



St Catherine's C of E Primary and Nursery school



Weekly newsletter Autumn term 2021 Week 13

Friday 17th December 2021



Head of School update

We have finally reached the end of a very busy Autumn term. Now it is time to relax and enjoy time over the festive period with our friends and family. Following the move to plan B, announced by the Prime Minister this week, there aren't too many changes to our current systems at school. Attendance remains mandatory. We will continue to keep you informed if anything changes.

The pupils have had a wonderful countdown to Christmas with a visit from Santa, parties, crafts and singing and dancing. All the staff at St Catherine's would like to wish you a wonderful Christmas and a happy and healthy new year. We return to school on Tuesday 4th January.

Thank you for all your support. Best wishes

Vicky McCaig



Christingle



School place for September 2022
The deadline for applying for a school place in Reception for September 2022 is Saturday 15 January 2022. Apply online here: <https://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline>
Nursery parents – please ensure you apply for a school place too. Having a place in nursery this year does not mean your child has a place in reception next year. ALL parents have to apply for a school place.

Was your child born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018?

How to Apply for a Primary School Place in Devon

You can apply online at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline from 15th November 2021 to 15th January 2022

If you cannot access the school admissions website you can get more information by calling our Education Helpline on **0345 155 1019** or email: admissions@devon.gov.uk



Even if you have already given details to a primary school, you must apply for a place through the Admissions Team. This is the only way to apply; other forms or lists held by schools will not count.



CLUBS

A new clubs timetable will be coming out on the first week back after the Christmas holidays. Clubs will start week commencing 10th January.

St Catherine's Countdown to Christmas!

Don't forget to check out our school Facebook page each day to reveal another surprise on our advent calendar. We have treats for you every day up until Christmas day.



Our Christian vision...

Working together. Growing together for all to flourish



*A Christmas message from Father Nick Debney
The greatest gift is given in the most ordinary of places.*

This last eighteen months has been a year like no other. There has been chaos and disorientation in our lives from home schooling, inability to move between households, bubbles and new (now familiar) terms like 'I'll send you a link' or shouting at other on a room call 'you're on mute!'.

And yet in all this chaos and disorientation life has continued, albeit different, but it has continued. This Christmas, God willing, we will be able to mix with out families and loved ones unlike last year; we will be able to celebrate the Christmas, the birth of Jesus in the manger. I think it is good to remember that the events surrounding Jesus's birth were not a time of calm and order. Mary and Joseph went to Bethlehem for the census, the population had quadrupled and there was no room anywhere. Mary went into labour and gave birth in a stable - no pain control, no midwives just some animals looking pretty disgruntled that these humans had interrupted their evening!

Jesus is born into the both the ordinary (animals in a stable) moments, and extra-ordinary (census in Bethlehem) moments of the time; and yet Jesus in born into the ordinariness of the world in all its hustle and bustle. In this country our Christmas cribs focus on the holy family, on the continent, cribs depict the village or town and somewhere tucked away is the stable and the birth of Jesus - being born into the chaos, busyness and disorientation of the time. Yes Christmas is busy and chaotic, but is also a time for us to celebrate the birth of Jesus into the ordinariness of our lives and world.

This year we will be holding an informal family crib service at St John's at 2pm of Christmas Eve. Everyone is very welcome to come along and celebrate Christmas.

On behalf of the lovely people at St John's Church, may I wish you a happy and blessed Christmas and a wonderful 2022.

With my prayers and my very best Christmas wishes

Fr Nick



ST JOHN'S CHURCH, BOVEY TRACEY, TQ13 9BD

Christmas Services

----- Christmas Eve -----	----- Christmas Day -----
Crib Service 2PM	Christmas Mass 9.15AM
Midnight Mass 8PM	
	----- Boxing Day -----
	Sung Parish Mass 9.15AM

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.

Big thank you to all the staff at St Catherine's for your hard work and dedication this term

Friendship
Perseverance
Justice
Compassion
Courage

Leo D- for being a good friend by picking his friends coat up and putting it on a peg

Riley J - showing compassion by helping children at lunchtime

Absence from School and You!

every 6 week term	Attendance	Means
EXCELLENT	98% +	1 DAY OFF
GOOD	97 - 95%	1.5 DAYS OFF
NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	94 - 91%	2 DAYS OFF
CONCERNS	< 90%	MORE THAN 3 DAYS OFF
SERIOUS CONCERNS	85%	4.5 DAYS OFF
	<84%	6 DAYS + OFF

Stars of the Term

Ducklings - Sofia & Iliana
Robins - Jim & Frankee
Wrens - Summer & James
Kingfishers - Jayden & Fletcher
Kestrels - Harry & Sophie
Buzzards - Jack L & Maisie

92 pupils with 100% attendance this week



Housepoints

Fox Tor 2040

Hare Tor 2631

Crow Tor 2760

Sheep Tor 1975

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