



St Catherine's C of E Primary and Nursery school



Weekly newsletter Spring term 2022 Week 6

Friday 11th February 2022



Head of School update

It has been a particularly challenging few weeks due to rising COVID numbers mainly amongst staff in school. This has impacted on staff availability and huge thanks must go to all my colleagues who have continued to be incredibly flexible and positive. Colleagues have changed their working days, offered additional hours, worked through their lunchtimes and stepped into different roles to ensure that the children have been able to continue to learn successfully and to have the support they need. Hopefully we are over the worst of this current COVID-coaster challenge and are heading towards a more settled period. We look forward to welcoming back staff and pupils who have been isolating.

Just to remind you about isolation following a positive COVID-19 test:

Children who have had a positive result can now take LFD tests on day 5 and day 6 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. If both these test results are negative, and the child does not have a high temperature, they may end their self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to school from day 6.

For example:

- Day 5 – test at 7am negative
- Day 6 – test at 7am (24 hours after the test on day 5) negative. Child can return to school on Day 6

Daily testing for close contacts of COVID 19:

Children identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take an LFD test every day for seven days and continue to attend school as normal unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time. Daily testing should continue for 7 days.

We have one more week of school before we break up for our February half term holiday (21st-25th Feb).

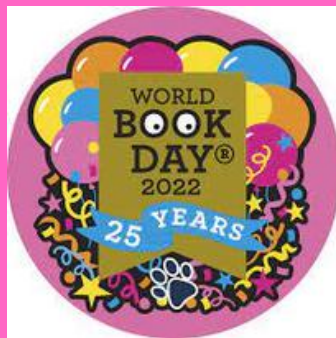
We have World book day to look forward to when we return and lots of other events in the pipeline which we can't wait to share with you. Have a wonderful weekend. Best wishes Vicky McCaig



Parents' Evenings -

Tuesday 15th and Thursday 17th February

Please make sure that you have booked your 'virtual' meeting slot on School cloud in order to discuss how well your child is doing at school. If you still need help please speak to the school office who are happy to assist.



World Book Day
As a school, we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March. A letter will be coming out with further information next week but you might want to start thinking about your costumes as you will be invited to dress as a book character on that day. Your child may come in non school uniform on that day if they do not want to dress up.

Friendly February 2022

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1	Send a message to let someone know you're thinking of them	2	Ask a friend how they have been feeling recently	3	Do an act of kindness to make life easier for someone	4	Organise a virtual 'tea break' with a colleague or friend
5	Make time to have a friendly chat with a neighbour	6	Get back in touch with an old friend you've not seen for a while	7	Show an active interest by asking questions when talking to others	8	Share what you're feeling with someone you really trust
9	Thank someone and tell them how they made a difference for you	10	Look for good in others, particularly when you feel frustrated with them	11	Send an encouraging note to someone who needs a boost	12	Focus on being kind rather than being right
13	Smile at the people you see and brighten their day	14	Tell a loved one or friend why they are special to you	15	Support a local business with a positive online review or friendly message	16	Check in on someone who may be struggling and offer to help
17	Appreciate the good qualities of someone in your life	18	Respond kindly to everyone you talk to today, including yourself	19	Share something you find inspiring, helpful or amusing	20	Make a plan to connect with others and do something fun
21	Really listen to what people say, without judging them	22	Give sincere compliments to people you talk to today	23	Be gentle with someone who you feel inclined to criticise	24	Tell a loved one about the strengths that you see in them
25	Thank three people you feel grateful to and tell them why	26	Make uninterrupted time for your loved ones	27	Call a friend to catch up and really listen to them	28	Give positive comments to as many people as possible today

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Attendance



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.

Do I need to keep my child off school?



Chicken Pox Until all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Glandular Fever No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Hand, foot & mouth No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Impetigo Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	Scabies Until after first treatment	Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Slapped Cheek No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Whooping Cough 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Flu Until recovered	Head Lice No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Threadworms No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Tonsillitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed		



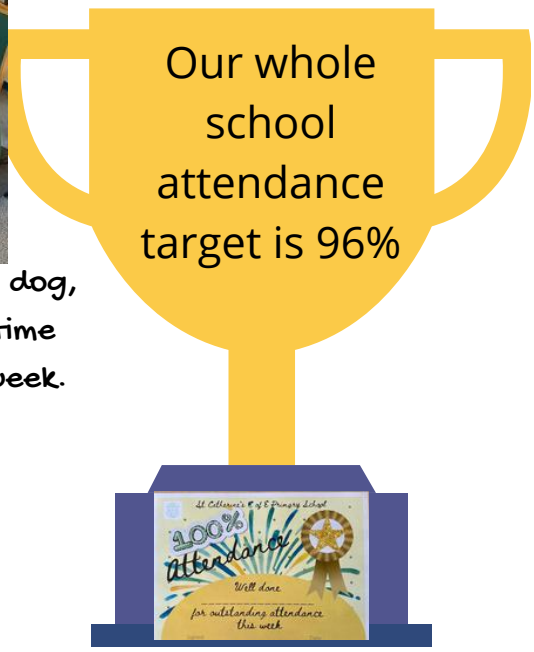
Lily R
for showing friendship and helping another child in the class



Kody proudly off his Try scorer of the match trophy this week. Well done.



Winnie, our school dog, loved spending time with pupils this week.



Stars of the week

- Ducklings - Wade, Rupert, Herbie & Darcie
 - Robins - Ada, Frankee, Luna & Maddison
 - Wrens - Ruby B, Frankee, Eren & Thais
 - Kingfishers - Keiran, Poppy, Ryan & Elizabeth
 - Kestrels - Reonie, Ryleigh, Dominik & Evie
 - Buzzards - Alfie S, Mason, Brody & Riley P
- (last two weeks award winners)

Housepoints

- Fox Tor 1627
- Hare Tor 1425
- Crow Tor 1898
- Sheep Tor 1948