



St Catherine's C of E Primary and Nursery school

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Weekly newsletter Autumn term 2022 Week 2

Friday 23rd September 2022



Our Christian vision...

Working together. Growing together for all to flourish



Head of School update



I would like to thank you all for such a positive start to the term. It has been great to meet our new parents and carers especially in Reception and Preschool. Starting school is such a big step and we hope you already feel part of the St Catherine's family. We love sharing the progress and achievements your child makes during their time with us and have lots of events planned which we hope you can join in with. Next Wednesday, we have our first Reading Open morning this year. You are invited into school at 9am to share a book with your child. These sessions are really popular and the children love it when parents visit their classroom. On Friday (9.15am) we are also holding our Macmillan Coffee morning to raise money for a very worthwhile charity. Everyone is welcome. Have a wonderful weekend.

Vicky Pearce



Applications for Secondary School 2023

For children in Year 6, applications for Year 7 secondary school places opened on 1st September 2022. Please be aware that applications for a place at secondary schools in Year 7 need to be submitted by 31st October 2022. Offer day will be 1st March 2023 when you will find out the allocation that has been made for your child.

To complete your application, you need to apply online at www.devon.gov.uk/admissions online to ensure that your child gets their place

Autumn term dates

- Monday 5th September - Autumn term starts
- Friday 9th September - Welcome letters and Curriculum plans out to parents
- Monday 12th September - Pupil ambassador info out to children
- Tuesday 13th September - St Catherine's Food hub starts
- Monday 19th September - Bank Holiday
- Friday 23rd September - Deadline for Pupil ambassador applications
- Wednesday 28th September - Reading Open morning 9-9.30am
- Friday 30th September - Macmillan Coffee morning
- Thursday 6th October - School census day
- Thursday 6th October - National Poetry day
- Parents evenings week beg 10th October
- Tuesday 11th October - School photos
- Wednesday 12th October - Harvest festival
- Friday 14th October - Donut sale after school
- Monday 17th October - start of 2 week half term holiday**
- Monday 31st October - Children return to school**
- Monday 31st October - Closing date for secondary school forms
- Monday 31st October - Crazy hair day
- Friday 11th November - Remembrance day
- Monday 14th November - Antibullying week
- Friday 18th November - Children in Need
- Wednesday 23rd November - Bedtime story evening
- Thursday 2nd December - Non-uniform day
- Friday 9th December - Christmas fair
- Monday 12th December - Panto
- Wednesday 14th December - School disco

More information will follow about these events shortly. **Christmas dates coming soon!**



This week we were invited to the Rededication and Blessing of Wickham Hall in Bovey Tracey. The hall has been completely renovated and is linked to the Parish Church of Saint John the Evangelist. The service was conducted by Right Reverend Robert Atwell, the Bishop of Exeter.



Max, Poppy and Jayden stood in front of the congregation and read a prayer. They were an absolute credit to the school and spoke so confidently. After the church service, The Bishop of Exeter blessed the rooms of Wickham hall with holy water and the children were thanked by the Bishop for their wonderful contribution.





News from Friends of St Catherine's



Meet (some) of the team!

We are currently only a small team of parent/carers volunteers and staff members raising funds to organise fun events for the children and their families. Here are three of our members: Maria Yiannacou, Crystal Raymont Dry (chairperson) and Becky Oliver. Please do come and say hi if you see us around school or at events and let us know if you can donate a little of your time. Crystal attends the 'Tea and Talk' mornings on a Wednesday at school from 9-9:45am so if you have any questions she'll be happy to answer them. Our other fantastic team members are: Charmaine Robins, Becky Drewett, Angela Norris, Lisa Horne, Lauren Virdi and Rebecca Hopwood-Keay.



Macmillan coffee morning:

Friday 30th September at 9:15am: Macmillan Coffee morning. Please get in touch via the school office if you can donate some baked goods. We hope to see you there but if you can't make it, we will bring any leftover cakes out at the end of the school day. We will also have the preloved uniform on display for you to take for a small donation. All the money raised at the coffee morning will go direct to Macmillan and donations for the preloved uniform goes to Friends of St. Catherine's so we can organise fun events for the children and their families.



Save the date:

Saturday 5th November: We will be holding a table top sale in the school hall (the time is to be confirmed but will be in the morning). Tables will cost £5 each if you'd like to sell some of your stuff and it's free to come and browse and buy some bargains in time for Christmas! More details to follow soon. Watch this space!

