



# United Schools Federation (USF) St. Catherine's C. of E. Nursery and Primary School



## Newsletter

29<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a start to the last half term of the school year! We are delighted to see the sun but please help us to keep the children safe by putting sun-cream on your child/ren before school and ensuring they come to school with a sun hat.

Before we get to the fantastic things the children have done over the past few weeks I would like to again remind adults about parking courteously and safely. If you can walk children to school please do this to help the congestion at drop-off and pick up points. Our neighbours must have access to their driveways and it is illegal to obstruct access even for a few minutes - please think of your own reaction if someone blocked you in. If you can park well away from the school gates this would be appreciated.

### Sports Day

Amazingly the weather was near perfect for KS2 Sports Day last month. We would like to thank all the parents, grandparents and friends who supported the children on that day. It was a great success and congratulations to Hare Tor - the overall winners.

**Early Years Sports** will take place on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July from 1-30 p.m. and parents and carers of children in Nursery and Reception are warmly invited to attend.

### Swimming Gala

Well done to Imogen, Abigail, Beth, Lacey, TJ and Charley who were absolute stars at the recent federation swimming gala - they astonished themselves by even swimming butterfly and did us proud. All the children were extremely well-behaved and Beth deserves a special mention for winning the butterfly final!

### Athletics Tournament

Six children from Years 3 and 4 also took part in the USF athletics tournament recently. Once again they performed amazingly well gaining 4<sup>th</sup> overall. Well done to Callum who was awarded a special prize for great teamwork.

### Book Fair - a huge THANK YOU from Miss Nichols

*Following the Book Fair that we have had in school for the past week, I would like to thank everyone for their support and hope all the children enjoyed having the opportunity to look through and buy as many books that were sold. The children seemed to thoroughly enjoy the class competitions and I know each class teacher found it hard to only choose one winner. The Book Fair has an amount that, if reached, they will then match by providing books for the school. This year, we needed to sell at least £300 in order to receive free books for school. Thanks to all your support we sold over **£580** which means that every child will now benefit as this has already been used to buy more books for each class and the library.*

Since the last newsletter:-

- Foundation Stage visited Pennywell Farm
- RNLI gave a lifeguard talk to Edison and Da Vinci classes
- Year 6 spent the day at Woodlands
- The 'Friends' Committee ran a disco for the children
- The sensory garden opening took place
- Coombeshead Academy performed "Aesops's Fables" to the whole school
- Da Vinci Class took part in a Sporting Spectacular run by Coombeshead Academy
- Various classes have been cooking with Mrs Richardson
- An exciting Bat Buddy assembly took place
- Sparks (Nursery & Reception) and Stephenson Class had a Road Safety Show
- All children have taken part in assessments with Year 2 and Year 6 completing their SATS
- Year 2 children stayed overnight at St. Michael's School joining other children from within the federation. How lucky to have a warm evening for the event.

**Data Usage Parental Consent Form**

This week Data Usage forms were issued to each child. Please help us by returning your form this week. A reminder that to comply with the new GDPR laws we need your explicit permission for each use of your child's image and name.

**Payments/Outstanding fees**

If you have outstanding fees for dinner money, school trips or other items please remember that this must be cleared before the end of term. Please help us by paying in advance for school lunches during the last week of term.

**Diary Dates**

<b>July</b>	
Mondays	Music lessons by arrangement
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1-30 p.m. Early Years Sports
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	Stephenson Class assembly 3 pm
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	SDCC transition week
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	Da Vinci trip to apiary (bee house)
Tue 10 <sup>th</sup>	Magic Morning!
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	Newton Class assembly 3 pm
11 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 residential trip to Escot
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	Sparks Class assembly
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	Induction for new nursery children
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	1-30 p.m. Poptastic the Musical
Thur 19 <sup>th</sup>	5-30 p.m. Poptastic the Musical
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	2-30 p.m. Summer Fete
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	School Disco
23 <sup>rd</sup> - 25 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 residential trip to Skern
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	Leavers Assembly
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of Summer Term
<b>September</b>	
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>	First day for children
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	School Photographs

Music lessons (piano/keyboard & violin) are available on a Monday by arrangement with Jacqui on 07920 100495  
 jacquiriedlinger@hotmail.com  
 (Charges dependent upon individual or group lessons)

**Poptastic - the musical**

Tickets are now available from the Office.

Show times:

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 1.30pm

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July 5.30pm

Kind regards.  
 Marcus West  
 Head of School