



St Catherine's C of E Primary and Nursery school



Weekly newsletter Summer term 2022 Week 2

Friday 6th May 2022



Head of School update

Thank you to everyone who managed to pop in this week to look at the children's work. We hope you found it useful and could see the good progress your child is making.

Now the weather improving please can you make sure that your child comes to school prepared. Can you make sure all jumpers are clearly labelled and your child has a water bottle and sun hat?

To ensure the safety of all our parents and pupils please ask your child to refrain from riding around the school grounds on their bikes or scooters before and after school. We have had a few near misses which could have been avoided.

I hope you have all managed to purchase your school disco tickets ready for next Friday!

Vicky McCaig



Year 6 (and Year 2) teachers across the country have been working incredibly hard to prepare your children for their SATs. In fact some parents say, there has been too much focus!

You may have heard parents talking about the SATs in the playground and maybe worried about how you should help your child.

More importantly when your child comes home it is almost inevitable that they will talk about the SATs and you will want to know what to say.

At Key Stage 2, your child will be very aware of the preparation they are doing not only in the school day but some schools will be using before school and after school to give even more support to children. At Key Stage 1 it will be much more low key.

As a parent it is good to be able to respond to any concerns or questions your child may have about their SATs but we must try not to put them under pressure.

Instead we wish to reassure them that they do not need to worry about taking the tests.

The following ideas can help you support your child. It is important to stress you do not need to do any tests with your child.

Tips for helping with SATs preparation.

Talk about the SATs and tell them not worry about them. The school will also do this, too, but it makes a bigger impact if school and parents do this together. Children perform best when they are relaxed.

Reading is a key part of primary education so keep encouraging daily reading whether your child reads on their own or if you read together. Discuss the books, the characters, the storylines and encourage your child to express their own opinions on the book. This is important to their long term development as well as SATs test.

Play mental games when you are on the way home whether you are walking or driving. Playing card games, Uno, Monopoly and dominoes all help with Maths. Whereas games like hangman, Boggle or Scrabble will support with literacy,

Try to keep everything else running normally. So whether its sport, music lessons or Scouts and Guides; sticking to your normal routine of out of school activities demonstrates to your child that SATs are not the be and end all of year 6.

During the SATs week, whilst keeping to normal timetable, try to avoid late nights, as children will find sitting the tests tiring.

Try to make sure your child has some fresh air when they come home from school on test days.

Keep it in proportion. They are primary-school tests to gauge the education in the school and do not affect the secondary school your child will go to.

Stay positive. Many children enjoy taking the tests as they see it as a challenge and like the importance and the feeling of being special that SATs give year 6.

Remember you do not have to more tests with your child or teach them. The most important thing is to give your child lots of praise as they will be doing their very best.

The best praise is when you tell them how hard they have worked or tried rather than for the score they have achieved. If they feel they have not got a good score in their practices, the important word here is 'yet', they haven't got a good score yet!

Football match

Christow vs St Caths

Our football team played away at Christow

Primary school this week. it was a close match with

the final score being 1-0. A big well done to all the boys who represented the school fantastically.



Our Christian vision...

Working together. Growing together for all to flourish





Friends of St Catherine's School Disco

Friday 13th May

• 16.00 – 16.45 – F/S & Key Stage 1

Parents of nursery children to accompany their child please.

• 17.00 – 18.00 – Key Stage 2.

Tickets £2.50 to include a drink, crisps, and a glow stick.

No tuck shop available at this event.

Please complete the form and place with money in the post box outside of reception.



Summer term diary dates

Summer term begins - Monday 25th April

Reading Parent Pop In - Wednesday 27th April
9.10am-9.40am

Parent book look - Tuesday 3rd May & Thursday 5th
May 3.15pm

KS2 SATS week - 9th May

School disco - Friday 13th May after school (more info to follow)

Kingfishers class swimming - 16th -20th May

Kestrels class swimming - 23rd - 27th May

Arts week - 23rd - 27th May

Platinum Jubilee celebration - Friday 27th May
(families invited)

HALF TERM

30th May - 6th June

Children return to school - Tuesday 7th June

Year 1 Phonics screening - Week beg 7th June

Buzzards class swimming - 5 sessions 6th June- 17th June (more info to follow)

Reading Parent Pop In - Wednesday 16th June 3pm

Sports day - Thursday 23rd June

Reports out to parents - Friday 1st July

Non-uniform day - Friday 1st July donations for summer fair

Parents consultations - week beginning 4th July

Year 2 camp - Thursday 7th July

Summer fair - Friday 8th July 2pm

Year 6 Leavers assembly - Friday 22nd July

Y6 residential - Monday 25th - 27th July

Last day of the academic year Wednesday 27th July

*these dates may be subject to change and additional dates added so please keep reading school communications



Well done to Bella in Year 2 who has achieved a swimming badge for swimming 200m. A wonderful achievement!

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



Jacob B
 Jacob D
 Kacey
 Mason BS
 Irvine
 Jack L

EXCELLENT!

Darcie B S
 Poppy B
 Bella
 Lily
 Kacey
 Mason

Riley P
 Shalom
 Mason P

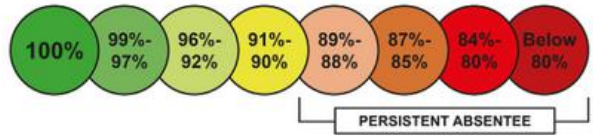


Stars of the Term

- Ducklings - Serenity & Wade
- Robins - Ada & Eloise
- Wrens - Isabelle & Eran
- Kingfishers - Aprill & Isabelle
- Kestrels - Evie & Lacie
- Buzzards - Kacey & Brody

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Time: First Time, Every Time



Which CIRCLE are you in?

The school will follow the 'Encouraging Good Attendance' guidelines in helping ensure that all children attend school on a regular basis. When a child's absence causes concern a meeting will take place in the first instance with the parents/carers to discuss attendance and how the school can support the family if necessary. If no improvement is seen a **green** warning letter will be issued when attendance is under 95%, followed by an **amber** letter when attendance is below 93% and a **red** letter when under 90% (classed as persistent nonattendance). The school will work in partnership with the Education Welfare Service to secure improvement.

We appreciate the impact COVID has had on attendance and learning in schools and whilst that is out of our control it is important that no further school days are missed if possible.

If you are worried about your child's attendance and would like to discuss this please make an appointment with Mrs McCaig as soon as possible. For more details our attendance policy can be found on our school website.



Our whole school attendance target is 96%

★ Housepoints ★



Fox Tor 1947

Hare Tor 1869

Crow Tor 2048

Sheep Tor 2175

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