

# Catherine Infant News!

## We are all stars

Newsletter: April 2019



Dear Parents, Carers and children

We have reached the end of another busy term. The staff, children and not forgetting the parents have worked hard and everyone is ready for a break! We have enjoyed an eventful term. The Comet children loved inviting their parents in to share Toys – old and new workshop. Rainbow children became very skilled at balancing on bikes on their Sustrans Balanceability day. Reception children were very enthusiastic about their Superheroes wow day. Year 2 became very knowledgeable about art and history on their Art wow day. The whole school enjoyed the Chinese dragon coming to school to dance for us at Chinese New Year and there were so many fantastic “book in a box” models for world book day – parents, you did your children proud.

We would like to thank parents for generously supporting the charity and school events we have run this term. Red nose day noses sold so quickly this year raising £486 for comic relief. The pro kick challenge was well supported raising over £700 and reception parents have been very generous for the sponsored walk. Our school came 5<sup>th</sup> nationally for walking, cycling and scooting to school on Big Pedal day.



The attendance race has been won this term by **Asteroid 2**. They will undertake their Easter Egg Hunt prize before the end of term. 40 children have had 100% attendance for the whole school year so far. They will receive a certificate in school for this fantastic achievement.

We appreciate the effort put in by all parents in getting their children to school on time every day. We know it is not easy through the wind and the rain, the coughs and the sneezes. Congratulations to Asteroid 2 and all the children who have attended every day of the school year so far.

The summer term is coming around again and we have lots of exciting learning opportunities, extra curricular activities and events for you to share with your child. A provisional calendar is included on the back of the newsletter.

If you are celebrating Vaisakhi on 14<sup>th</sup> April – we wish you and your families a Happy Vaisakhi.

If you are celebrating Easter on 21<sup>st</sup> April we wish you and your families a Happy Easter.

Have a restful and enjoyable Easter holiday - let's hope the sun continues to shine and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April.

With best wishes

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### Important Dates for your diary – Summer 2019

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April** – Children and staff return to school after the Easter break.

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May** – Parents Meeting at 2:45pm. Launch of reading buddy pro.

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** – Parents Meeting at 9:05am. Launch of reading buddy pro.

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May** – School closed for May Bank Holiday.

**Week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 1 trips to Botanical Gardens.

**Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> May** – SATS week for Year 2.

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May** – Comet 3 visit Attenborough Arts PM.

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May** – Comet 4 visit Attenborough Arts PM.

**Week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> May** – SATS week for Year 2.

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May** – Reception visit Stonehurst's Farm.

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May** – Comet 1 visit Attenborough Arts PM.

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** – Comet 2 visit Attenborough Arts PM.

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** – Catherine Infant & Spark Arts Festival – parents and children's event, more details to follow.

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May** – School is closed for Half Term Holiday.

### Safeguarding

As a staff and governing body, safeguarding our children and families is extremely important to us.

As the evenings are lighter and the weather becomes warmer parents like to chat in the playground whilst their children enjoy a run around with their friends before leaving at the end of the day. This is a happy time for the children and we welcome them burning off energy. Once you have picked up your child from their classroom at the end of the day you are responsible for them and their safety. All children must be supervised by their adult and must not to be left alone in the infant playground whilst parents go to the juniors to collect older siblings. I am sure you agree we want all our children to be supervised and safe after school.

### Launch of Oxford Reading Buddy

We are excited to announce we are going to launch Oxford Reading Buddy after the holiday. This is an online reading site linked to school. Children will be able to log in online at home and read books at the level they read at school. All their favourite books from school will be on there. Children can complete quizzes when they finish. Children will be able to practice at home and teachers at school will be able to monitor their progress. We are holding 2 meetings in the new term to explain how to access the home reading online. We hope you will be able to attend a meeting so you can use Oxford reading buddy to support your child's reading at home.

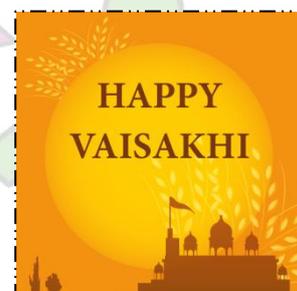


### School Nurse Drop in Sessions

Last month the school nurse held a drop in session at school where parents and carers could come in to school, meet the nurse and discuss any worries about their child or ask for advice about their child's health. This was so successful that we are going to make this a monthly occurrence. The next dates for the drop in sessions are

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 8:45am – 9:45am  
&  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 8:45am – 9:45am

If you would like to see the nurse please telephone or ask at the office to make an appointment. If there is time left at the end the nurse will see any parents who come without an appointment.



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