



St Catherine's C of E School Autumn Newsletter 1- 21.9.18



Dear Parents,

School Improvement

Our focus in school this year, for school improvement, will be continuing to support pupils in improving their progress in maths. We will also be looking at reading and writing and, in particular applying skills learnt in English lessons across all curriculum subjects.

Contact Information

Data collection forms will be sent out this month for checking – in the meantime if any phone numbers have changed over the holidays, please ensure that we have current contact information for your child held in our office with a minimum of 2 emergency contact phone numbers. Many thanks.

School Nursery

Our nursery now takes children from 2 years old. Please speak to Mrs Bishop or Miss Whitley in nursery if you are interested in a nursery place. When dropping and collecting off to the nursery, please ensure that you close the large black gates at all times to help keep our children safe.

Curriculum Information

On our website, on the class pages, you will be able to find curriculum maps that outline the learning and topics your child will be learning this term. There are also year group English and Maths learning intentions. These can help with any home learning your child wishes to do. We are always interested in any activities your child carries out at home, so please do encourage them to share these in class!

Collective Worship

We are learning about our role in the different communities we belong to this term. This week we focused on friendship and how listening is an important friendship skill.

Library Books

Some of the teachers have noticed several of their class library books are missing, please can you check at home in case any have not been returned before the summer. Many thanks.

Meet the Teacher Meetings

Thanks to everyone able to attend the start of year meet the teacher meetings. If you were unable to attend and have any questions or concerns, please do make an appointment to see your class teacher. Information given out will be available on the website class pages.

Letters Page

All letters sent home will be added to the webpage on the Letters home page. This should help if your child doesn't bring one home or you need to check information.

Launceston Youth Hockey Club

Launceston Youth Hockey Club are looking for new players – training nights are Wednesday Night (training starts 19th Sept) from 4.30- 5.30pm (mixed ability) 5.30 – 6.30pm (advanced ability), ALL TRAINING IS AT THE MUGGA PITCH, (next to the tennis courts) If you require any more information please call Andy Berry (Head Coach) on 07969 164066 or email info@berrysagriculture.co.uk or Vicky Harrison, (Secretary) on 07788 422261 or email harrison1712@aol.com.

School Admissions Applications

Letters have been sent home to year 5 pupils to remind parents that applications for secondary school places are now open and need to be made before 31st October 2018. Applications are open for reception class places, these need to be made before 15 January 2019. More information can be found at: <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-admissions/apply-to-start-school-or-transfer-to-junior-secondary-or-ks4-school-in-september-2019/>

NHS Pupil Health Services

The Schools Immunisation team are offering nasal flu vaccinations to all children in reception and years 1,2,3,4 and 5. Information about this can be found in the NHS leaflet, a copy of which is on our website letters page. Parent consent needs to be made online at www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/flu using the school's unique reference code – **EE142804**. Consent must be given before immunisation can take place. Our vaccination date is 18th October – please ensure consent is given at least 2 days prior to this.

The NHS School Nurse service are offering free hearing screening for Year 1 pupils again this year on the 27th November. Letters will be sent out nearer the time.

Making Integration Happen

Education, Children's Social Care and Community Care Services are holding drop-in sessions for the local community to share their views on the services plan to integrate. A session will be held in Launceston Town Hall on the 8th October between 1 and 5pm. More information can be found at www.cornwall.gov.uk/integration

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	98.5%
Year 1	98%
Year 2	91.9%
Year 3	91.7%
Year 4	94.4%
Year 5	95.3%
Year 6	95.2%

Whole School Attendance

94.8%



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

Class 1: Ollie – friendship and generosity
Class 2: Noah and Freddie B – Responsibility and Courage
Class 3: Scarlett – putting others first
Class 4: Georgia and Phoebe - Courage
Class 5: Sarah - generosity
Class 6: Laila – Courage and Resilience

Reception: All of Reception for their great positive learning attitude
Class 1: Tabby – Responsible learner
Class 2: Taran – Resourceful learner
Class 3: Libby – Resourceful learner
Class 4: Joe – Independent/Responsible learner
Class 5: Ryan - Independent/Responsible learner
Class 6: Alex – Mature and Responsible learner

Dates for the Diary

Flu Vaccination Day for Yr R-5 18th October 2018
Harvest Celebration KS2 18th October 2.15pm School
Half Term 22-26th October
Yr1 Hearing Screening 27th November
Last day of term Thursday 20th December

Christmas Dates will be added once venues have been confirmed.

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 and Facebook: @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,

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Executive Head

