



St Catherine's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

6th December
2021

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

Important dates for your diary: Coming up...

**Christmas Cards
in School:**
Friday 10th
December 2021

**Christmas
Jumper Day:**
Friday 10th
December 2021

End of Term:
Friday 17th
December 2021

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

Message from Mrs Terrey:

It's been a heck of a term on top of a heck of a year and I am SO looking forward to Christmas!
We've had a lot of cases of COVID and we are starting to see light at the end of the tunnel (if things keep going as they have been) and I am confident when we come back in the new year we will be on the road to normal life again! I was so sorry to have to cancel audiences at our Carol Service and Nativity but they will be recorded and you will be able to view them via a link we will send out via email.
I am constantly and consistently proud of all our pupils and how well they adapt to change. It is a confusing time for all of us and I would like to thank you sincerely for your support not only to me and the staff but especially to your children.
We have come so far and I am so proud of our St Catherine's community.
Here's to good health and happiness for the last part of the year!

Good News Anyone???

How do you fancy a drop of good news to pierce through the gloom?

The Mayor of Bridport will be sending out his annual Christmas card to the elite and the glitterati of Dorset designed by our very own Theo Poole from Maple Class!!!

The Mayor's office invited pupils from all the Bridport and surrounding area and Theo's exceptional design was chosen from the entries. We are so proud of Theo and this is a magnificent honour which he richly deserves!

Theo and his family will be attending the formal Tree Lighting ceremony on Wednesday 8th December when the Mayor will present him with his cards and voucher.

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



Lost and Gratefully Found!

One of our parents lost a small cross at pick up earlier this term. We sent out an email and so many kind people responded that they would have a look on their way to school. We said a collective prayer to St Anthony and...the cross was found! Thank you all for your help and prayers!

After School Clubs:

We will be keeping the same After School Club choices when we come back in the new year because we have missed quite a few weeks. Clubs will start on Monday 10th January 2022. An email reminder will be sent out the week before.

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.

Christmas Jumper Day:

We will have a Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 10th December. We will all try to wear festive jumpers over our uniform and please bring in £1 to donate to Save the Children. This is a wonderful chance to be expressive so if you don't have a jumper hanging in your wardrobe, break out the tinsel and safety pins and get creating!

Roll Up, Roll Up:

The PTFA have asked, please do bring in any raffle prizes that you can spare, Macarena and Katie have done an epic job to get some brilliant prizes but an extra bottle or two is always welcome! The raffle will be drawn next week.

Reception 'First Class Photos':

Mrs Treble will be donning her David Bailey hat and taking a photo of Reception children to feature in the Dorset Echo 'First Class Photo' spread. This will be on Thursday 9th December so shine up those rosy cheeks and flatten down their curls for their photo shoot!



Christmas Cards for St Catherine's:

We will also have bespoke Letter Boxes in each class for your children to send Christmas cards to one another. Please bring in your cards by Friday 10th December so we can leave them over the weekend and deliver them next week.



Remember Remembrance Day??

Oak Class made an amazing display of hand made poppies to commemorate Remembrance Day. The children worked hard to create art work that they displayed in the class room.



Homework and IXL:

When we come back in the new year, Mrs Harris will kindly be running a Homework and IXL Club to help children who have trouble accessing IXL at home. This will be an invite only club that will run two half hour sessions per week at lunch times.

We Want To Ride Our Bicycles:

Oak Class would like to ask, again, 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!



Christmas Luncheon:

Wednesday 15th December we will be having our Christmas Lunch supplied by the brilliant Food Links. Please remember to order your child's meal by midnight on Wednesday 8th December.

What have we been doing???

Oak Class: We have been making Angels, making Christmas Wreaths, practicing our Phonics and working hard on our Nativity.

Sycamore Class: We have spent a lot of time practising Babooshka and learning some songs for Christmas.

Ash Class: We have finished our Ukulele lessons (if you still have a Ukulele at home please bring it into school) and spent time learning more about Egypt including holding an Egyptian Day with a visit from Cleopatra herself!!

Hazel Class: We have been enjoying Forest School and learning about nature with Katie from Primary Forest Schools. We are ALL grateful for the amazing display of solar systems that they have bought into school which are proudly displayed in the hall.

Maple Class: We coped really well with lots of our compadre's being off and spent time learning more about spaces and forces.

Advent – The Journey to Christmas:

There is no doubt we are well on the way to Christmas. In the Catholic Church we follow the journey of Mary and Joseph, from Nazareth to Bethlehem during Advent. This is a distance of 90 miles, not much to us, about two hours or so on clear roads driving a good car! Mary and Joseph had to make the journey on dusty tracks riding a donkey! Not only that, Mary was VERY pregnant with Jesus.

This journey took Mary and Joseph about five days to complete. Imagine it, a donkey (no comfortable saddle), bumpy roads, Auntie's and Uncles chattering all the time. No Premier Inn to stay at, no lovely clean toilets to use, camping at the side of the road with wild animals sniffing around the camp! Hideous!! Mary must have been exhausted, fed up, frightened and SO uncomfortable. Try to imagine how hard their journey was, how strong they were to undertake it and how great their faith in God.

We have so much to be thankful to Mary for and her commitment to keeping Jesus safe holds her up as a role model for all of us.

Keep getting excited for Christmas, keep getting lovely presents for your family and friends and keep in mind the journey of Mary and Joseph and, that little donkey.

Advent Prayer:

Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.