



# St Catherine's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

March 2021

*Live, Love and Learn Together*

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

**Breakfast Club:**  
Please email the  
Office for places.

## **SPORTS COACH SESSIONS**

Wednesday for  
ASH CLASS,  
please wear PE  
kit.

## **Forest school sessions**

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



## **Message from Mrs Terrey:**

The first week that we have all been back together again has gone in a flash!!! How great it is to have everyone back together again! The bustling, busy classrooms, happy staff and pupils and the laughter ringing through the school has made me so happy! Mrs Blake and I came in on Sunday to decorate the school with bunting, a special message made by all the staff and the new art by reception. Speaking of art, what an amazing haul of entries we had for our Spud-tacular World Book Day competition. The worthy winners are mentioned later in the newsletter but suffice it to say, it took me a VERY long time to decide! Well done everyone!

## **Lateral Flow Tests and Positive COVID tests:**

In the event of a positive lateral flow test parents must ensure that they inform the school office. Similarly, in the event of a positive COVID test within a family. This is so school can ensure pupils have full access to the remote learning curriculum. If your child is displaying COVID symptoms, please do not send them to school until they have tested negative.

**We therefore ask that if you receive a positive result for Covid-19 up to and including March 15<sup>th</sup> please immediately email the school office at:**  
[office@stcatherinesbridport.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:office@stcatherinesbridport.dorset.sch.uk)

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

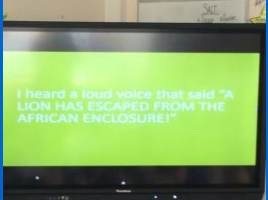
The drop off times will continue as they are for now. They seem to be working well for everyone.

## **Bubbles:**

The bubble system is working well and we intend to stay with the current system until Easter when the situation will be reviewed.

## **School Lunches:**

Hot lunches are back for Key Stage 1 and we are trialling the clean down time to see when we can reinstate them for Key Stage 2. This will be reviewed after Easter. Remember to order on the Food Links website the Monday before!



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### St Anthony:

Last week, poor Miss Sherrin lost her purse. We said a quick prayer to St Anthony and, what do you know, it turned up safe and sound! St Anthony is the Patron Saint of lost things and my word, he's a hard worker! He was born in Lisbon, Portugal, in 1195 and was made a Saint in 1232. His feast day is 13<sup>th</sup> June. If you've lost something, say a prayer to St Anthony and he will help you! **St Anthony, glorious servant of God, famous for your merits and powerful miracles, help us to find what was lost. Give us your help in times of temptation; and enlighten our minds in searching the will of God. Amen**

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### World Book Day Winners:

Mrs Terrey set the children a fun task to create their favourite characters out of ...potatoes! Boy Howdy did we even get some incredible entrants! From fairies, Mr Bump, The Twits, Paddington and even the devil himself the list goes on and is a testament to the wonderful imaginations of our pupils. The worthy winners of a chocolatey reward are:

#### Key Stage 1

Oscar Butler for Dog Man (evidently it took our artist ages to find the 'right sized' potato

Grace Connolly for the witch from Room on the Broom

#### Key Stage 2

Count Spudula by Georgina Best complete with fangs and cloak

Wally from Where's Wally by Joseph Foster

Mrs Terrey said she was thrilled by the fantastic efforts of everyone who entered and congratulated all the children for their hard work.

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### Ahoy Miss Fearn:

We are delighted to introduce our new member of staff, Emily Fearn, who joined us in January to help Miss Sherrin in the office. Emily went to St Catherine's as a child (she won't tell us what year it was!!) You will see Miss Fearn in the playground every morning welcoming everyone to school so feel free to give her a hearty 'Hello!'

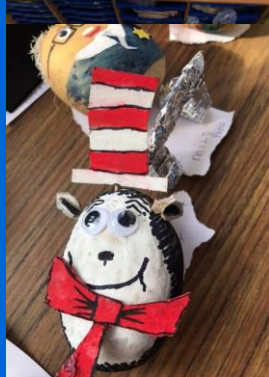
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### Forest School Holiday Camps:

Our wonderful Mrs Stiles, who is our Forest School Teacher, is offering two days of Forest School fun during the Easter holidays. Places are available for St Catherine's pupils first. Please see the attached flier for more information on how to book a place.

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### Chrome Book Returns:



Now that we are all back together and happy as can be, please drop off the Chrome books borrowed from the school as soon as possible. These are used in class by the pupils and are urgently required back in school.

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### School Office:

There have been some wonderful changes to the Reception area of the school. You may have noticed the bespoke piece of art we have been lucky enough to acquire outside reception (Mrs Terrey truly has many, many talents!) we have also had the Reception area freshly painted and repurposed a piece of furniture to store scrap books to showcase the stunning work our pupils have created. It all looks beautiful and helps to give our school a friendly and professional face.

### So What HAVE We Been Up To This Week...

#### Birch and Oak:

This week we so enjoyed welcoming back the children to Early Years. Following on from our Queen visit we kicked off our week with an exciting trip to London Zoo where we met lots of different and exciting animals. During our visit we encountered a problem - A Lion had escaped! We enjoyed using our imaginations to write an exciting story about what happened when the Lion had escaped. The children have also been learning about The Great Fire of London. We enjoyed hearing about how the fire was put out and comparing it to how fires are put out now.

#### Sycamore:

In Sycamore Class, it was fantastic to see everyone back together again, children were welcomed by an array of yellow flowers and fabulous self portraits. Just to have everyone able to enjoy activities together such as proudly showing their 'World Book Day' Spudtaculars they had made alongside each other was a joy in itself. The first day back was spent learning about village life in a different environment, Kenya. Showing off their artistic talents, children created amazing Kenyan sunset landscapes, learning how to blend colours. I think you'll agree the acacia tree silhouettes look fantastic.

#### Ash:

We have been working together learning all about our teeth and dental health. They have had fun creating scripts for a TV segment explaining about dental



health in the style of 'Operation Ouch'. They have acted out, filmed and reviewed each other. We looked at our favourite stories that had animals as the main characters and created 3D portraits of them using cardboard and they look amazing! We spent some time catching up with each other and rediscovering our class room!

**Hazel:**

We are all so happy to be together again! This term, we are looking at the digestive system so we have been making a 'digestive system'. We looked at the function of teeth, the oesophagus, acid, saliva, the short intestine, rectum and anus! We used every day items to create our models of the digestive system.

**Maple:**

We have been having a fabulous time studying Mexico. They have been making traditional fruit punches which are usually drunk during festivals and celebrations. Many of the children used the discarded skin of the fruit as a drinking vessel! They have also looked at the 'Day of the Dead' festival and have created some vibrant coloured masks. These are in preparation for our Mexican Festival being held at the end of the term.

When the children came back this week, they were greeted by two new classmates. Bubbles and Bruce (goldfish) are now permanent residents of year 6.

**Thank you to all the staff, pupils, parents and carers, we are so pleased to have you all back.**

**From the St Catherine's Team**

