



# St Catherine's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

30<sup>th</sup> September  
2022

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

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

**End of Term:**  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October

**Inset Day:**  
Monday 31<sup>st</sup>  
October

**Back to School:**  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>  
November

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

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



## **Message from Mrs Terrey:**

Well we have certainly hit the ground running! Summer really does seem like a very distant memory and the changeable weather means the children need to bring in a waterproof jacket/coat as well as jumpers/cardigans. We try to go outside as much as possible during break times for some fresh air and exercise. Please make sure your child brings in suitable outer wear to keep warm and dry.

I am so happy when I walk around the school to see so many happy faces, engaged children and excited staff members. This term is already brilliant and I know it will just get better.

Mrs Terrey

## **School Uniform:**

Uniform is a hot topic in every school. It is important because it plays a key role in promoting pride, self-confidence, and a feeling of belonging within school. These factors contribute to students' wellbeing, removing the additional pressures of deciding what to wear and added stress of meeting the expectations of their peers. Please make sure your child is correctly dressed and every article is NAMED! Lost property is kept in the classroom.

## **Marathon Kids:**

Don't forget that you can use the Marathon Kids app as a family to help get your child complete a Marathon!

## **Say hello, Wave goodbye!**

**Trudi:** It is with a heavy heart that we say a very fond farewell to Trudi. Trudi has been a valued member of our St Catherine's family for over three years and has helped shape the school into the happy and successful place it is now. We would like to wish Trudi huge amounts of luck and happiness in her future. We will miss her and we thank her so much for all she has done for us.

### **Miss Clark and Mrs Nunn:**

We would like to send a warm welcome to Miss Clark who is working in the mornings in Ash Class and Mrs Nunn who is working in Sycamore Class. The children have already made them very welcome and are enjoying working with them. We hope they are very happy with us and we know they will become valuable members of our St Catherine's Team.

### **Mrs Best:**

We are so sorry to say good bye to Mrs Best who will be leaving us at the end of the term. Mrs Best has worked her way from TA to Teacher at St Catherine's and done so with a lovely smile throughout! Mrs Best has run a very popular After School Club called Time to Talk which helps encourage children to share their feelings and worries and the difference it has made to some many little people can not be over stated. Mrs Best will be carrying on her stellar work at Colfox and they are so lucky to have her! We will miss her and we thank her so much for all she has done for us.

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### **Be Kind, Be Polite, Be Respectful:**

We are sorry to say we have had a few unpleasant incidents between parents recently, over parking! Please remember, little people can hear you, they are affected by bad or intolerant behaviour and they are upset when they see these kinds of things. We expect everyone within the St Catherine's Family to be kind to each other, to mindful of harsh words and to respect each other.

### Tag Rugby:

We are so happy to be entering into the Tag Rugby Tournament on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October at The Bridport Leisure Centre. Please do bob along to cheer our team on if you can! We would like to sincerely thank Mr Vercoe and Mr Stephens for giving up their time to coach our brilliant team.

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### PE Kit:

Most children are now coming into school in their PE kit (the tiddlers are changing in class as it is an important part of their development) and they must wear the correct kit. The expected list is below:

- Trainers for outdoor sport
- Navy or grey shorts
- White T Shirt with round neck
- Plain black/navy sweatshirt and jogging bottoms
- P.E. Bag

Long hair tied back

For safety reasons the only item of jewellery that may be worn is a watch.

Everything should be clearly marked with your child's name.

### School Times – Drop Off:

Our school day starts at 8.30am. Please don't drop off your children and leave them any earlier as there is no adult supervision before this. We do have a wonderful Breakfast Club which runs from 7.30am daily that you are welcome to enter your child into. Ask at the Office for more info should you need to leave your child earlier than 8.30am.

### School Times - Collection:

Our school day finishes at 3pm and, on the odd occasion when plans go wrong, we are happy to supervise your children if you are a few minutes late. However, if children are persistently collected after 3pm they will be placed in the After School Club and parents and carers will be charged.

### Where in the World are you..?:

Please remember to update us if you change address over the summer or get a new phone number! It is vital that we can contact you should we need to.

