



St Catherine's C of E School Autumn Newsletter 2- 5.10.18



Dear Parents,

School Improvement

We will be beginning a project this term which helps build activities into the curriculum to extend our pupils' capabilities in a range of ways. These capabilities link to our school values and building learning powers. The activities are designed to link to but also enrich, broaden and deepen the curriculum we teach in school.

Data Collection Forms

Please ensure you have returned your child's data collection form to their class.

Curriculum Information

On our website, we have added each year group's grammar and punctuation expectations for the year. These are covered in our English lessons and RWI sessions. Your child may also have homework linked to these learning intentions.

Collective Worship

We have been thinking about respect in this week's collective worship and in particular about valuing and respecting each other's opinions, ideas and differences. Year 6s helped act out a scene to demonstrate this to the school.

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

Year 1 Appointment

Following the completion of our recruitment process, we are delighted to announce that we have appointed Mr Richard Hudson to the position of Class 1 teacher. He will cover the class straight after half term before taking the post permanently from January. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Sheri Lowden for stepping into the breach for us this term and for caring for our year 1s so well this half term.

Parent Views

Every year, during spring term we carry out a full parents' survey. In the meantime we'd like to repeat our mini traffic light survey for quick feedback on your child's learning to support our continuing drive to improve. Green – something we do well to support your child's learning, Amber – something we could develop or improve, Red something you think we should change to improve your child's learning. These slips will come home with your child to complete and return by half term please.

Attendance

In-line with government statutory requirements 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. All absence requests must be made via an absence request form which lists the valid reasons for a child's absence from school.** Our whole school target is to be greater than 95% - this includes lateness which is marked as unauthorised after 9.20am. **Any child who drops below 90% flags up as a concern – in real terms this equates to almost a month off school which has a huge impact on their learning. Please do see me if you have any concerns over your child's attendance.** The last week's attendance percentages are:

Reception	92.6%	Whole School Attendance 96.5% 😊
Year 1	96.9%	
Year 2	97.2%	
Year 3	97.3%	
Year 4	94.5%	
Year 5	99.3%	
Year 6	97.1%	

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

Values in Action Awards

These wonderful pupils have been spotted demonstrating our school values this week:-

- Reception: Lincoln – friendship and helpfulness/Martha – kind and thoughtful
- Class 1: Jasmine – responsibility and compassion/Jessica – kind and respectful
- Class 2: Gracjan – responsibility and helpfulness/ Louie - creativity
- Class 3: Aaron – Being caring and friendship/Toby - kindness
- Class 4: Melissa – respectful, trustworthy, friendship/Amelia – humble, respectful and kind
- Class 5: Megan – calm, respectful, friendship/ Abbie - kindness
- Class 6: Jessica – thoughtful, friendship/Leo H - courage

Good Learner Awards

These are our star learners this week demonstrating our learning powers:-

- Reception: Gracie – responsibility and independence/Adele – modelling and recalling learning
- Class 1: Tian – Responsibility and resilience/Ethan - responsibility and always trying his best
- Class 2: Freddie H/Eleanor – responsible and respectful learners/Phoebe – resilience and responsibility
- Class 3: Jessica – resourceful learner/Alfie – resilience and courage
- Class 4: Jhah Jhah – excellent active listener/Blake – positive attitude
- Class 5: Luke – positive attitude/great contributions to learning/Reece – focused learning attitude
- Class 6: Brooklyn – Responsible pupil/100% effort/Callum – positive attitude

Dates for the Diary

Year 6 Trip 17 th October	Wk Beginning 12 th November – Parents' Evenings
Flu Vaccination Day for Yr R-5 18 th October 2018	KS1 Christmas Performance – Central Methodist –
Harvest Celebration KS2 18 th October 2.15pm School	Monday 17 th December 5-6 pm
Half Term 22-26 th October	KS2 Christmas Performance – St Mary's Church –
Yr1 Hearing Screening 27 th November	Tuesday 18 th December 5-6 pm
Tempest Photography Day 9 th November	Last day of term Thursday 20 th December

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,

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Executive Head

