



# St Catherine's C of E Primary and Nursery school



Weekly newsletter Autumn term 2021 Week 2

Friday 17th September 2021

## Head of School update

What a busy and exciting week!

We have all been settling into our new routines and the children have been displaying excellent learning behaviours. Making the transition into a new class in September can always seem daunting but we have been really impressed by how well children have returned. If you have any worries or concerns please speak to your child's class teacher or myself. You can catch a member of staff at pick up time on the playground or call the office to make an appointment. We are here to support you and your child to ensure they feel happy, safe and are ready for learning.

If you have a concern or complaint please raise it directly with the school. Comments, concerns or complaints posted on social media can't be addressed by school in a constructive manner. We believe it is important for our pupils to learn how to treat others with respect, including when they are online. We all have an important role to play in modelling this for our children. Thank you.

I look forward to us all coming together next Friday to support our Macmillan Coffee morning - a fantastic event to raise money for a worthwhile charity.

Have a great weekend and thank you all for your continued support.



Vicky McCaig (Head of School)

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## Parking - Polite reminder

We have received several complaints from local residents regarding parking during school drop off and pick up. Please refrain from blocking driveways or parking on residents property. We encourage you to walk to school if possible. It is also important to remember not to use the end of the road as a turning bay or drop off point as many children cross the road here and this can be very dangerous. Thank you.



Friday 24th September

## CLUBS

Clubs start on **Monday 20th September**. For after school clubs please collect from the main entrance. A big thank you to our staff for offering a great range of exciting clubs for our pupils.

## CLASS PE DAYS

Your child may come to school in their school PE kit on these days. When the weather gets colder they may wear black joggers or leggings.



- ROBINS - MONDAY & FRIDAY**
- WRENS - TUESDAY & THURSDAY**
- KINGFISHERS - WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY**
- KESTRELS - MONDAY & FRIDAY**
- BUZZARDS - TUESDAY & THURSDAY**



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch time 12.30-1.00		<b>KS1 Science club</b> Miss Bell (12 spaces)	<b>EYFS/KS1 Makaton club</b> Miss Lee	<b>Construction club</b> Mrs Norris (15 spaces)	<b>Home work club</b> Miss Drewett  <b>EYFS/KS1 Dance club</b> Mrs Bramley (20 spaces)
After school	<b>KS2 Choir</b> Miss Chapman 3.30-4.30pm	<b>KS2 Football</b> Achieve for all 3.30-4.30pm  <b>KS1 Reading club</b> Mrs Talbot 3.30-4.10pm	Staff meeting	<b>KS2 Art club</b> Mrs McCaig 3.30-4.30pm (15 spaces)	

Our Christian vision...

Working together. Growing together for all to flourish



# WELL DONE!

Pupils are recognised around the school for demonstrating our Christian values. Watch this space to read about the wonderful behaviours our pupils are displaying everyday.

 Friendship  
Perseverance

 Justice  
Compassion

 Courage



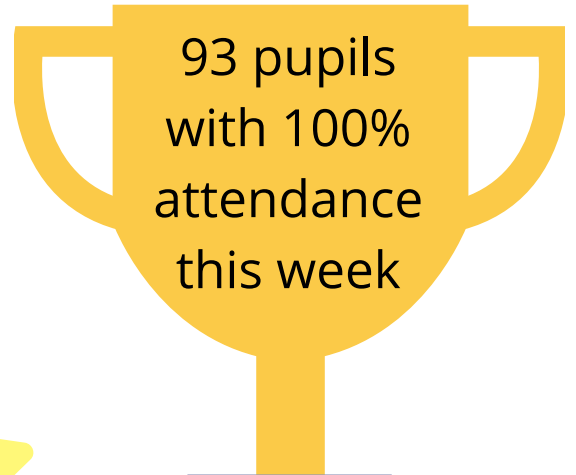
Wade SN  
for being a really  
good **friend** and  
helping other  
children in  
Preschool



## Stars of the week

- Ducklings - Sofia & Leo
- Robins - Freya & Ada
- Wrens - Logan & Bella
- Kingfishers - Jayden & Poppy
- Kestrels - Liam & Mia
- Buzzards - Mason & Lily

## Attendance



93 pupils  
with 100%  
attendance  
this week



We will be  
rewarding all  
those with 98% or  
more attendance  
again at the end  
of this half term.

