



# St Catherine's C of E School

## Autumn 2 Newsletter 5

### 14.11.16



Thank you for all the parent traffic light surveys received so far – it has been great to hear your opinions which I'm in the process of collating, in order to create a letter responding to the points raised. Thank you to everyone for supporting our new morning arrangements which have been really effective in reducing congestion around the school in the mornings, allowing children to start their learning on time, independently and calmly every morning.



#### Admissions Consultation

<http://www.stcatherinescofe.co.uk/index.php/information-parents/admissions-consultation>

The deadline for commenting on the proposed changes is 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

Years 1 and 4 have now had An Daras MAT events in the last two weeks. Children in these year groups from St Stephens, Windmill Hill, North Petherwin and Werrington visited us to join a range of fun activities, involving sport and creative arts linked to writing outcomes. These events have all taken place here at St Catherine's this term. I popped in to see how year 1 were getting on this Thursday and it was wonderful to see the sea of poppies that the children had all created! Reception will have their first event in the Spring term. All events next term will take place at Windmill Hill



#### Behaviour at St Catherine's:

I have been reviewing the behavior policy at St Catherine's and we will be introducing some new strategies to support consistently good, responsible behaviour throughout the school day. Firstly, we will be using the 'Golden Rule' – this is to help the children understand that we should behave in a way that we would like others to behave towards us. In addition, the staff will use 'Diamond Behaviour' where classes collect 'diamonds'. A diamond will be given whenever pupils demonstrate expected behaviours independently. The class jars will be shared in celebration assembly to show how well each class is doing. This programme will be used to promote good playtime and lunchtime behaviour. To further support the lunchtime behaviour, we will be restructuring the timings at lunchtime, so pupils are in the hall and on the playground in smaller groups. Our new policy is available to read on the school website.



**Website:** Some of you may have noticed that our school website is under development. We are working to streamline and improve access for parents to important information. We hope that the site will prove useful to families in accessing class and diary information as well as newsletters and school policy information. To further improve communication with our families we will shortly be introducing a Twitter feed and Facebook School Information page.

<http://stcatherinescofe.co.uk/>



### Diary Dates:

Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Nov - Peter Pan Theatre visit

Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Nov – Immunisation in school day

Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Nov Class 3 Trip

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Nov – Children in Need Pajama Day

Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Nov - Collective Worship Committee Cooking Session/Community Lunch/School Council Meeting with Chartwells

Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec – Non-uniform donations for Friends Christmas Hamper.

Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Performance Dress Rehearsal

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – **CHANGE OF TIME**. Christmas Performance 6pm Central Methodist (Launceston College Carol Service is on the same night at 7.30)

### Friends Christmas Hamper Raffle:

Friends will be doing a Christmas Hamper Raffle. They will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec for a donation to the hamper. More information sent out nearer the time.



### Anti-bullying Week

This week we are re-emphasising our zero-tolerance to bullying policy at St Catherine's, as part of Anti-bullying week. As well as our assembly theme, each class has carried out activities to highlight the different forms bullying can take, and the devastating impact bullying can have on children. As a school we are working hard to develop a culture of trust – where children can report any concerns to us, as well as a non-acceptance of bullying behaviour in our school.



### Children in Need

**This Friday is Children in Need – in order to raise money for this amazing cause the children can come in PJs with a teddy for the day for a donation. Thank you!**

## St Catherine's Wonderful Pupils...

### Values in Action Children of the Fortnight:

Reception: Abigail and Noah

Class 1: Sonny and Jessica

Class 2: Ronnie and Millie B

Class 3: Ryan and Charlotte

Class 4: Leo H and Eran

Class 5: Abbie and Josh C

Class 6: Lewis and Jess T

### Good Learner Children of the Fortnight:

Reception: Holleigh and Abigail

Class 1: Maria and Frankie

Class 2: Oliver and Olivia

Class 3: Luka and Connor

Class 4: Jasmine and Millie M

Class 5: Abel and Joe

Class 6: Jasmine and Anton