



St Catherine's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

September 2021

Live, Love and Learn Together

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

**FIRST DAY OF
TERM:**
Monday 6th
September

**AFTER SCHOOL
CLUBS:**
Start on Monday
13th September

**BREAKFAST
CLUB:**
Starts Monday
13th September

**LEE CUFF
SPORTS
SESSIONS:**
ASH Class
Wednesdays

**FOREST
SCHOOL: MAPLE**
Class Fridays

Message from Mrs Terrey:

Where has the summer gone? I can't believe we are almost back at school but I am very excited about starting the new year off in the right way! I am hoping that this year we will be able to be together, for the first time in so long, for the full year and that we will be able to have spectators at Sport's Day, an audience at the Nativity and, most importantly, face to face Parent's Evenings!

Such a lot has changed within the school. We have had new flooring in classrooms, new furniture and lots of painting to make the school look fresh and new.

We are excited to welcome our new pupils to Reception and we know Mrs Treble and Mrs Lewendon will take very good care of them.

It will be strange for all of us for a while, it's important to remember, that the children in Year 2 have had no full or normal teaching at all in KS 1, The last time the children in year 3 had a full uninterrupted teaching year was Reception and now they are starting KS 2, the children moving into Year 6 have not had uninterrupted teaching since year 3 and must now face end of year SATS. We will do everything possible to support our children and you, the parents and carers, through this transition back to normal school life.

I am very pleased to say that, on advice from the government and Plymouth CAST, face masks will no longer be mandatory on site for staff, pupils or parents. We fully support people who chose to continue to wear masks and respect everyone's right to chose.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you on Monday and I know we will have a wonderful year together!

Afterschool Clubs:

Clubs will begin on Monday 13th September. Look out for the letter explaining the choices and days they are run on.



Drop Off and Pick Ups:

The drop off times will now go back to normal. Drop off is from 8.30am, lessons start at 8.45am, school end of day is 3.00pm.

We ask that you drop off at the main playground, children will line up and be collected by staff who will walk them to class.

Collection will be from the playground.



What's In A Name?:

It's a new school year and the perfect time to make sure every single thing your child brings to school has a name on it! Hats, bags, trousers, dress, jumpers, coats. A recent study by School Wear Association showed that, on average, a full kit for school (uniform, PE kit, drinks bottle etc) cost around (hold on to your hairpiece!!) **£101.19 per pupil!!!!** It is so important to help build your child's awareness of the value of money, to let them know they must take responsibility for their belongings.

Back to School Blues:

Saying goodbye to your tiddlers is hard, there's no other way to say it, watching them happily zoom into the playground is wonderful, but it can leave you feeling a little blue. This is totally normal and understandable. It's part of life as a parent & carer and we understand and support you. If you are feeling low after waving them goodbye it's important to take care of yourself, have a cup of coffee and a decent biscuit, watch an episode of your favourite TV show or take the dog out for an unhurried walk. Please know that we are here if you need us and you are absolutely not alone.



Face Coverings and Contact Tracing:

On advice from the government, we will no longer ask you to wear face coverings on school grounds. You may continue to wear a mask if you prefer. **If you or anyone in your household have a positive test result for Covid-19 you will need to contact school so that we can inform close contacts and advise you what to do next.**

Breakfast Club:

Breakfast Club will begin on Monday 13th September. If you are interested in sending your child please email office@stcatherinesbridport.dorset.sch.uk

The Sun WILL Have His Hat On!:

You can bet your bottom dollar that as soon as we open the gates on Monday morning we will hit a heatwave so, please make sure, if good weather is promised, that your children have suncream on, a hat and water bottle (with their name on it!)





Time to Relax:

Getting back into the school routine will take a toll on all of us. You may want to plan a quiet afternoon and evening for your little ones for the first week. They will be tired from playing and concentrating hard so try to encourage them to snuggle down under a blanket to watch a film with you. This is also an excellent time to get them to tell you about their day, how they're feeling and any worries or concerns they may have.



Keen to be Green:

We have a new recycling bin installed in the playground. Please feel free to bring your unwanted clothes, shoes and cuddly toys to donate. All donations need to be put in a plastic bag and dropped in the bin. We have partnered with ASTRA Recycling who recycle clothes and other donations and send them to people in need in other countries. In turn, the donated items help raise funds for our school so you really can help out by clearing out!



Looking Good:

We've had a face lift!! We have had new flooring installed in the school, the classrooms have been decorated, we've been given some very snazzy new furniture and the whole place has been scrubbed to within an inch of its life to make sure we are ready to welcome the children back on Monday.

St Catherine's Sweep the Board:

The children entered an art competition over the summer holidays. A.G. Down Funeral Directors sponsored a competition and the theme was Carnival! We are thrilled to say our children won all the top places! Age 6: 1st Henry Butcher. 2nd Ophelia Elsmore-Bullock Age7: 1st Betsy Blake. 2nd Amelia Hodder

The winners will be given a £20 prize and the runners up £10. The School will be given a prize of £50. Ebby Stevenson-Roberts and Roxi Franklin-Jones were awarded Highly Commended. Congratulations to all the amazing entrants.



St Nicholas :

Our lovely St Nicholas is the Patron Saint of children, among other things, many of his stories tell of children rescued from calamity and returned to the care and keeping of their families. We offer this prayer up to all our children, parents, carers, teachers and staff to inspire them to enter the new academic year with a happy heart and enthusiasm.

Keep safe, stay happy, From the St Catherine's Team

