



St Catherine's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

July 2021

Live, Love and Learn Together

**Important
dates for
your diary:
Coming up...**

**LAST DAY OF
TERM:**

Friday 23rd July
2021

**FIRST HOLY
COMMUNION:**

Sunday 18th July
2021

**AFTER SCHOOL
CLUBS:**

*This is the last
week of clubs
until
September.*

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SPORTS

SESSIONS:

**BIRCH and OAK
CLASS, every
Wednesday**

Message from Mrs Terrey:

Well, we are approaching the end of term and the end of the school year. It's been extraordinary, I'm sure you'll agree. We've worked hard to make sure our pupils had continuous, quality education and I am so grateful to our wonderful teachers, teaching assistants, lunchtime supervisors, cleaners and office staff for helping to keep our brilliant school going strong! We've also had three OFSTED visits which, although hard going, have consistently shown we are moving in the right direction and making a difference every day. I was very happy to receive a letter from [Vik Verma, Corporate Director for Education and Learning at Dorset County Council](#), congratulating us on how well we have done and continue to do!

I know you, the parents and carers, have missed out on a lot (sports day, Julia's House Mile Run and face to face parents evenings) but we've made sure your children haven't missed out if we possibly can! Which brings me to Maple Class and their amazing performance of 'WoW! What a Year'. We are sorry that we can't have an audience but we will record the performance and put it on Google Classrooms.

I hope you all enjoyed the England game; it is the first time the men's England football team have been in a major international tournament final since the 1966 World Cup and everyone had their hopes held high. This national experience has been a great learning opportunity for our children.

Gareth Southgate is a shining example of using Growth Mind Set to understand that knowledge can be acquired and intelligence can be developed. With a growth mindset, people focus on improvement instead of worrying about how clever they are. They work hard to achieve their goals. In the Euros '96 Gareth missed a penalty. He worked hard, took constructive criticism and focussed to become the England Manager. What a great example he is for our children in resilience, respect and compassion.

WHOLE SCHOOL MOVING UP DAY:
Wednesday 14th July



Parking:

PCSO Kat Newman will be back at pick up and drop off times. On Friday, we had a very unfortunate incident when a member of staff was hit by a car. There were no injuries, thank the Dear Good Lord, but it was a shocking and very upsetting incident for everyone involved. We take this very seriously. It reiterates the need for care, patience and common sense when driving, parking or manoeuvring near schools. It's a frantic and often stressful time and every care needs to be taken to make sure our children are kept safe. Please cooperate with PCSO Kat. We are very grateful to her for her help.

Drop Off and Pick Ups:

The drop off times will continue as they are.

Reception Prayer Tree:

We have new prayers from Ash Class. Sophia, Aimee, Jacob and Evlyn have allowed us to display their beautiful prayers about the sea. Thank you so much.

New Curriculum Overview:

In the Autumn Term we will be looking at:

Reception Y1	Y2	Y3/4	Y4/5	Y5/Y6
Geography Project Focus Our Local Area and Capital Cities	History Project Focus Benjamin Jesty and Edward Jenner. Scientists of the first vaccination. The NHS and COVID.	History Project Focus Ancient Egypt Civilisation Farming, Art and Culture	Geography Project Focus Ordnance Survey Settlements and Land use over time.	History Project Focus Ancient Greece, Greek life and achievements. The impact on the Western world.

Sports Day Mistake:

Oh My!! One of the most important things to learn is making a mistake is not the end of the world and owning up to a mistake is the right thing to do...so...Miss Fearn would like to apologise, unreservedly, for getting the name of the winning House wrong. St David's were the fantastic winners who accepted their victory with grace and benevolence. Congratulations!!



First Holy Communion:

Rylo, Filip, Rohan and Evlyn are all making their First Holy Communion on Sunday 18th July. Please keep them in your prayers and hearts as they take this wonderful step through their Catholic childhood. Please also remember if you can't get to Mass there is a live stream on the Parish Facebook page so you can tune in and watch the Mass from home.