Attendance prize  
this half term...  
£40 Tesco gift card



## ★ Housepoints ★



Fox Tor



Hare Tor



Crow Tor



Sheep Tor

Musket Rd, Heathfield, Newton Abbot, Devon TQ12 6SB

Contact: 01626 832655 Email: [admin@stcatherines-heathfield.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stcatherines-heathfield.devon.sch.uk)

# For your information...

As you may be aware, the Covid-19 guidance has recently changed and educational settings are no longer expected to undertake contact tracing, as this will be completed by the NHS Test and Trace following positive cases. The guidance also no longer recommends bubbles and the limiting of mixing. Being a relatively small school, we are very fortunate that we have been able to operate in minimal bubbles in the past and, whilst some of the previous measures have relaxed, we will continue to ensure that we are as sensible as possible throughout this new academic year.

We will continue to keep in place the following control measures:

- Follow public health guidance on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19
- Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes
- Keep occupied spaces well ventilated
- Appropriate use of PPE
- Deliver strong messaging about signs and symptoms of Covid-19, isolation advice and testing to support prompt isolation of suspected cases

## **Close contacts**

Individuals identified as close contacts are **not** required to self-isolate if any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated (e.g. at least 2 weeks after second dose)
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Close contacts who are **not** required to isolate will be advised to:

- take a PCR test (they do not need to isolate whilst awaiting result but will need to isolate as a case if positive)
- limit close contact with others outside their household
- wear a face covering in enclosed spaces (not primary-aged children)
- limit contact with clinically extremely vulnerable
- participate in twice weekly LFD testing if eligible (school staff only)

Staff who do not need to isolate, and children and young people aged under 18 years 6 months who usually attend school, and have been identified as a close contact, should continue to attend school as normal.

## **If your child is unwell**

If unwell, children should not attend school and must remain at home until their acute symptoms resolve. This, as you are aware, has always been the case. However, if these symptoms develop into cough, temperature or they have changes to their taste and smell, they must isolate and get a PCR test. If they test negative to COVID-19, they still need to remain at home until at least 24 fever free and acute symptoms resolved. If they test positive, they will be required to isolate for the required period in line with the Public Health England (PHE) guidance.

I am extremely grateful to you all for cooperating and supporting us so well over the past 18 months, and we are really looking forward to beginning a new academic year together, hopefully with as few disruptions as possible.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

# Duckling's Pre-School

St Catherine's C of E School



Pre-school



## Welcoming children aged 2-4

When possible, we will help you find out if you are eligible for two-year old funding.

**All Government  
funding  
accepted!**

***A PRE-SCHOOL FOR YOUR  
LITTLE EXPLORERS WHO  
WANT TO LEARN THROUGH  
PLAY!***



**Each child will  
receive a free embroidered  
yellow t-shirt with the school  
logo when joining!**

**Contact the school office to arrange a visit at  
[admin@stcatherines-heathfield.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stcatherines-heathfield.devon.sch.uk)  
01626 832665**



We are lucky to have a large and inviting indoor classroom, with exciting resources/materials and media. We aim to be child led in all we do ensuring children's interests are met. Ducklings have an independent EYFS outdoor area, that includes a mud kitchen and small climbing frame- while also having access to all the school facilities.

The goal of early childhood education should be to activate the child's own natural desire to learn'

- Maria Montessori



Bring this flyer back with you and when you join, you will get two free sessions per academic year!

\*numbers permitting  
\*a session being a 3- hour slot



Pop into the office to collect a prospectus and information pack or go to the school website for more details.

