



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



## Newsletter

October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

What changeable weather we are having! This may be a very good time to remind your child that they must bring a coat to school as, unless the weather is really unkind, we encourage all classes to have some time outside in the playground to let off steam and have a breath of fresh air.

The colder, wetter days mean many of us may drive to school instead of walking which is understandable. However, please remember to park courteously and safely. Our neighbours must have access to their driveways and it is illegal to obstruct access even for a few minutes. If you can park well away from the school gates this would be appreciated.

### **Data Usage Parental Consent Forms/Permission Booklets/Outstanding fees/Parent Pay login**

This week reminders have been sent where we are still waiting for one or two papers or clearance of outstanding fees. Please help us by paying for items daily or at the beginning of each week.

If you need help with signing up to Parent Pay please do telephone or call into the school office and ask to speak to Miss Tippett who will be glad to help.

### **Reception Class photo in the Herald Express**

Parents who gave us the appropriate consent may like to view the class photograph in the Herald Express on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Bovey Area Neighbourhood Community Plan consultation event**

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November - please put a date in your diary to come into the school hall after school and view the displays concerning our local area. The committee would like to hear your views and ideas for the future of the local area. Watch out for further information. This is your chance to have your say!

### **Home Reading**

A HUGE thank you and well done to everyone who has been encouraging reading at home. The percentage of children reading at home rose from 28% to 63% this term! This is fantastic and exactly what will help your child. Please keep this up as percentages can increase even further and your support makes such a significant difference.

### **Attendance**

Our attendance this month is 96%. Thank you for working with us in keeping the children in school and reminding them about personal hygiene and the importance of hand-washing in order to keep bugs to the minimum. Don't forget to telephone the school, before 9-10 a.m. if possible, to let us know the reason for your child's absence.

## Diary Dates

October		December	
Mondays	Bible Club 3-30 - 4-30 p.m. for all	Tue 4 <sup>th</sup>	Primary Immunisation Flu Yr R - 5
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	Recycle assembly	Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening
Half Term	Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct to Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov inclusive	Tue 11 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening
<b>November</b>		Tue 12 <sup>th</sup>	Choir to Seale Hayne
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	Local Studies Week	Tue 18 <sup>th</sup>	Panto Trip KS2
Thur 8 <sup>th</sup>	Neighbourhood Community Plan	Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas lunch
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup>	Heathfield Comm. Ch. Coffee Morning	Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	Last day for children
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need	Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	First day back for children

### Flu immunisation - Years R - 5 only - Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Please see the information below from NHS Virgin Care:

#### Nasal Flu vaccination - Electronic consent

*From September 2018 the Immunisation Team will be offering the Flu vaccination to all **Primary Children from Reception to year 5**. Delivery of the vaccine will run October - December 2018 across Devon, Plymouth and Torbay and this year the Immunisation Team are adopting electronic consent.*

*In order to provide electronic consent for your child's Flu vaccination, please can we request that you access the consent portal via the following link and follow the online instructions.*

<https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/?h=f68990a447b7b552d9595e2a550cc07e53961e8d6c4fb40eb02020dbcb476265>

#### **REMEMBER - REGISTER YEAR R TO YEAR 5 ONLY**

*We would like to request that consent is provided electronically before Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018. This is to ensure our nurses have sufficient time to clinically assess the information. This link is secure and unique to your child's school. Full details and information to assist you in completing the electronic consent is detailed on the consent portal including full FAQ's, patient information and contact details should you wish to speak to one of the school Immunisation Nurses regarding the nasal vaccination.*

*Many thanks for your cooperation.*

*The e-consent process is working but we have found that the following points should address the issues that some parents are reporting:*

- *Where possible, link to be sent via email rather than through an app.*
- *To complete on a table or computer if unable to progress completion on a mobile phone (this appears to especially be affecting Samsung telephones).*
- *If unable to find GP practice in list this can be left blank as it is not mandatory.*
- *Only use link sent as the consent process is school specific.*
- *If a family is in a new build property and having problems with the address when filling in the form, just add postcode without house number and enter manually using link "my address does not appear in the list".*

Kind regards.

Marcus West

Head of School