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St Catherine's Newsletter - Spring 6

"At St Catherine's Church of England School, we strive to educate our children to realise their aspirations and to contribute positively to society guided by our Christian principles."

Confirmed Diary Dates:

Spring 2nd Half Term: Monday 22nd February – Thursday 1st April Easter Holiday: Friday 2nd April – Friday 16th April Summer 1st Half Term: Monday 19th April – Friday 28th May **Summer Half Term Holiday** – Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June **Summer 2nd Half Term** – Tuesday 8th June – Thursday 22nd July







Values in Action Award

Reception: ALL Reception-courage; Willow-responsibility.

Year One: Amelia-creativity; Holly & Ruby –kindness.

Year Two: Tianna-courage; Louisrespect.

Year Three: Orla-humility; Tabby-kindness.

Year Four: Oliver-respect; Roseann – courage.

Year Five: Freya-compassion; Frankie-kindness.

Year Six: Joe-courage; Phoebe-responsibility.

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What Would Jesus Do Award Spring 2021

Reception: Reggie-thoughtful, funny & happy!

Year One: Jasmine-Kind, considerate, looks for the good.

Year Two: Gracie– kind and considerate.

Year Three: Darcie-kind and fair to all.

Year Four: Patryk– thoughtful, kind and grateful every day.

Year Five: Yazmyn– courageous and determined.

Year Six: Millie B– courageous and determined.

Learners of the Week Award

Reception: Anya-all learning powers; Darcie-responsibility.

Year One: Tom-resourcefulness; Rose-responsibility.

Year Two: Tuscan-resilience; Samantha-resourcefulness; Mollyrespect & resilience.

Year Three: Tian-responsibility; Jamie-responsibility.

Year Four: Poppy-responsibility; Noel-resilience.

Year Five: Sorina-resilient & resourceful; Filip-resilient.

Year Six: Ethan W-respect; Ameliaresilience; Millie T– resilience.

Child of the Term

Award Spring 2021

Reception: Louie– positive and hard working all term.

Year One: Poppy-unfailing commitment; Amelia– fantastic engagement.

Year Two: Arni-total commitment at home and in school.

Year Three: Joshua– tries very hard every day—great role model!

Year Four: Joshua– fantastic work and progress this term.

Year Five: Kubus– great courage and resiklience all term.

Year Six: Melissa– always fully committed to her learning!

School Grounds Improvement 2021

This term, St Catherine's has been very fortunate to benefit from a Government safeguarding initiative to improve the safety of school grounds, which has meant that we were fully funded to have all fences and gates totally replaced and new entrances for Year Six and Junior children created.

This is a hugely positive improvement to our school, creating a very safe, enclosed environment and when they are up and running, two new Junior entrances that should make entering and leaving easier and safer. We will post more details of exactly how these new entrances will work at a later date when all necessary works have been completed.

Here a few photos so you can get an idea of the full extent of the work carried out.



Higher gates at the front.



A new Year six entrance at the back of the school.



Fences and gates on internal paths for added security.



Discrete, sturdy fencing that fully encloses all boundaries, ensuring there are no breaks in the security.

Extra-Curricular Learning Spring 2021

We are very proud to report that we have over 80 children from all classes across the school, who are currently coming to school before or after the normal school day in order to enhance their learning and promote their progress in phonics, reading, comprehension, maths and times tables.



We recognise what great commitment this entails from both children and their families and want to say a big thank you to you all. Your investment in this extra learning will have great benefit to all the children in so many ways.

Blackbird Pie Magazine

Blackbird Pie is here again and this time we have REAL events in our What's On magazine - things families can go to and enjoy.

Schools can win lovely Walker Books and you don't need to be a big school, just enthusiastic.

Of course, some of the items in our magazine are still virtual and many of the events are in the future but families can book up and have things to plan.

All magazines are FREE to download. Just click below.

