

**There Will Be No After School Club on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December.**



# St Catherine's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

6<sup>th</sup> December  
2022

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

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

**End of Term:**  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup>  
December

**Back to School:**  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
January 2023

**In 2023**  
**LEE CUFF SPORTS**  
**SESSIONS:**  
ASH CLASS, every  
Wednesday. Warm  
PE Kit is essential

**FOREST SCHOOL**  
**SESSIONS:**  
MAPLE Class please  
bring wet weather  
gear and wellies

## **Message from Mrs Terrey:**

We have only got two weeks left of school this year! We have SO much to pack it before we break up so please do make sure your children get plenty of rest and early nights, so they have the energy to enjoy all the brilliant things we have in store!

The children are enjoying their learning, writing independently about the Greenhouse Effect, developing their language and debating skills comparing Athens and Sparta and investigating magnetism AND preparing for a wonderful Nativity for families and friends!

Let's keep up the enthusiasm and finish the year as the successful, wonderful, happy children we all know!

Mrs Terrey

## **First Holy Communion:**

If you would like your child to take their First Holy Communion next year please do get in touch with the Parish Office on 01308 422 594 or email [bridport@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:bridport@prcdtr.org.uk) . Your child must be in Year 3 or above. The celebration will coincide with The Feast of Corpus Christi on the 11<sup>th</sup> June. Lessons will be held on a Thursday afternoon and will start in January. This is a beautiful and important part of your child's Catholic life so please do sign them up.



### **Bikeability Year**

**5:**  
9<sup>th</sup> December

**Nativity:**  
7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> December

**Hazel Class:**  
Swimming on a  
Wednesday

**The Bank of  
Dreams and  
Nightmares:**  
12<sup>th</sup> December  
Sycamore and  
Hazel Class

**Flu Immunisation:**  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>  
December

**Christmas Jumper  
Day:**  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>  
December

**School Disco:**  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup>  
December

**Carol Service at  
Church:**  
13<sup>th</sup> December

### **Children in Need:**

We raised a fabulous £83 on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November for Children in Need Day. It really goes to show, although times are tough, St Catherine's digs deep and supports this fantastic charity.

Well done!

### **Poppies:**

We raised a very respectable £59 from our Poppy sales and we also learned a lot about sacrifice and how much we owe our armed service personnel.

### **Nativity Performances:**

Our Nativity this year stars Oak, Sycamore and Ash Classes. We would like to thank Mrs Treble, Mrs Dickson, Mrs Pirus and Mrs Middleton for their hard work to make this Nativity magical. We will be selling programmes for £1 (designed by Immie H in Hazel Class) and the number on your programme will be entered into a raffle where you can win a wide range of delightful prizes!

### **Carol Concert:**

The whole school will be attending church for our annual Christmas Mass and celebration. Please join us at 1:30pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. The children have been practicing their Christmas carols and they sound angelic! Children will return to school after the concert and may be picked up at 3pm as usual.

### **Christmas Tree Festival:**

Our phenomenal artists at St Catherine's have created five different designs of 'Angels we have known and loved' to decorate the tree in the United Church Christmas Tree Festival. Please do go along and show your support and your child can show you their design!

### **Safe and Happy:**

Our children tell us they feel safe and happy at school. All staff work exceptionally hard to make sure children are happy and thriving. If you ever have a concern school Safeguarding Leads are:

Sarah Terrey – Head Teacher, Lydia Blake – Ash Class Teacher, Kate Middleton – Sycamore Class Teacher, Liz Harris – Maple Class Teacher.

### **PREVENT:**

What is the PREVENT Strategy?

Prevent is a government strategy designed to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorist or extremist causes

We have a PREVENT Strategy on our website which explains how we keep our children safe from radicalisation as well as a PREVENT Risk assessment. Please do have a look to understand our responsibilities as a school.

### **Private Fostering:**

When a child/young person under 16 years old (18 years old if they have a disability) is looked after for a period of 28 days or more by someone who is not a parent, legal guardian or person with parental responsibility this is defined as Private Fostering and schools have a legal duty to report any Private Fostering arrangements to the Local Authority. Schools must be clear about who has parental responsibility for children on their roll.

If this is something that applies to you please contact Mrs Terrey to discuss this.

### **The Bank of Dreams and Nightmares Workshops:**

We are thrilled to have the talented artists at The Bank of Dreams and Nightmares in on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December to work with Sycamore Class and Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December to work with Hazel Class to devise and design their very own story books! We know how talented our children are and it is such a brilliant scheme for them to take part in.

## COVID:

Government Advice: If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test, if they can.

After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature, the risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower. This is because children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults.

Children and young people who usually go to school, college or childcare and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal.

## STREP A - Advice:

With the current media attention, it is understandable that you may be concerned about STREP A. There is information and advice contained within the UKHSA update on scarlet fever and invasive Group A strep - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)), and on the NHS 111 Website.

Ill-health absence advice remains the same. Children should be kept at home if too unwell to attend school, and that they should return to school once well enough to do so, unless told otherwise by a medical professional. If an adult or child has scarlet fever they should stay away from nursery, school or work for 24 hours after taking the first dose of antibiotics.

We encourage our children that good hand and respiratory hygiene are important for stopping the spread of many bugs, including Group A Strep. By teaching children how to wash their hands properly with soap for 20 seconds, using a tissue to catch coughs and sneezes, and keeping away from others when feeling unwell, they will be able to reduce the risk of picking up or spreading infections.



### **Advent:**

Advent comes from the Latin word meaning "coming." Jesus is coming, and Advent is intended to be a season of preparation for His arrival.

Advent is meant to be a period of self-preparation.

The purple color associated with Advent is also the color of penance.

### **Prayer for Advent:**

Dear Lord God,

awaken us, that we may be ready when your dear Son comes, that we may receive him with joy and serve you with pure hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.