### After School Club:

The paid for After School Club is already very well attended. The cost is £3 per hour (with a sibling discount) and it runs from 3pm till 5:30pm every day. If you would like your child to attend, please let Miss Fearn know in the office.

### Absence:

We have had clear instruction from the Dorset Local Authority that no holidays will be authorised during term time and that Dorset Council will start to fine parents who take their children out of school. It is the expectation that children attend school every day unless there is a very good reason for absence, such as illness.

The children will never be so able and open to learning as when they are at Primary School and instilling a love of learning at a young age will help them continue, happily, in education.

The fines are up to £60 per child per day. If a child attends for less than 95% this is equivalent to missing one day a fortnight which equates to four weeks in a year.

#### **Attendance by Class This Term:**

Oak Class	93.8%	Sycamore Class	92.4%
Ash Class	92.8%	Hazel Class	97.2%
Maple Class	94.4%		

# Star of the Week

It could be argued that every one of the St Catherine's Family is a star, and they are! But every week a child is chosen from each class for recognition. Here are the Stars so far..!

## **Oak Class:**

**9<sup>th</sup> September 22 – Carmen:** For coming into school so well

**16<sup>th</sup> September 22 – Piper-Rae:** For having a positive attitude coming into school

## **Sycamore Class:**

**16<sup>th</sup> September 22 – Cameron:** Making such a great start to your school

## **Ash Class:**

**9<sup>th</sup> September 22 – Leo:** Making a super start, listening well in discussions

**16<sup>th</sup> September 22 – Ollie L:** Presenting work neatly, completing tasks. Super start

## **Hazel Class:**

**9<sup>th</sup> September 22 – Leo W:** Good attitude to learning, being helpful and supportive of others

**16<sup>th</sup> September 22 – Amelia H:** Great attitude to learning. Clear reading in church

## **Maple Class:**

**9<sup>th</sup> September 22 – Riley:** For his integrity, completing his work and showing good concentration

**16<sup>th</sup> September 22 – Tilda:** For thinking of others and concentrating in all her subjects

Well done to all our Stars!!!!

### Konflux Theatre:

Hazel Class will be working with the Konflux Theatre Group to create a 'Play in a Day' on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October. The theme will be **Invasion! (Here come the Anglo-Saxons)** and there will be a **performance at 2.30pm** for parents and carers of Hazel Class. Another Hottest Ticket in Town!

### Story Tellers:

We were so lucky to have Martyn Maudsley back in school earlier this term. He helped the children create fantastic stories and songs (though how he managed with Oak Class throwing out that a Giraffe lived at the bottom of the sea, I will never know!)

This is an important part of their Literacy Life and will encourage them to create their own stories and characters.

Please do help your children write their own stories and think about the books they read, you never know, we could have the next Enid Blyton or Michael Morpurgo in our school!

### Re-use, Recycle:

Don't forget as you pack away your summer clothes, we have a recycling bin in the school grounds that is ready and waiting for your unwanted clothes!

### Curriculum:

Every class Curriculum will be sent out next week. This will tell you what your children will be learning and when.

### Saint Jerome of Stridon:

Saint Jerome is the patron saint of translators, librarians and encyclopaedists. He is best known for translating the Bible. He translated many Biblical texts from Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek into Latin. How impressive is that!!

He is often pictured with a Lion in reference to the popular belief that he tamed a Lion by healing its paw. Saint Jerome was kind and patient, kind enough that he would risk his life to help an injured

animal and patient enough to take the time to gently approach it without scaring it more. How lovely must that be?

To have the luxury of time, time enough to not have to rush or get impatient!

We all have stresses and strains and there never seems to be enough hours in the day but it is SO important to take time, when you can, to be with each other. Not to do anything much, nothing special, just to spend time with each other. Time really does fly and the quiet moments are golden.

### **Prayer for Kindness:**

Jesus, You have been kind to me by providing a way for me to go to Heaven and giving me a family who loves me. Will You please help me be kind to people around me? Help me be kind even to those who are mean to me and pick on me. I want to show other people the kindness You showed me. I want them to see You through me. Amen.