

Dear Parents,

Welcome back. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our KS2 Harvest Festival or our KS1 Class events last half term. Also a big thanks for all the donations for Launceston Foodbank – we have a huge collection to deliver to the Foodbank this week!

School Improvement - Building Learning Powers

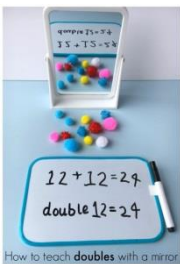
Thank you to all those helping to support our 'Building Learning Powers'. It is fantastic to share the children's learning achievements from home in school time. I have seen some amazing home learning projects from the children this term so far!

Collective Worship

Our theme this term is hospitality. So far, we have welcomed in visitors for our parent lunches and our harvest festival theme was hospitality. We will continue to learn about this theme over the term. This week we also explored British history through learning about Guy Fawkes and reminded the children about safety this coming weekend.

Maths – helping at home:

Doubling is our focus this week – the children are generally quite good at halving but often struggle more with the concept of doubling. You can help by getting children to calculate doubles of portions, shopping bills, recipe amounts, lengths of times, etc. Some online games and investigations that help are:



<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

<http://www.ictgames.com/robindoubles.html>

<https://nrich.maths.org/10588> -Doubling 5s

<https://nrich.maths.org/145> - Magic Plant

<https://nrich.maths.org/10654> - Double or Half Dice Game

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Flash.aspx?f=dartboarddoublesandhalves>

Halving

- * is a division strategy
- * can be used to when you have to divide by 2, 4, 8 etc.

Doubling

- * is a multiplication strategy
- * can be used to when you have to multiply by 2, 4, 8 etc.

Class 3 News

Mrs Laithwaite has now begun her maternity leave and we wish her all the best and good wishes for the safe arrival of her baby. We welcome Mrs Nina Reskelly who will teach Class 3 along with Mrs Williams during the maternity leave. Mrs Debbie Bartlett (SENDCo) will be supporting us with our SEN during this time.

Tempest Portrait Day

A letter will be coming out this week regarding our annual photograph day. All children will have an individual photograph taken that day. Please only complete and return the form if you wish to have a family or group portrait taken in addition to the individual photo.

School Money

School Money is now live. All payments to the school, apart from school dinner money, should be made through this system now. If you have any queries about this or issues with your log-in, please see Miss Davis or Mrs Maguire in the school office. We are awaiting news from Chartwells regarding school dinner money payments and will keep you informed if this changes.

Launceston's Charity Santa Fun Run

11am Sunday December 10th – Approximately 5k starting and finishing at coronation Park – entry forms are available from Launceston Tourist Information Centre or phone 01566774706 – early entry discount. Please pick up a flier in the office of see displayed poster for more information.

Maths Open Morning

We will be holding a Maths Open Morning on Tuesday 14th November. Parents are welcome to join us between 9am and 10am to learn more about how we learn maths in each year group.

SEN Questionnaire

Mrs Bartlett, our acting SENDCo, will be sending out a questionnaire regarding SEN provision at St Catherine's. If your child is currently registered on our SEN register, you will receive a questionnaire. 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	97.3%
Year 1	99%
Year 2	97.1%
Year 3	94.8%
Year 4	95.9%
Year 5	86.7%
Year 6	97.3%

Whole School Attendance
95.4%
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: Hannah
Class 1: Finlee
Class 2: Jacob M
Class 3: Rennimae
Class 4: Megan
Class 5: Zach
Class 6: Abbie

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Class 1: Phoebe
Class 2: Jessica
Class 3: Ethan K
Class 4: Reece
Class 5: Dexter
Class 6: Tom P

Dates for the Diary

Friday 10 th Nov Tempest Photography Day	Wk Beg 27 th November – Parents' Evening
Tuesday 14 th November Maths Open Morning	KS2 Christmas Concert St Mary's Church Mon day 11 th December 6pm
17 th Nov Class 2 Theatre Trip/Children in Need Spotacular Day	Wednesday 13 th December Christmas Dinner
Friday 24 th November – Non-uniform Day for a Christmas Hamper Donation.	EYFS and KS1 Christmas Performance Thursday 14 th 4.30pm Central Methodist
29 th November Community Lunch	Mon/Tues 18 th and 19 th December Christmas Craft Days
Friday 1 st December Christmas Fair – 3.15pm	Wednesday 20 th Dec End of Term.
Thursday 7 th December – Last Yr5 Swim	

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

