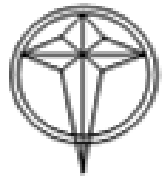




# St Catherine's C of E School

## Autumn 1 Newsletter 3

### 10.10.16



Already only two weeks left until half term – how quickly this first half term has gone. Look out for important diary dates being sent home – the first being our Harvest Festival which is on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October: KS2 at 1.45pm and Reception and KS1 at 2.30pm. Year 2 have a Smoothie Café for their parents after Harvest at 2.30-3.15 in their classroom. The Friends of St Catherine's are inviting parents to a coffee and cakes meeting at 3.30pm too.

**IMPORTANT**

If you wish to comment on proposed changes to the nursery hours and admissions or after school provision please ensure your slip reaches us before the end of half term. Please could Year 6 residential letters also be handed back by this date? Any Reception parents wishing to purchase a class photo, could you ensure orders are handed to the office by the end of this week please?

Years 2 and 3 have both had their An Daras events this week, with children in these year groups from St Stephens, Windmill Hill, North Petherwin and Werrington visiting to join a range of fun activities, such as treasure hunts, orienteering, fruit tasting, skipping etc. The children all really enjoyed getting to know other children from around Launceston, as well as getting outside to enjoy a range of fun learning activities.



The children this term will be focusing on developing key maths and spelling skills, enabling them to build to more complex concepts. To help them practice these skills, teachers will send home related homework. If your child is unable to complete the homework at home, we are now offering a Catch-up Homework Club on Friday lunchtime in school to give the children a chance to complete their homework, or access computers if needed.

The Friends of St Catherine's, our parent-teacher group, are having a coffee and cakes meeting after our Harvest Festival on the 18<sup>th</sup> October at 3.30pm. This is a chance for new and current parents to come along and meet the group who raise funds for our children, to access lots of additional resources. This year the Friends are planning to raise money to help improve our school grounds, for example, setting up a forest school area for the children to learn in. If you think you may be able to offer help or support in any way, please do come along!

Hopefully we'll see lots of you at our Harvest Festival in 2 weeks' time. For our Harvest we would like to support Launceston Foodbank. Please would you donate any tinned or wrapped food that you can? The children can bring your gifts in from now until the 18<sup>th</sup>. All donations for this worthy cause are greatly appreciated.



## Diary Dates:

Christmas Card Designs to come home/Order Deadline -  
**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Oct**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October** - Year 5 Swimming

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October** – Year 1 Hearing Screening in School

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October** - Year 5 An Daras Trust Event at St Catherine's

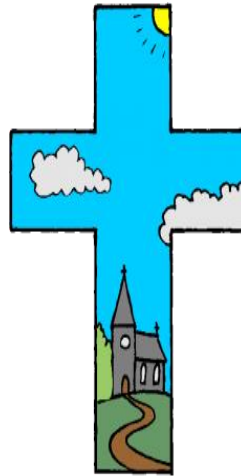
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**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October** - Year 5 An Daras Trust Event at St Catherine's

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October** - Break up for Half Term



Our Collective Worship Committee met for the first time last week. The children were full of great ideas, and enthusiastic about being able to help develop our Collective Worship. They will meet again next week to draw up an action plan and begin to work on some of their ideas.

Whatever the weather, we hope to be able to use our wonderful outside areas so it would be great for each child to bring a pair of wellies or old trainers to leave at school. Children must bring a coat every day too please.

The children have been really excited this week as we have had new playground markings put in. The children have netball and football courts, grids, bulls-eye and dart board games as well as 2 hopscotches. They have all enjoyed being able to play on them today.



**To help us be an environmentally friendly school, we will be e-mailing our newsletters each fortnight from now on. Please ensure the office has an up-to-date e-mail address. The newsletters will also be available on the school website and a few paper copies will be in the office if this is preferred/needed.**

## St Catherine's Wonderful Pupils...

### Values in Action Children of the Fortnight:

Reception: Roseanna and Phoebe

Class 1: Lina and Scarlett

Class 2: Amelia and Daria

Class 3: Ellie and Morwenna

Class 4: Jake and Ben

Class 5: Kieran and Tommie-Scott

Class 6: Liam and Alfie

### Good Learner Children of the Fortnight:

Reception: Holleigh and Freddie

Class 1: Jacob and Scarlett

Class 2: Evie, Jennifer and Milli

Class 3: Morwenna and Aaron

Class 4: Ruby and Melody

Class 5: Anna and Vincent

Class 6: Kerry and Sarah