have been experimenting by mixing different coloured paints. We then used our skills to paint woodland animals. We have also enjoyed making tree boggarts out of clay!

Sycamore:

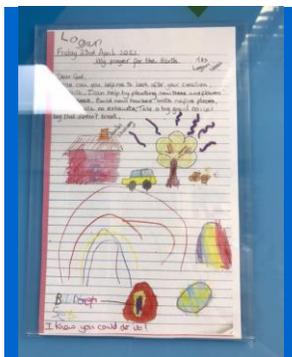
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On Tuesday, Father Keith came to visit Sycamore class to hold a liturgy with the children about Jesus being the Vine and us the branches. The children were so happy that he came to visit and even more so because they had written about Ascension for the Church Newsletter and he had an opportunity to see their work.

Ash:

Ash class have been busy challenging themselves by writing newspaper articles based on the book 'Varmints'. They have planned, written and created their own using all the features to make someone want to pick up their paper and read it. Lots of catchy headlines like 'Jellyfish Invasion!' and 'Seeds under investigation!' will be sure to get people interested.





Ash have also been thinking about challenges in other parts of their lives and set themselves some mind mountain challenges to climb.

Hazel:

Hazel class are looking at climate zones and biomes. Biomes are a collection of plants and animals that have common characteristics for the environment they exist in. They can be found over a range of continents. Biomes are distinct biological communities that have formed in response to a shared physical climate. We are exploring types of weather in different parts of the world, indigenous plants and how these plants use the local climate to grow and what they do to survive.

Maple:

Maple have had great fun learning about the heart and how it works. They have dissected a lamb's heart and identified the pulmonary artery and the ventricular valves. To show how the valves worked, they injected water into the arteries and checked which way it would flow. They have also made blood using oil, milk, syrup and food colouring. By mixing these ingredients together, they could see white and red blood cells, platelets and plasma. They are now moving on to learn about the pulse and how it changes with emotions and exercise. They are also about to start rehearsals for their leavers show!

First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation:

We ask your prayers, please, for our children who are going through the First Holy Communion Process.

New Addition to the St Catherine's Family:

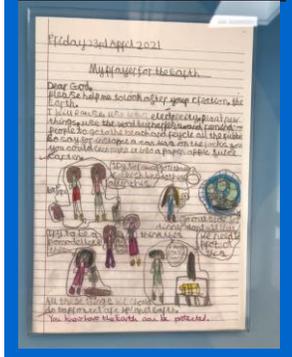
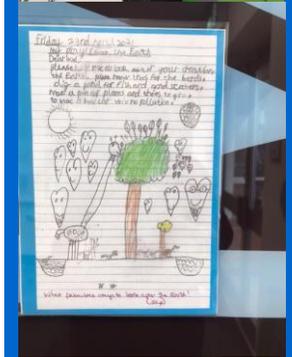
We are SO excited. We have a new family of Blue Tits nesting...where do you think..? In a traffic cone! They are up near the Forest School area and Mrs Stiles is keeping a very close eye on them. As soon as we can get a picture, without disturbing them, we will!

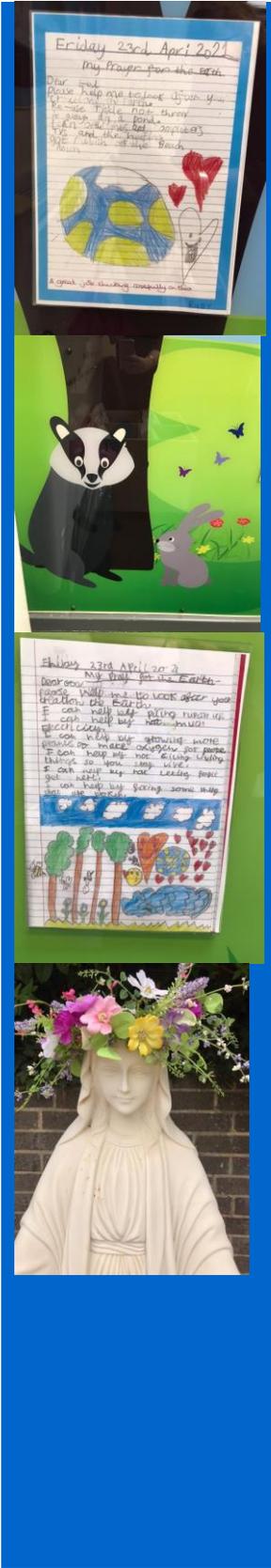
Prayer Tree:

Our beautiful Prayer Tree in Reception has its first Pupil Prayers. Oli L, Logan, Ruby and Amelia wrote their own poems about Creation and how we can help the planet. They were given gold crosses as rewards which they wear with pride!

Pupil Voice:

We had a Pupil Voice Day on Wednesday. This event is run by Mrs Best along with the School Council. The School Council is made up of two elected pupils from each class who meet to discuss topics that affect them such as Anti Bullying





Week and how they felt about coming back to school after lock down. There is more information on the website.

On Wednesday, teachers came into class to talk about the subject they were responsible for and the children discussed the current curriculum and give their opinions on what they would like to learn and how. This is an amazingly valuable event and helps to shape the curriculum

BRIDPORT MULTI-ACTIVITY HOLIDAY CAMPS: shortoaks.square.site

The next sets of camps will take place during May Half Term Monday 31st May - Thursday 3rd June.

The camps this week will be run by Miss Benedetto (Miss B)(KS1) & Mrs Stiles/Mrs Holman (KS2)

We will have the usual favourites of Nerf Guns, dodgeball, capture the flag, arts and crafts, football, bug hunting and den building! All children who attend the camps will receive a certificate. There are heaps of fantastic prizes on offer with every member of the winning team receiving a wrist band AND some big prizes for those who show great sportsmanship and attitude 🏆

- 📅 Monday 31st May - Thursday 3rd June
- 🕒 8:00am to 5.30pm - £25 per child
- 🕒 9.00am to 3.30pm - £15 per child
- 📍 1st West Bay Sea Scouts, St Swithin's Road, Bridport 👨👩👧👦 There is a sibling discount of 10% - please ask BEFORE booking

The Month of May is the Month of Mary:

During May we celebrate the mother of Christ, Our Blessed Lady, Mary. Now, Mary had a very important job, being the mother of Jesus on earth and she is patron Saint to all mothers. Not only that, Mary is also patron Saint to all humanity, as well as groups that include; blood donors; travellers and those who work in the travel industry; cooks and those who work in the food industry. A lot of responsibility! We are planning a May Procession on Friday 21st May around the school with the children singing hymns to our lady.

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death, Amen.

*We plant the seeds
that one day will grow*

Keep safe, stay happy, From the St Catherine's Team