



St Catherine's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

8th April 2022

Live, Love and Learn Together,
Growing with God, in Knowledge and Faith

Important dates for your diary: Coming up...

End of Term:
Friday 8th April
2022

Back to School:
Monday 25th April
2022

**FOREST SCHOOL
SESSIONS:**
OAK CLASS, every
Friday please bring
wet weather gear
and wellies.

**LEE CUFF SPORTS
SESSIONS:**
HAZEL CLASS,
every Wednesday.

**Year 5
Bikeability:**
Monday 25th April

ASH Class Trip:
Friday 13th May

Message from Mrs Terrey:

It has been a busy and brilliant end to Spring term. The whole school were transfixed by the amazing storyteller Martin Maudsley who inspired wonderful creative writing in all classes. It has been so lovely to open our classes up to visitors again.

I hope you all have a peaceful and restful Easter with plenty of fun and chocolate!

Mrs Terrey

Active Children at St Catherine's:

We really encourage our children to be active and we can see the benefits in our sporting achievements with our Cross-Country team excelling at the Colmers Hill competition on 2nd April. The boys team making a clean sweep of the top four places and the girls performing brilliantly too! Harry in Year 6 set a new course record and was incredibly gracious and sportsmanlike in his victory. Thank you to our committed team of parents who support and lead the Afterschool Club. Well done everyone!

Stations of the Cross:

The whole school journeyed through the Stations of the Cross led by our Year 5 pupil Chaplaincy team. The children led everyone in prayer and helped us all reflect on this important event in our Christian life. Well done to the whole team and particular praise for their presentations to the school must go to Sully!

Year 6 SATs Week:

Week commencing
Monday 9th May



Sports Festival:

Due to the inclement weather the decision was made to postpone the second Sports Festival today. We will hold it in the new term.

After School Clubs:

All School Clubs have been very positive this term and new clubs will be offered after Easter. There will be a club letter to follow.

You said...We Did..!

You said: 'need guidance on how to teach maths methods' and 'don't know about my child's learning' We are offering planned parent workshops to show how to support:

- Phonics KS1
- Multiplication KS2
- Division KS2

These sessions will be during the week of 13th June. A letter will follow.

Maple Class Cards:

Maple Class have designed and written Easter cards for the people of the Parish and for children who are arriving in Devon and Dorset from the Ukraine. Mrs Harris said; 'The children wanted to do something kind for Easter to show the people of the Parish that they were thinking of them. They also wanted to make cards to welcome children fleeing from the war in Ukraine to let them know they were safe here and welcome.'

PE Kit:

Please ensure that after Easter children return with their PE kits. The correct PE kit is as follows:

All PE kit NAMED (including individual shoes) in an allocated PE bag (not their school bag)

- Navy or black PE shorts (black/navy plain joggers in the colder months)
- Plain white round neck t-shirt
- Plimsoles or trainers for outside
- Plain black or navy hoodie or zip jacket



Sensory Garden:

Mrs Pattinson-Smith, helped by Annika from Primary Forest School and Reuben, have worked to return our sensory garden to a beautiful place to visit and sit – just in time for the summer – let's hope for some good weather!



School Social Media:

We are working on our social media presence; we want to share all the great work and achievements of our school. We will be sending out an updated Permission Form to support this so please do complete it and send it back to us so we can showcase our gifted and glorious pupils.



Book Fayre:

We will be holding a Book Fayre in our refurbished Library on the week commencing Monday 25th April). You will be able to come and browse the books and order them for delivery to the school.



SATs Tests:

Year 6 SATs week is 9th May. There will be more information to follow about this week for Year 6 parents as school will offer breakfast and earlier opening during this week.

Have We Got Your Number?:

Communication is always a hot topic but, do we have your current phone numbers? Are you getting emails from us or do you need to let us know your new email address and lastly, are you 100% sure we have your correct house address? If you aren't sure if your details are up to date, please contact the Office, either via email, (office@stcatherinesbridport.dorset.sch.uk) or call us (01308 423568) and we will be happy to check!



Multiplication Check for Years 3/4:

There will be a Parent Information meeting when we return after the Easter break. Look out for more information then.

Welcome Back Mrs Middleton:

Oak Class is very pleased to welcome Mrs Middleton back from maternity leave. The children were very excited to see her and we know Mrs Middleton was very happy to be back at St Catherine's! We would like to thank Mrs Treble, Mrs Pirus and Mrs Pattinson-Smith for all their hard work.



Did you know?:

Every lunchtime, Mrs Hoskins and Mrs Burgess run through the times tables with the children!

Oak Class:

As historians and geographers we have been thinking about Hospitals with a particular focus on why they are so important. Using our map skills, we have looked at where our local hospitals are around Dorset. We are exploring the impact of Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole, and we know that before their influence hospitals were very dirty and not as brilliant as they are today.



As scientists we have been exploring and investigating materials. We have been investigating which materials are the best. We have been using our investigation skills to make predictions before testing. We tested how waterproof materials were to think of the best choice for an umbrella for the Gingerbread man. We also tested which biscuit is the strongest dunker - can you guess what biscuit it might have been?

As design technicians we have been learning about moving pictures. Using pivots and sliders we have been making a moving picture book to retell the story of Humpty Dumpty.



As computer technicians we have been exploring algorithms with a focus on programming directions into bee bots.

As athletes we have been focusing on our balance and co-ordination skills through gymnastics and dance. We have enjoyed using the apparatus to climb, balance, jump and travel. Within our dancing we have enjoyed creating short dance sequences featuring movements on different levels. We have also been working on our ability to follow instructions clearly.



As writers we are exploring the story Wombat goes Walkabout by Michael Morpurgo - the story of a little Wombat who loses his mother and meets many Australian animals within the outback. In our writing we are exploring adjectives to describe animals and settings, as well as including speech within our story writing.

As mathematicians we have been working on our addition and our number facts to 10 and 20.



As independent individuals we are continuing to be self-sufficient when getting dressed for PE. We are beginning to use resources readily available to us with independence. We continue to explore the world around us through imaginative play.



Stations of the Cross:

We are so lucky to have been able to have our own Stations of the Cross in our beautiful school grounds. There is one person in the story of Jesus' carrying the cross that always touches my heart. Simon of Cyrene. It is written in several books of the Bible that Simon was forced to help Jesus carry the cross. I wonder if that's true? I wonder if Simon saw a man struggling, a man who had been hurt, humiliated and wounded and Simon may have thought; 'I want to help him! I want to lighten his load and try, even in the smallest way, to make his life a tiny bit better!'

Sometimes, the smallest of things can make a huge difference to people. A smile, an offer to help, listening when someone is down or just frustrated it can change someone's day and possibly, someone's life! Try to help, if you can, even in the smallest way!

Prayer to Saint Simon of Cyrene

Heavenly Father, whose most dear Son, as he walked the Way of the Cross, accepted the service of Simon of Cyrene to carry his physical burden for him: grant us each the grace gladly to bear one another's burdens, for the love of him who said, "As you did it to the least of these my brethren, you did it to me," your son.

Amen