



## St Catherine's C of E School Autumn Newsletter 7- 20.12.17



Dear Parents,

**Remember today is the last day of term. Pupils return to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January. Have a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year!**

### **School Improvement – Maths**

Year 5 will be beginning a 'Chicken Club' with parents after Christmas that also looks at everyday Maths. There will be a blog to follow progress and see what they are doing weekly!

### **Collective Worship**

We have been focusing on the true meaning of Christmas during December and also thinking about those less fortunate than us this Christmas. We had a special last Collective Worship from Rev Jane where she was presented with flowers and good luck cards and messages from the children. We wish her all the best in her new post and home and thank her for all the hard work and support she has given to St Catherine's.

### **Friends**

Thank you for all your support with the Friends' fund-raising efforts this term. The fete and raffle were really well supported. Once we have a total raised, we will let you know!

### **Christmas Performances**

Well done to all our wonderful children who performed so well in either the KS2 Christmas Concert in St Mary's or the Infant Department Nativity in Central Methodist. We were so proud of how well they did! Thank you to all the staff too for their hard work in preparing the children for these performances. Thank you for supporting us – both Churches were full and we appreciate you coming and supporting also our chosen charity – St Petroc's charity for the homeless.

### **School Money**

After Christmas, Breakfast Club and After-school club bookings will continue to be expected to be made via School Money – only in an emergency can a child be brought to Breakfast Club without a pre-booking and a phone call leaving a message to confirm this must be made to the school prior to dropping your child. Any unexpected bookings will be asked to make the booking and payment on arrival at the clubs. Please remember all children must be signed in to breakfast club by an adult-please do not leave your child at the school door unattended for safeguarding reasons. These processes enable us to meet safeguarding and safety requirements. Many thanks for your support with this.

### **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	96%
Year 1	89.7%
Year 2	98.6%
Year 3	92.4%
Year 4	98.1%
Year 5	83%
Year 6	99.3%

### **Whole School Attendance**

**93.7%**



**Year 6 has this week's best attendance!**

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

### **Parent Helpers**

A huge thank you to all our parent volunteers who help us in school weekly – we appreciate you giving up your time and helping us achieve so much in school!

### **What would Jesus do**

**and**

### **Child of the term Awards**

Reception: Jasmine  
Class 1: Brogan  
Class 2: Harry  
Class 3: Melissa  
Class 4: Ellie  
Class 5: Eran  
Class 6: Charlotte

Reception: Malachi  
Class 1: Kalina  
Class 2: Daniel and Libby  
Class 3: Natalia  
Class 4: Melissa and Aaron  
Class 5: Brooklyn  
Class 6: Seth

A big well done to all our end of term celebration award winners this term!

### **Dates for the Diary**

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January – Pupils Return to School	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February – Last day of half term
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> January – Bikability starts, more information to follow	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February – Back to school
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> – School nurse for Heights and Weights	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March – Friends' Discos
	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March Last day of term
	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April – Back to school

### **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/>

**Wishing you all a very joyful and peaceful Christmas.**

**Yours sincerely,**

*Mrs Louise Hussey*

**Head of School**