

Dear Parents,

Remember tomorrow is Children in Need when the children can come dressed in spotty clothes for a donation to this great cause.

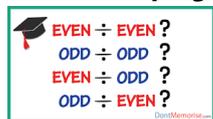
School Improvement – Maths

Thank you to all parents who were able to attend our maths morning – we hope you found it useful and informative. We will host another event next term to follow up with this key priority this year.

Mathletics and SUMDOG

We have subscribed as a school to two online programmes Mathletics and SUMDOG– both programmes are designed to help children develop their maths skills and pace of working. You should have received your child's log-ins by now (please let your child's class teacher know if this hasn't come home yet). You can access these games via: <https://community.mathletics.com/signin/#/student> and www.sumdog.com

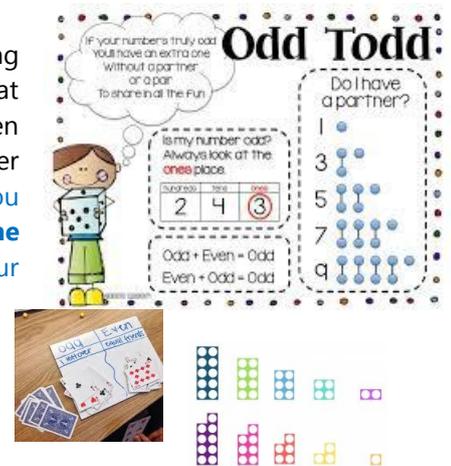
Maths – helping at home:



Odd and even is a theme studied in maths – from just knowing which numbers are odd or even, to knowing patterns to spot, what happens when we add or subtract or multiply odd and even numbers and identifying any number as odd and even however

big. When playing games you can ask children to predict (after rolling a dice) 'Will you land on an odd or even number? How do you know?' 'How would you create the largest possible two-digit even number from the digit I've given you and one of your choice?' Some ideas include:

- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/place-value-odd-and-even>
- <http://www.doorwayonline.org.uk/number/oddandeven/>
- <https://nrich.maths.org/public/leg.php?code=5001>



Collective Worship

This half term we have covered themes relating to British history – Guy Fawkes and Remembrance. This week our focus has been on Anti-bullying as it is anti-bullying week nationally.

Friends

Next Friday (24th) Friends are having a non-uniform day in school. Children may come in non-uniform for a donation of a quality item for the Christmas Hampers. Raffle tickets will be on sale from next week. The raffle will be drawn at the Christmas Fair which is on Friday 1st of December 3-5.30pm. Help is still needed for running the Christmas Fair – if you can spare a little time please let the office know and we will pass your information on to Emma Melia (Chair of the Friends). Friends are in the process of purchasing a kitchen for our creative hub which will be used by all our pupils – so a great thing to raise money for!

Tempest Portrait Day

Please remember to hand in all orders for photographs **by Friday 24th November.**

School Money

School Money is now live. All payments to the school and booking for breakfast and after-school childcare (apart from school dinner money) should be made through this system now. We will stop taking cash payments from 1st December. If you have any queries about this or issues with your log-in, please see Miss Davis or Mrs Maguire in the school office.

Launceston's Late Night Shopping

There is a Willow Lantern Family Workshop being held on 25th November between 9am and 5pm at St Mary's Church hall - £4. Make your own lantern to join the Late Night Shopping Procession on 8th December – 6-9pm.

Bike/Scooter Racks

We have had an enquiry regarding bike racks in school and would like to gauge interest in this - whether parents would allow their children to cycle to school if there was somewhere safe to store bikes here – if you are interested please let your child's class teacher know.

SEN Questionnaire

Mrs Bartlett, our acting SENDCo, has sent out a questionnaire regarding SEN provision at St Catherine's. Once completed this can be handed in to the school office. It would be great to have as many returned as possible to help us ensure we are meeting the needs of all our children and families. Many thanks.

Attendance

In-line with government expectations and other schools nationally, we are continuing to work hard on improving attendance in the school as it has such an impact on children's learning and progress. Following advice from our Educational Welfare Officer, who monitors attendance in the school, we will not authorise term time holidays unless in exceptional circumstances. Our whole school target is 95% - this includes lateness which is marked as unauthorised after 9.20am. The last week's attendance percentages are:

Reception	94.6%
Year 1	98.7%
Year 2	93.2%
Year 3	96.9%
Year 4	98.9%
Year 5	93%
Year 6	96.3%

Whole School Attendance
95.9%
Keeping up the great work! 😊

A reminder that absence for reasons other than the child's illness or medical appointment do go down as unauthorised.

Values in Action and Child of the Week Awards

Reception: Orla and Lyndsey
Class 1: Kalina and Joshua
Class 2: Megan and Yazmyn
Class 3: Aiden and Evie
Class 4: Melissa and Karol
Class 5: Alfie and Cameron
Class 6: Charlotte and Abel

Reception: Phoebe-Grace and Cayden
Class 1: Bella and Brogan
Class 2: Brandon and Maria
Class 3: Millie B and Blake
Class 4: Charlotte and Aaron
Class 5: Jess and Magda
Class 6: Anna C and Alfie

Dates for the Diary

17 th Nov Class 2 Theatre Trip/Children in Need Spotacular Day	Wk Beg 27 th November – Parents' Evening
Friday 24 th November – Non-uniform Day for a Christmas Hamper Donation.	KS2 Christmas Concert St Mary's Church Mon day 11 th December 6pm
29 th November Community Lunch	Wednesday 13 th December Christmas Dinner
Friday 1 st December Christmas Fair – 3.15pm	EYFS and KS1 Christmas Performance Thursday 14 th 4.30pm Central Methodist
Thursday 7 th December – Last Yr5 Swim	Mon 18 th December Christmas Craft Day
	Wednesday 20 th Dec End of Term.

Links for further info

Don't forget, you can access information about the school via our website:

<http://www.stcatherinescofe.co.uk/index.php> and twitter: [@StCathsAndaras](https://twitter.com/StCathsAndaras) and Facebook: [@stcatherinesandaras](https://www.facebook.com/stcatherinesandaras)

Parent View

As a parent of a child in our school you can complete an online survey for our school at any time via Ofsted Parent View <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Louise Hussey

Head of School

