



St Catherine's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

May Half term 21

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 ASH CLASS,
every Friday
please wear play
clothes and supply
wellies.

**LEE CUFF SPORTS
SESSIONS:**

BIRCH and OAK
CLASS, every
Wednesday

Message from Mrs Terrey:

Well, here we are, half term already, I don't know where the time goes! You have all been working so hard and making fantastic progress, I am proud of all of you. We have started having assembly again and it's lovely, it really does feel as though we are tip toeing back to normality. I am so pleased with the change in the weather too! Just in time for our half term break. I hope you all get lots of rest and relaxation, you've earned it! Don't forget, we are having an Inset Day on Monday 7th June so we will look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 8th June.

Drop Off and Pick Ups:

The drop off times will continue as they are.

Bubbles:

We have merged our bubbles at lunchtime and, if all goes to plan we will continue to increase merging until we can all be back together again.

Uniforms:

Name Tags: Please put your child's name in ALL pieces of clothing! If they have a hand-me-down PLEASE write the current owner's name somewhere! Name tag EVERYTHING from coats to socks!

Spare Uniform: Reception are in desperate need of spare shorts, trousers or jogging bottoms. If you have any that your child has grown out of please do drop them off with Miss Fearn in the morning.

Second Hand Sale: Fingers crossed, if everything keeps heading in the right direction, our amazing PTFA team will be able to arrange a second hand sale of uniforms later in the summer term. We will let you know!

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 continues to improve, however we are still pleased to welcome our PCSO Kat Newman now and again to check that we are all still doing what we should be.

Face Coverings and Contact Tracing:

We are expecting new guidance from CAST in June, however, until then 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:

Both parents evenings went well and it was great for the teachers to catch up with parents and carers. Working together and creating a strong unit to help your children progress through school with confidence and happiness.

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:

A reminder of the Help for Heroes Stamp Competition – a great cause and a really fun project! Get involved!!

After School Clubs:

Netball: We've been learning how to use different positions to get the ball to the net.

Just Dance: We have added new dances to our repertoire and added flair to our original dances.

Science: The scientists in science club did a fantastic job of researching and presenting their own experiments this week. Angel wowed us with static electricity and Summer demonstrated how to make a lava lamp.

PE: We have been working on building our stamina and climbing ropes!

Art Club: We've been using different mediums (pencil, crayon etc) to express ourselves

News Letter: We've typed up and arranged our articles to create our first edition of Children's Chat – out soon!!





Board Games: Children are taking their moves very seriously in chess. We have had several games now advancing as far as checkmate!

Forest School: We have been learning more about the lifecycle of plants.

Marian Procession:

The whole school braved the rain and wind to persevere with our Rosary Mission and present flowers to Mary. It was a beautiful occasion and Father Keith and Deacon Mark read scripture between our prayers. The children were reverent and sang Marian hymns to honour Our Lady.



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:

Plants: This half term we have been completing our Science investigations about plants. We attempted to grow cress and investigate whether the amount of light affected the way the plants grew. We discovered that the cress grew the best in the light rather than in the cupboard. No surprise there you might think, the cress that was placed on the window sill, grew green leaves whilst the seeds in the cupboard still grew leaves but they were yellow. We concluded that seeds need water to grow properly.

We were keen to establish a fair test, so all the other factors were the same; the amount of water given, the growing medium used (cotton wool).

We have had a lot more success growing peas, beetroot and radishes. This helped us to establish what is needed to grow a healthy plant. We also learnt the functions of different parts of a plant.

Animals: We learnt to classify animals, especially vertebrates: mammals, reptiles, birds, amphibians and fish. We then enhanced our learning about minibeasts by creating a tally chart to learn how to present data.

In Maths we have been learning about division, sharing equally and starting to find fractions of a number of objects.





Ash:

Ash have been exploring farming. They have researched and compared a local farm (Washingpool) with a citrus farm in California. They have also discovered how far some of our food travels to get to our plates.

A banana can travel an amazing 3921 miles in a ship and a truck to get to the shop before we can buy it!

Hazel:

We have been looking at free verse poetry including rap. This included a rap battle and writing our own free verse poetry using a range of figurative language techniques!

In maths, we have been looking at units of measure including money. We have been trying to convert between the different units of measure and measured things around the school which we then needed to convert.

In topic we have been learning about why different things grow in different places and how the different climates affect where things grow. We have been looking at a case study of California, trying a variety of citrus fruits and then creating art based on this.

Maple:

Maple have been looking at the lungs and how to keep them healthy. Persuasive writing has been the main English topic; therefore, they have been experimenting with different styles of writing, creating posters, designing leaflets, and creating their own TV adverts.

On National Numeracy Day, they planned and taught maths lessons to the Y3's. This was to build their confidence and help them to reason about maths. The Y3's really enjoyed it and hopefully learnt a lot!

Personal, Social, Health and Economic education:

I know it's tricky, but it is so important! We have been learning the names of body parts and also learning that your private parts are private! This topic has been taught very sensitively by our wonderful teachers and we are grateful for your support as parents and carers.

Bottle Tops:

This is the best news EVER!! You know we all collect the milk bottle tops and never actually know what to do with them, well... Miss Cross would like them for an ART project after half term! So, tell Nanna, tell Grumps, tell Auntie Jenny to grab their bag (and we ALL have a bag of them!) of tops and bring them in on Tuesday 8th June.



Bikeability:

Ben from Bikeability came in today (Friday 28th May) to work with Maple on their bike skills. Learning to ride a bike is a rite of passage for a child and learning to ride it safely, with care and sensibly is essential. All our children are incredibly precious to us and we want them to be safe!



CAFOD's National G7 Action - Eyes of the World Art Instillation;

We have been invited to join Eyes of the World campaign ahead of the G7 summit this June and the UN climate talks in November.

The children are asked, over half term, to design some eyes that can be added to an art project which will be displayed in June.

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/Eyes-of-the-world>

Please bring your art in on Tuesday, 8th June, when we come back to school.



What is the G7 summit:

The G7 Leaders' Summit in 2021 is presided over by the UK and aims to unite leading democracies to help the world build back better from the COVID-19 pandemic and create a greener, more prosperous future.

Trinity Sunday:

Next Sunday, 30th May, is Trinity Sunday. The first Sunday after Pentecost. celebrates the Christian doctrine of the Trinity, the three Persons of God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. This is one of the most tricky concepts in our faith. How can one person be three people at the same time?

Try and think of it this way: Think of an egg. Just as ONE egg has THREE different parts – the shell, the white, the yoke – ONE God has THREE different Persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Each of the parts are different, but they are ALL egg. So are the persons of God all different (Father, Son and Holy Spirit), yet they are ALL God.

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