



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



Newsletter

Welcome to the Summer Term 2018

Welcome back to the Summer Term. This term is always busy and it has already started with Years 3, 4 & 5 visiting Paignton Zoo, which was enjoyed by all.

SATs

The Summer Term is when the children in Year 2 and Year 6 have to sit their SATs assessments. The Year 6 SATs are during the week beginning 14th May. It is vitally important that the children are in school everyday during this week. If they are ill please let us know as soon as possible.

The year 2 SATs are during the following week, beginning 21st May. Again attendance this week is vitally important. The children in all year groups have worked hard this year but in year 6 & 2 this is the week in which all their hard work gets the recognition it quite rightly deserves.

Attendance

Please could you ensure your child attends school regularly and a big thank you to all those who ensure their children attend school regularly and on time. The expectation is that pupils have an attendance rate of 96% or more. We as a school have a legal duty to monitor and support attendance at school to be at least in line with national averages which means 96% - Currently our attendance is 95.15%, this is rising, but needs to keep improving over the coming term if we are to reach our target of 96%.

Pupils who have attendance of below 90% are seen as 'persistence absentees'. This will mean involvement and communication from the Education Welfare Service. Please support us in this by ensuring that holidays are not booked during term time and that as far as possible medical appointments are booked for out of school hours.

Uniform

It is great to see the children all looking so smart in their school uniform and they may wear summer uniform during this term as well. Please help us by ensuring the children are wearing safe and appropriate footwear. Not trainers and if they are wearing sandals, they must have a back to them and they must also wear socks.

We will be soon going online for purchasing of school uniform, further information will follow shortly.

School Meals - price increase

Just a reminder that our school meal charge is now £2.25 per two course meal. We endeavour, as always, to keep costs to an absolute minimum and will continue to do so. Your support in taking advantage of the free meal offered to Key Stage One children and also, where appropriate, by signing up for Free School Meals is much appreciated

Forest School

Please don't forget the spare clothes and wellies on the days your child/ren have it.

Monday - Newton - (please note a change in day until half term)

Tuesday - Stephenson - (please note a change in day until half term)

Wednesday - Darwin

Thursday - DaVinci

Friday - Edison

Cycling & Scootering

I am thrilled to see so many children scootering and cycling to and from school. Please can all children who cycle or scooter to school please wear a helmet. This is part of the school policy on children cycling and scootering to school. Thank you.

Swimming

A reminder of swimming dates:-

DaVinci & Stephenson	30th April and 14 th , 21 st May
Newton & Darwin	Start after May half-term - 4 th , 11 th , 18 th , 25 th June and 2 nd and 9 th July
Edison	6 th , 13 th , 20 th and 27 th June. 4 th and 11 th July

Dates

We will send information about specific events as appropriate during the term but in the meantime here are a few diary dates for your calendar:-

18 th May	Year 6 trip to Woodlands
4 th - 6 th June	Year 5 residential to Dewerstone Cottage
11 th - 12 th July	Year 4 residential trip to Escot
23 rd - 25 th July	Year 6 residential trip to Skern

Thank you for your continuing support and here is to a great summer term.

Kindest regards

Marcus West

(Head of School)