



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



Weekly newsletter Spring term 2022 Week 11

Friday 25th March 2022

## Head of School update

What a glorious week! We opened our school field this week for the children to enjoy at lunchtime. It has been lovely to watch them playing different games together and enjoying positive playtimes. We have seen some super progress across the school in lesson observations and book monitoring. Pupils have been working hard to improve many areas of learning especially their handwriting and presentation, recall of multiplication facts and reading in particular. We will be inviting you into school early next term to come and see your child's work and are sure you will be impressed.

As well as the focus on academic achievement at St Catherine's, we also place huge importance on our pupils personal development. We are focusing on 10 ways to balance mental and physical health and will be sharing the strategies and ideas set out in the poster opposite. Our caring ethos and family focus is a real strength within our community and it is as important as ever that we support each other and strength our links between home and school. We look forward to continuing our partnership next term.

Enjoy the glorious weather this weekend. Best wishes

Vicky McCaig

**10**  
**ADAY**

10 ways to help balance your physical and mental health

- Talk about your feelings
- Take a break
- Keep yourself hydrated
- Eat well
- Do something you enjoy and are good at
- Be proud of your very being
- Actively care for others
- Keep active in mind and body
- Stay connected to those you care about
- Ask for help

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## Can you help?

### Outdoor Learning morning Friday 8th April 9am-12

We would like to improve our outdoor areas in preparation for the warmer weather over the next few months.

We would like as many volunteers as possible to come in and work alongside the pupils to enhance our wonderful school grounds. If you can help out please speak to your child's classteacher.

Please can ALL pupils come into school in their old clothes on this day.

Thank you so much for your support and I look forward to sharing the transformations with you in future newsletters.



## EASTER RAFFLE AND PRIZES

Would you like to be in with a chance of winning some wonderful prizes and supporting our school at the same time?

Our PTA have organised an Easter raffle and competitions running up to the Easter holidays. on Monday the PTA will give a set of envelopes to each class. Inside the envelopes are raffle tickets for parents/children to sell. Once the tickets have been sold, please return them with the name/number on the back and money, all in the envelope. This envelope needs to be put inside the post box situated outside the office. A member of the PTA will empty this regularly. If a child requires more tickets, please send them to the office to ask for another envelope.



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.



EXCELLENT!

- Friendship
- Perseverance
- Justice
- Compassion
- Courage



## Attendance and Lateness

Research shows that pupils who regularly attend school make better progress both socially and academically and adapt better to routines, school work and friendship groups. As a consequence, those pupils will have a positive experience of learning and will more likely have improved future educational and work opportunities.

When a child's attendance falls below 90%, they are considered a persistent absentee. At this point, we will contact you to both raise your awareness of the low attendance and to also check if there any issues that we can support you with. We want to work in partnership with all parents, so if you are having any difficulties with your child's attendance, please get in touch.

Please also be aware of the huge impact of arriving late to school. The school day starts at 9:00am and all children should be in their classroom by this time ready to start the day. If your child regularly arrives after 9:00am (after the school gates have closed), even if it only a few minutes late, they will be missing vital information from the start of the day. It is also very embarrassing for them to walk into a classroom where everyone turns to look at them to see who has entered (we all know how awful it is to enter a room full of people late). Please ensure that your child arrives at school in plenty of time to get into class for 9:00am.



## Stars of the week

- Ducklings - Jaxon & Iliana
- Robins - Eva & Leo
- Wrens - Bella & Ula
- Kingfishers - Francesca & Lucas
- Kestrels - Lacie & Amy
- Buzzards - Bella & Mason



Our whole school attendance target is 96%

## ★ Housepoints ★



- Fox Tor 1947
- Hare Tor 1869
- Crow Tor 2048
- Sheep Tor 2175