Local events:

- Friday 23rd-Sunday 25th September: Family Fun Weekend at South Devon Railway, Buckfastleigh. Standard train fares include free entry to Dartmoor Otters and Buckfast Butterflies, Totnes Rare Breeds Farm and lots of children's entertainment.
- Saturday 1st October 10am: Free Fun Palace event at Bovey Tracey and Newton Abbot Library. Games, crafts, workshops and activities. All free.

Remember to check out our Facebook page - *Friends of St. Catherine's Heathfield* for more information on these and other local events.



TOGETHER WE CAN
RAISE MONEY FOR
BBC CHILDREN IN NEED



What?
Countryfile Ramble in aid of Children in Need
Not quite a Ramble more of a Amble with a Llama
Short walks with the Llamas and Alpacas from Dartmoor Llama Walks

When & Where? 30th October 11am-2pm
Llama Walking on Leusdon Green donations for Children in Need
Teas, Coffees, Pasties and Cakes served in Leusdon Memorial Hall
Parking opposite the Hall
No Dogs on the walks

Contact
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TOGETHER, WE CAN
BBC Children in Need

BBC Children in Need is not responsible for the organisation of this event or for the collection of the money.



Affordable Food Club at St Catherine's

If you - like most of us - are concerned about rising costs and bills come and explore our affordable food club.

Every Tuesday after school from Tuesday 13th September until Tuesday 4th October you will have an opportunity to see what you could get in a £ 15 food box or in a food bag. During this time you are very welcome to pick and choose any produce you would like to take home for free!

Longer term, a food box would drastically cut your weekly food bill and will be available to order. Membership is free and is open to all and indeed we know from Bovey Food Hub that around 50% of their members are in employment.

At the end of the four weeks Bovey Food Hub will be able to take your orders (week by week - so no need to commit) and continue to deliver to the school for a Tuesday afternoon pick up.



Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

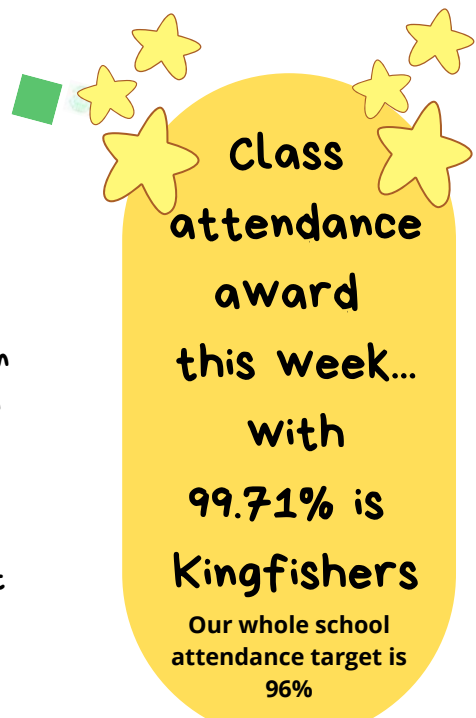
Lateness

Having good attendance also means being on time and not being late to school. Children who arrive late can feel embarrassed, left out and miss out on important introductions to lessons. Punctuality is an essential life skill that needs to be taught from the very beginning.

School officially starts at 9.00am but we have found that opening the doors at 8:50am has made it easier for parents to get their children here on time. The teachers take the children into class at this time so they are ready to start learning.

Unfortunately, some children still arrive late for school and warning letters have been given to those parents whose child has been late on several occasions.

Please make sure you give yourselves plenty of time to travel and particularly to park your car safely if you come by car. Thank you.



Class attendance award this week... with 99.71% is Kingfishers

Our whole school attendance target is 96%

Meet our attendance bear



Attendance prize draw

This half term all pupils with 98+% attendance will be entered into a prize draw with a chance to win a family ticket to the Bear trail

AMAZING 100%

This week 115 pupils attended school every day!



Our whole school attendance target is 96%

★ Housepoints ★



Fox Tor



Hare Tor



Crow Tor



Sheep Tor

Stars of the Year

Ducklings - Herbie & Kiera

Robins - Christian & Evie

Wrens - Leela & Ashton

Kingfishers - Skyla & Summer

Kestrels - Aprill & Sophie

Buzzards - Poppy & Tyler RD

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