



St Catherine's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

28th January 2022

Live, Love and Learn Together,

Growing with God, in Knowledge and Faith

Important dates for your diary: Coming up...

Half Term:

*We break up on
Friday 18th
February 2022*

Inset Day:

*Monday 28th
February 2022 is an
Inset Day.*

Back to School:

*Tuesday 1st March
2022*

Parents Evenings:

*8th 9th 15th and 16th
February 2022*

FOREST SCHOOL SESSIONS:

*ASH CLASS, every
Friday please bring
wet weather gear
and wellies.*

Message from Mrs Terrey:

Hasn't it turned cold! Make sure your children are wearing layers because we have to keep windows open in class and bring in coats, scarves, hats and gloves (all with their name in) for break times.

I know COVID restrictions have changed, however, we are still seeing a large number of COVID cases in neighbouring schools so we will keep masks, no visitors on site and our other current restrictions in place for a while longer. Provided we can keep cases down in school we are hoping to re-start After School Clubs from Tuesday 1st March. You will receive an email telling you which club your child is part of.

Don't forget to book a place for Parents Evening, this is a great opportunity to bring up any concerns you have and to find out how your child is getting on in school.

Lastly, I would like to thank you all for your support for my team and myself during the past few years. I am so proud of how far we've come.

Parents Evenings:

We will be holding Parents Evenings on 8th and 9th of February and the 15th and 16th of February. These will now be telephone appointments. We will also be handing out another Questionnaire which we encourage you to fill out and return to us to help us identify our strengths and weaknesses and to grow stronger together.

**LEE CUFF SPORTS
SESSIONS:**
SYCAMORE CLASS,
every Wednesday



It's Good to Talk:

If you have a concern or something you would like to speak to your child's teacher about, please make an appointment with Miss Fearn in the office for a phone call from your teacher. This way we can be sure you can speak freely and confidentially. Thank you.

Names, names, names:

The weather is getting colder so please remember to send a coat, scarf, gloves and hat to school for your child. Please put your child's name on every single thing they bring in to school!!

After School Clubs:

After School Clubs will re-start from Tuesday 1st March.

XC Individual Event 2022:

The St Catherine's RC Primary School runners stunned the crowds again on Tuesday 25th January. This was a team event with teams of four (2B and 2G), each ran a 1000m lap and then tagged the next runner until they had all run.

The Year 3/4 A team of Evlyn S, Rohan V, Imogen H and Keiran D finished 1st overall, 1st placed A team.

The Year 3/4 B team of Annie M, Milo P, Angel M and Mikiel L finished 7th overall but were the 2nd placed B team.

The Year 5/6 A team of Ellie R, Harry E, Jasmin P and Oscar S finished 3rd overall, 2nd placed A team.

The Year 5/6 B team of Imogen-Rose C, Theo P, Tiffany C and Alfie B came 7th overall but were 2nd placed B team.

The 3/4 A team and 5/6 A teams combined results meant we shared the overall winners shield with Parrett and Axe

Special mention to the Year 5 team of boys with Louie M, Olly D, Liam W and Riley-James C - who despite being unable to win put in a strong performance and were 4th across the line.



Growth Mindset:

We have started our journey of developing a culture of “Growth Mindset” at St Catherine's. Growth Mindset is about learning to persevere when learning gets tough and understanding that intelligence is not fixed and can be changed through practice and hard work.

It is also about understanding that through mistakes some of the best brain growth occurs. The term ‘growth mindset’ refers to a way of thinking, learning and taking on challenges. A person with a growth mindset is open to constructive criticism, takes feedback and uses it, takes on new challenges, pushes themselves outside of their comfort zone and shows resilience and perseverance.



The children have been learning about growth mindset for nearly a year now, they are not only thinking about their own growth mindset but encouraging others too. We have put together a parent summary of how to encourage a growth mindset with your child at home which we sent out alongside the last Newsletter.



Please support us so that our children can develop a lifelong love for learning using these strategies to positively deal with the challenges they face in everyday life. For more information, please visit the Growth Mindset Tab on our website, it is also an opportunity for you to hear about it from the voice of our lovely children.

Half Term and Inset Day:

We break up for half term at 3pm on Friday 18th February and return to school on TUESDAY 1st of March as we have an Inset Day on the Monday.



PTFA:

We are always looking for more members for the PTFA and they would love to hear from you! Please email Scptfa@gmail.com or cast an eye over the Facebook page for an idea of who they are and what they do.



Hazel Class:

As historians we are looking at the life and times of Anglo-Saxon Britain; researching place names and comparing Saxon Bridport to modern Bridport.

As scientists we are investigating the difference between sound, pitch and volume.

As artists we are studying the work of Goldsworthy, Klimt and Morris. We will also be creating our own art based on these artists using natural and synthetic materials.

As musicians we are looking at the composition of some of 'Make you feel my love' by Adele.

As athletes we are dancing and focussing on improving our coordination and balancing skill.

As writers we are writing stories based on the book 'Float' by Daniel Miyares.

As mathematicians we are looking at written methods of multiplication and improving our times table recall.



KS1:

Who's it for?

This first version of the app is aimed at Key Stage 1 pupils, and focuses on adding and subtracting — and on 'Subitising'. The free mobile app is available for Apple/iOS, Android and Kindle.

How does it work?

1-Minute Maths offers children engaging and easily accessible practice in basic number. There's no specific route or starting point. Having chosen a topic, each user answers a series of randomly generated questions (a different set of questions every time means they learn the concept, not a sequence of answers).

When the one minute's up, the questions are automatically marked and presented on a breakdown screen, giving instant feedback on how they've done. If they're struggling with a question, a 'Hint' button reformats the question as a familiar manipulative display that mirrors the approaches used in the White Rose Maths schemes of learning.



KS2:

Spend 10 minutes a day and become a maths star

Race against the clock with your maths skills! Young learners excel in short bursts, so DK's 10 Minutes a Day Times Tables app is the perfect introduction to maths for children. Times tables games take a short amount of time - maximum fun for maximum effect.

With 10 Minutes a Day Times Tables you can practice your times tables through exciting car races, the faster you solve the questions the quicker your car will speed across the finish line. It's also a fun 'beat the clock test' where you show off your maths skills by racing across the line before the time runs out. If you don't get the answer right away you've got a chance to keep trying for the right one and if you don't make it you'll get handy hints and tips to help you next time. Play your way through the rounds, speeding your way from bronze through silver and all the way up to gold. Once you've mastered the regular times tables you can test yourself in mixed times tables races, whizzing your way through with your maths knowledge.



Saint Thomas Aquinas:

Thomas Aquinas was a theologian and a Scholastic philosopher. A Theologian is someone who studies the nature of God, religion, and religious beliefs. Scholasticism is a way of thinking and teaching knowledge. Saint Thomas Aquinas had a unique way of thinking and is considered a model teacher by the Catholic Church. After his death in 1274, Pope John XXII canonized him in 1323 and was deemed Patron Saint of Catholic schools and students. He also is known as the Angelic Doctor or the Universal Teacher.

Prayer to Saint Thomas Aquinas:

Come, Holy Spirit, Divine Creator, the true source of light and fountain of wisdom. Pour forth your brilliance upon my intellect, dissipate the darkness which covers me. Grant me a penetrating mind to understand, a retentive memory, method and ease in learning, the lucidity to comprehend, and abundant grace in expressing myself. Guide the beginning of my work, direct its progress, and bring it to successful completion. This I ask through Jesus Christ.

Amen