GIFT Team:

Our GIFT Team attended Mass at our Parish Church on Tuesday 13th July. They had a talk with Fr Keith and members of the Parish. They also learnt about their responsibilities in being good role models for children during day to day life and Mass. We wish them every success. They will be commissioned by Father Keith on the 21st July.

Face Coverings and Contact Tracing:

On advice from the government, we shall continue on as we have been until the further announcement on 21st July. 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.](#)



Whole School Moving Up Day:

Wednesday 14th July was 'Moving Up Day'. This is when the children go to the class they will be in next year to spend the day in their new classrooms with their new teachers. It's an exciting time and we know you will support your children during this time of transition. We all had a great time.



Bikeability:

Ben from Bikeability successfully trained Maple Class, with the help of Mrs Friedman, and the children have received their certificates and badges. Congratulations to them all!



Afterschool Clubs:

This is the last week of After School clubs until we start back in September.

From September 2021, we will change them every half term. An Afterschool Clubs list will be issued in September 2021.



Julia's House Run an Extra Mile:

Huge thanks, yet again, to the fantastic St Catherine's PTFA for organising the Run an Extra Mile event. We raised an incredible £969.20 which was split 50/50 between Julia's House and St Catherine's. Oak Class raised a phenomenal £264.50 and they will be presented with a cup on Friday at assembly.



St Catherine's PTFA:

If you would like to join the PTFA, and you would be very welcome indeed! Please email scptfa@gmail.com or have a look at the Facebook page.

Where Are We Now??:

The children have moved classrooms and so:

Class	Pick Up/Drop Off
Reception	Side Gates as usual
Year One	Side Near Pool
Sycamore	Main Playground near the Ramp
Ash	Main Playground
Hazel	Main Playground
Maple	Main Playground

Reports:

If you would like to discuss the your child's report, please email your child's class teacher.

Year 6 have celebrated the end of all their hard work by spending a day at West Bay. Although the weather wasn't on our side, we all had a great time The children made sculptures of famous landmarks - not surprisingly, Stonehenge featured rather a lot! We then played some competitive ball games and managed not to lose the ball in the sea!

We have also had a 'Cookie Character' competition where the children worked in groups to design and make their favourite character. I think you will agree, they looked fantastic. The staff had a hard job choosing a winner. Oscar, Billy, Kai and Sam were the winning team with a great cookie that looked like Mike Wazowski from Monsters inc. As I'm sure you can imagine, the cookies' life span was short lived as they were soon devoured by 23 hungry children!

St Luigi Scrosoppi:

This is a very fitting Patron Saint! Luigi Scrosoppi (1804-84) is the patron saint of all footballers. He encouraged young people to take part in sports, especially football, and is often depicted in art carrying a football. He represents values that are developed through sport, such as fairness, perseverance, diligence, and determination. St Luigi's feast day is 3rd April.

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



LETTER FROM VIK VERMA


Dear Mrs Terrey,

I wanted to take the opportunity to write to you regarding the recent Ofsted monitoring inspection at St Catherine's Roman Catholic School and congratulate you on the outcome.

Ofsted stated in their report that "Leaders and those responsible for governance are taking effective action in order for the school to become a good school" and we are grateful for all the hard work of you and your team to achieve this important milestone on your journey to towards a good outcome at the next inspection.

I was particularly heartened to read that staff, pupils, and parents and carers appreciate your leadership and that morale is high, despite all of the recent challenges.

In addition, it was a delight to read that pupils behave well and display enthusiasm for learning. I recognise the challenging year that all of our schools have experienced through the pandemic.



Achieving this milestone at what has been a difficult year is a tremendous outcome for our children. Please do pass our thanks on to your staff for their continued efforts and I wish you a smooth end to the academic year.

Yours sincerely

Vik Verma

Corporate Director for Education and Learning