

# Catherine Infant News!

## We are all stars



Newsletter: June 2019

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Welcome to the last term before the summer holidays. Our children have been busy completing their national assessments which look, so far, to be some of the best results our school has ever achieved. That is a tribute to the partnership our staff have with parents to work hard together to bring out the very best in our children and equip them for the next stage in their education.

As we move towards the last few weeks of term there are some important dates to note. These are included in the newsletter.

We are including a set of school holiday dates for next year with the newsletter. If you are planning a family holiday or trip with your children next year, please remember to book it in the school holidays so that no important schooling is missed.

As you know school budgets are very stretched nowadays. Two more classrooms have been struggling with whiteboards that can hardly be seen by the children. We are planning a school summer fair on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July after school to raise money for 2 new screens. We hope you will all attend and have lots of fun with your children after school. More information will be given later. Mrs Badelek and her helpers will also be selling ice creams for 50p each after school on sunny days to raise money for the whiteboards. We are always grateful for your support.

If you have any questions or wish to speak to me, I am on the gate in the mornings and an appointment can be made to see me by contacting the office who will be pleased to help.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Harrold  
Head teacher  
Catherine Infant School

### School Bags

We are very pleased that children bring their reading bag to school every day which they keep in their tray. PE clothes in a school drawstring bag hang on their peg and are available to buy from the office at £3.00.

Some children are also bringing very large backpacks to school as well. Some of the bags are as big as the children! They fall onto the corridor floors as we don't have any storage at school for backpacks. If you feel your child needs a bag as well as a book bag please buy a small backpack that will hang neatly on their peg without taking up a lot of room.



### Improvement in the Outdoor Areas

Many of you will have noticed the improvements taking place to the outdoor areas of the school this year, making it a far brighter and pleasanter learning environment for our children. Our premises team of Mr Rushin and Mr O'Brien have been really busy painting the sheds, mowing, planting and litter picking. Gradually the fading yellow boards are being painted a lovely bright blue. The outdoor classroom has lots of lovely plants and flowers and the contender is back in use again. The early years playground has some exciting new playhouses and outdoor activities for our younger children.



Please work with us to help keep the outdoors learning environment looking lovely and tidy by making sure litter is thrown into litter bins or taken home in a pocket and thrown away there. Our eco award work encourages children to think about what they do with litter and waste. Please encourage your children to find a bin for their birthday sweet and ice cream wrappers and to take care of our outdoor areas too.

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### Important Dates for your diary

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 2 trip to Cadburys World!

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June** – Route to Resilience wow day for all year groups.

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July** – Transition week for Year 2 pupils. Pupils will visit Catherine Junior school every morning Monday – Thursday. Details to follow.

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July** – School Summer fair after school.

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July** – All pupils will visit their new classes for the morning.

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July** – Reports sent out to parents.

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 2 perform their leavers assembly (PM).

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 2 perform their leavers assembly (AM).

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July** – School finishes for the summer holidays (3:15pm).

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August** – Children return to school.

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October** – School finishes for half term (3:15pm).

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October** – Autumn half term holiday.

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October** – School Opens.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – School finishes for Christmas holidays (3:15pm).

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020** – Christmas Holidays.

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020** – Children return to school

### Safeguarding Reminders

Just a quick reminder to parents – although children are becoming older and more responsible at this end of the year, they are still small children. Parents **must** still bring the children on to the premises in the morning and wait with them to hand them over to the class teacher or responsible adult. School are not responsible for children until they have been handed over to the relevant member of staff at 8.45am.

Children left alone in the playground are not safe.

### New Electronic Front Gates

We are very excited to finally have our new electric gates at the front of the school. These contribute to keeping our staff and children safe in school. The pedestrian gate will be open at the beginning and end of the day and for parents of nursery children at lunchtime. When the gate is closed please press the intercom button and speak to the office. They will be pleased to open the gate and let you through but please **do not** push or pull on the gate, it will open automatically. Thank you.



### Sunshine!

We hope to see some sunshine soon before the end of term. If it becomes very hot we will limit the amount of time children spend outside. On sunny days please put sunscreen on your child before they come to school. Please send them with a sun hat with a NAME on. If they get thirsty please send **water** in a named water bottle. We can't accept fizzy or sugary drinks, just water. Children always look smart but please think what they wear on their feet – for safety please - no strappy sandals, no heels and no flip flops. We want to provide safe, healthy, happy playtimes and outdoor learning for all the children.



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