



# St Catherine's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

10<sup>th</sup> September  
2021

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Growing with God, in Knowledge and Faith*

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

**MEET THE  
TEACHER:**  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>  
September

**AFTER SCHOOL  
CLUBS:**  
Start on Monday  
13<sup>th</sup> September

**BREAKFAST  
CLUB:**  
Starts Monday  
13<sup>th</sup> September

**LEE CUFF  
SPORTS  
SESSIONS:**  
ASH Class  
Wednesdays

**FOREST  
SCHOOL: MAPLE**  
Class Fridays

## **Message from Mrs Terrey:**

It's already the end of our first week and it's been brilliant! We had some sunshine, we made a great start on our learning and we celebrated being back together!

Afterschool clubs will start next week with the exception of Just Dance and Comic Book Club which will start on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September as we are having Meet Your Teacher Sessions on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September. This is a great opportunity to have a look around the classrooms and have an informal chat with the teachers.

I'm looking forward to seeing you then!

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## **Drop Off and Pick Ups:**

The new system is working well and so we will continue for the foreseeable future.

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## **What have we been doing?**

### **Oak:**

This week the children have been exploring their new classroom. Our new starters have settled brilliantly and are proving to be hard working and happy additions to the class. Oak Class are taking the responsibility of being the 'older' pupils and making sure they look after the younger children. We have been thinking about being kind and sharing.

### **Sycamore:**

We were all so excited to be back together! We have been working on our class display during Art sessions and learning about new beginnings in RE. We enjoyed learning ball skills in PE and the highlight of our week was listening to South African music!



### **Ash:**

We have been working on our times tables and learning about St Francis of Assisi which has inspired some amazing art! We have used our British Value knowledge of Rule of Law to create our Class Charter which sets out the rules and expectations of behaviour in our class. We have also used our Democracy knowledge to vote for Student Council members.

### **Hazel:**

We have been learning about space and the universe. We have used the words of St Paul to discuss qualities and talents. We have discussed what qualities we would like to have and which we admire in people.



### **Maple:**

We have been learning about Ancient Greece. The gods and goddesses and the myths and legends. Year 5 have been extending place values in Maths and Year 6 have been learning about Ratio and Proportion. We have started to read the book; 'I don't like poetry!' and we have written a poem about school. Each of us writing a stanza that rhymes. We also had a recap on Forces (pushing, pulling etc).

### **Face Coverings and Contact Tracing:**

On advice from the government, we will no longer ask you to wear face coverings on school grounds. You may continue to wear a mask if you prefer. **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.**



### **Breakfast Club:**

Breakfast Club will begin on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September. If you are interested in sending your child please email [office@stcatherinesbridport.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:office@stcatherinesbridport.dorset.sch.uk)

### **GIFT Team:**

The GIFT Team addressed the school in assembly this week and made sure they were out and about during break times to help anyone who needed it. They wear their hoodies with pride and take their responsibilities very seriously.

### **New Mission Statement:**

We have added to our Mission Statement in incorporate our faith and our commitment to God.

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### Keen to be Green:

We have a new recycling bin installed in the playground. Please feel free to bring your unwanted clothes, shoes and cuddly toys to donate. All donations need to be put in a plastic bag and dropped in the bin. We have partnered with ASTRA Recycling who recycle clothes and other donations and send them to people in need in other countries. In turn, the donated items help raise funds for our school so you really can help out by clearing out!



### Office Hours:

Our Office will be open from 08:45 to 15:00 daily. This gives us a chance to make sure all the children are in class and happy before we deal with anything else. We are more than happy to help with any queries during Office Hours.

### Class Saints:

Each class adopted a Saint and we will be learning about their lives and how they became a Saint during RE sessions and in the Newsletters.

- Oak Class - St. Nicholas
- Sycamore Class - St. Valentine
- Ash Class - St. Francis of Assisi
- Hazel Class - St. Vincent de Paul
- Maple Class - St. Oscar Arnulfo Romero



### British Values:

We are incorporating British Values in everything we do to help ground our young people and instill pride in them that we live in a free and fair country that respects other cultures and welcomes them.

**Democracy** – The hard won right to vote and to have our opinions heard

**The Rule of Law** – The laws we must abide by in our country

**Individual Liberty** - Protection of your rights and the right of others

**Mutual Respect and Tolerance of those with different faiths** - Understanding that we all don't share the same beliefs and values. Respecting the values, ideas and beliefs of others whilst not imposing our own others.

### Play in a Day:

The children in Hazel Class will create and perform a 'Play in a Day' along with the Konflux Theatre Group. The play, 'Great Britain, It's in The Name'. Will be performed on Monday 18th October 2021. This is another, really fun way, to help instill British Values in our pupils. We are keeping our fingers crossed that we can have an audience!





### Afterschool Clubs

The emails about the clubs will go out later today (Friday 10th September) if your child hasn't got their first choice reassure them we will be changing clubs for the start of November so everyone will get a chance to go to the club they prefer. We still have some spaces in Board Games (for Oak & Sycamore Class), Just Dance (for Oak & Sycamore Class), Comic Book Club (for Yrs 4, 5 & 6) and Drama Club (Yrs 1,2 & 3) If your child hasn't chosen a club as yet, email the Office to put their name down.

### Autumn Fayre

We are hoping to have an Autumn Fayre this term, please let the PTFA know if you would like to help organise or help out on the day. [Scpffa@gmail.com](mailto:Scpffa@gmail.com) it's definitely worth liking their FaceBook page for information and to find out how to get involved [St Catherine's RC Primary School PTFA](#)



### What a Week!

It's been a rollercoaster of a ride this week. Settling in to new classes, learning new things, making new friends and getting used to new teachers! No wonder we're all so tired!

Try to make some time to rest this weekend (parents, carers and children) either watch a film together, snuggled on the sofa or bed, play a low key game like Monopoly or take a gentle walk.

It's important to look after yourselves and take time to recharge and relax in whatever way suits you best.

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