



# St Catherine's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

4<sup>th</sup> October 2021

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

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

**PARENTS  
EVENINGS:**  
12<sup>th</sup> AND 13<sup>th</sup>  
October 2021

**FOREST SCHOOL  
SESSIONS:**  
MAPLE CLASS,  
every Friday  
please wear play  
clothes and  
supply wellies.

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

## **Message from Mrs Terrey:**

It's the beginning of October and the weather is changing; the days are getting shorter and it's almost the end of term! We still have a lot to look forward to; school trips, Konflux Theatre Group, Parents Evening and much more! It's a funny time of year, so many coughs and colds and bugs are going around that you may find you, and your little ones, feel run down or low.

It's incredibly important to rest when you need to, eat healthily and treat yourselves kindly. You are incredibly precious and we want to make sure you are looking after yourselves!

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## **Parents Evenings:**

We will be holding the first In Person Parents Evenings for over a year and we really hope lots of you can join us to learn how your child is getting on. They will be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October. There will be details on the website on how to book a slot to see your child's teacher.

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## **Change of Address:**

If you have moved or your circumstances have changed, please do let us know. We need to be sure, if there is an emergency, we can get hold of you quickly. Similarly, if your child has a medical condition that requires medicine of action from staff, please do fill in a new medical form as soon as possible.

## **Names, names, names:**

We've been back at school for a month now and at least three people have lost school jumpers! None of which had names in them! Please put your child's name on every single thing they bring in to school!!



### **After School Clubs:**

We are having great success with our After School Clubs and we will be changing them after half term so look out for the email later this month.

### **PTFA:**

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

### **Konflux Theatre Group:**

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October Konflux Theatre Group will be coming into school to create and perform a Play in a Day on 'Great Britain; 'It's in the Name'! This will help the children to understand our British Values even more.

### **Homework:**

All pupils will have some homework to do through the week, the amount is dependent on which class they are in. Homework is an important part of our school experience and starting young will make it a habit so it's easier to cope with secondary school.

Teachers will make it clear through a text, email or reading records the objectives children should be looking at - the homework policy is on the website.

### **Volunteer Readers:**

Things are slowly getting back to normal and that means we will be able to welcome volunteers back into school. We will be starting with our volunteers readers. These are adults who kindly come into school for an hour or two to listen to and help children read. Parents and carers who volunteer won't be asked to help in their child's class but will be assigned to another class to help out.

### **Ukulele Lessons:**

Ash Class are learning to play the Ukulele with Mrs Ely on a Friday afternoon. They have started with gusto and really seem to be enjoying it. If your child is in Ash Class, please remember to bring their Ukulele in every Friday and ensure it has a name tag on it.

### **We Want To Ride Our Bicycles:**

Oak Class would like to ask if anyone has 3-wheel scooters - trikes - balance bikes - ride on pedal cars-tractors or similar that are no longer needed, please bring them into school for Reception and Year One children to use. Thank you so much!





### Write Stuff:

At St. Catherine's we use "The Write Stuff" to cover our writing requirements. This approach combines grammar teaching and writing composition in well-paced, bite-sized chunks which are highly effective. Closely modelled sessions with a sharp focus, underpinned by success criteria ensure all children can achieve while "deepening the moment" provides challenge and extra opportunities for creativity.

Writing is focused using three lenses The ideas lens from the children's perspective is known as the FANTASTICs that captures the nine ideas for writing. The grammar lens is known as the GRAMMARISTICs and the technique lens are known as the BOOMTASTICs. The lesson is split into "learning chunks".



Each "learning chunk" has three distinct parts for a writing lesson; Initiate, Model, Engage. Initiate is a time to inspire pupils. This needs to be short but effective. Model is the bridge between ideas gathering and articulating the thought processes of a writer at work. Engage is the opportunity for pupils to showcase what they can do within particular writing parameters

The Purpose of this type of lesson is to help pupils remember, build on prior learning, to scaffold ideas and to practice key aspects. Children are encouraged to write creatively and showcase their learning at the end of each unit in their Publishing Book.



### Virtues:

Alongside our British Values we have accepted Virtues into our School Ethos. The Virtues are Prudence, Justice, Fortitude, Temperance and we are using them as our Houses. Fortitude is RED – Persevere keep having a go when we find things difficult. Prudence is GREEN - we know our own feelings and chose whether or not to act on them. Temperance is YELLOW - We tell the truth, no matter how hard and we play to relax well. Justice is Blue – Be friendly towards others. These virtues act as essential signposts along the difficult path from infancy to adolescence, empowering our young people to live lives of fulfilment and significance.



### Secondary School Registration Closing Date:

The closing date to register your child for Secondary School is Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021. You can register on the Dorset For You website [Secondary School Registration](#)

## **We are thrilled to announce our new School Council Members:**



### **Oak Class:**

Theo and Honora (Year One) we have two pupils from Year One who will be mentoring Anuki and Lilly from Reception. Theo and Honora will show Anuki and Lilly what being a Council member means and how they can help to grow and shape our school .

### **Sycamore Class:**

Ebby – Ebby explained that she is a good friend and works well with others. She says that she is a good communicator, which will help her in the role.

Arthur – Arthur wanted to be chosen as he is a fair and patient member of the class. He also works well with others.



### **Ash Class:**

Ollie R – Ollie described himself as someone who is happy to listen to the views of his class and speak with adults.

Annie - Annie also feels confident when talking to adults and hopes to make positive changes.

### **Hazel Class:**

Owain Thomas - Owain said he wanted to help people and is funny and felt he could make a difference.

Jacob Lawrence - Jacob explained that he wanted to help people and make a change.



### **Maple Class:**

Oscar Ellingham- Oscar explained he would be helpful to others and a good friend. He would also be happy to make new friends as he is a kind person.

Olly Daubney - Olly wanted to be chosen as he would like to help the school and thought it would be fun to be on the school council. He considers himself to be responsible and kind. He also is ready to give support to those that need more help.

### **Magdalen Farm Visit:**

Hazel Class are visiting Magdalen Farm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October.

### **The Houses of Parliament Visit:**

Maple Class are visiting The Houses of Parliament on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

### **Leeson House Trip:**

Year 5 will be going to Leeson House on the 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

### **Dartmoor Activity Trip:**

Year 6 will be going to Dartmoor for an activity week on the week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022.