Sign up, you will be emailed each issue and details of our competitions.

https://blackbirdreads.turtl.co/story/blackbirdpie-2021-easter/



Welcome to our newest member of **St Catherine's!**

This week there has been **HUGE** excitement all around school with the arrival of **LUNA**, a beautiful puppy that the Parish family have very kindly agreed to share with us as our official school dog!

As you can see, she is completely adorable and the children are all very anxious to meet her!

If you have read about Luna on Class Dojo, you will know from our posts that there are many benefits for children and adults in having contact with animals and we are so looking forward to watching her grow up and become a much valued part of the St Catherine's family.





Truro Diocese Synod Meeting May 2021

This year, our Diocesan Director for Education, Katie Fitzsimmons, has asked if some of the children from St Catherine's would like to lead the annual Synod Meeting in prayers and a song. This is a great honour, as only two schools in the county are able to contribute to the meeting in this way and we are extremely proud to have the opportunity to show

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and how central our Christian faith is in the way we

think, feel and behave towards each other.

The children's contributions will be recorded and sent nearer the time and we will ensure we obtain any permissions needed for children to be filmed for this event.

Argyl Community Trust Holiday Provision

Dear parents,

This Easter Half Term Argyle Community Trust (PAFC) are running up to 25 different Roadshows across many venues of the community & would love to see as many regular faces from our school as possible, please see a list of venues that they are running from across the two week break: https://argylecommunitytrust.co.uk/soccer-roadshows/in-north-devon-east-cornwall/

- St Joseph's School, Launceston.
- Lanivet Community Hub.
- Wadebridge Football Club.
- Bude Football Club.
- Saltmill 3G Pitch, Saltash.
- St Teath Football Club.
- Dobwalls Football Club.



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In North Devon & East Cornwall - Argyle Community Trust

These new dates are subject to meeting the demands of any future changes in Government advice and regulation. Numbers for each course are strictly limited, we regret that at this time courses must be booked online. Roadshows are sorted by next occurrence. When you click on one you can book all or any of the ...

argylecommunitytrust.co.uk

Kind regards,

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Arena wild Tribe Live Easter Provision

More Easter holiday activities you may wish to take advantage of.

Website: http://www.arena-schools.co.uk

Facebook: @Arenaeastcornwall

Twitter: @Arenacornwall @SGOEastCornwall

Wild Tribe Live!!

Following the recent success of our Wild Tribe Spring Nature Explorers sessions check out our <u>YouTube</u> <u>channel</u>. We are delighted to announce that during the Easter holidays we will be delivering 'Wild Tribe Live Sessions' for children in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. You will be able to develop your skills as Nature Explorers through the great outdoors. There will be access to some Easter themed videos with the aim of inspiring you to **#GetOutGeActiveGetCreative**.

Come and meet Mrs Blackbird, as she continues her journey to discover The Lost Spells

Both adventures are open to all ages and start at 10.30am



Day One Tuesday 6th April we discover 'Moth' aimed at KS1 (EYFS to Year 2)

Day Two Thursday 8th April join us to unearth 'Jay' aimed at KS2 (Year 3 to Year 6)

CLICK HERE to register

The Wild Tribe Outdoor learning programme is delivered by Arena Sports Partnership based in East Cornwall part of the WestCountry Schools Trust. Further information about our programmes can be found on our <u>website</u> or follow us on <u>Twitter</u> or <u>Facebook</u>

Easter Blessings to all our families and staff

A huge **WELL DONE** to all our children, families and staff for making our return to school such a happy and positive experience for everyone! The children have returned full of enthusiasm and a willingness to engage with all their learning and there has been a real buzz of activity and energy throughout the school!

Though we all face challenges in the things we have to do we are very fortunate to have each other for inspiration and encouragement and we remain very grateful as always for the good will and support we receive from our families. We hope you all enjoy a much-deserved peaceful and sunny Easter holiday.

Pippa Warner (Head of School)

