

Catherine Infant News!

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Newsletter: September 2019



Welcome Back!



Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome back to school to all parents and children after the long summer holidays. I hope you enjoyed a restful break. Children are now settling into their new classes, getting to know their new teachers, renewing their friendships and generally getting used to school again!

If this is the first time your child has attended Catherine Infant School – we are very pleased to meet you and your children. If you have any questions about school – what to bring, what days PE are - please speak to your child's teacher at the end of the day – they will be happy to help you.

I am including a calendar of events with the dates we have finalised so far – this will be updated over the coming weeks so please do keep checking.

I am available in school almost every day – if you wish to speak to me, please ring the office or come up and speak to the office team – they are very helpful and will make an appointment with me for you.

We look forward to working in partnership with you all again this year to ensure fantastic outcomes for the children and families of Belgrave.

Best wishes

Mrs Harrold

Headteacher, Catherine Infant School

Birthdays!

We encourage children to bring in their favourite storybook to share with the class on their birthday instead of bringing in sweets. The birthday child feels special because they have chosen the book and it is a healthier option for all the children as it cuts down on sugary food.



Parent Governor

Your parent governor is Mr Trushar Mistry. Trushar's daughter is a pupil in Comet 2. If you have any questions or suggestions you wish to bring to the governing body's attention Trushar can be seen in the playground at home time or the office will contact him on your behalf. Trushar will be pleased to get in contact with you.

Parking and Traffic

We encourage all children to walk, cycle or scoot to school to live a healthy lifestyle and take daily exercise.



If you have to drive your child to school please make sure you follow the parking regulations on the roads around school. This is for the safety of all the children and parents.

Please don't park on the yellow lines.

Please don't park on the zig zag lines in front of the gates.

Please don't pull up and let your child jump out of the car and run in to school unaccompanied.

Please treat the traffic officers politely – they are trying to keep our children safe.

Please cross on the crossing with Mrs Dass, our lovely, cheerful crossing lady. Hold your child's hand, switch your mobile off and show your child good routines for crossing the roads. Please don't dodge between the cars – it's dangerous and sets children a poor example.

Safeguarding

We take the safety of our children very seriously at Catherine Infant School. Our current Safeguarding and Child Protection policy is now on our website under "Policies" should you wish to read it.

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Important Dates for your diary

Thursday 19th September – **Jeans for genes day** - children and staff pay £1 to wear jeans to school to support children with genetic diseases.

Friday 20th September – **Harvest Festival** - whole school assembly 9:10am. Donations of dried foods to be brought to school for Open Hands charity.

Wednesday 25th September - 9:10am in the hall Year 1 parents meeting - Curriculum Expectations Meeting.

Thursday 26th September - 8:45am FS1 AM parents meeting - Curriculum Expectations Meeting. 12:30pm FS1 PM parents meeting - Curriculum Expectations Meeting.

Friday 27th September - 9:10am in the hall Year 2 parents meeting - Curriculum Expectations Meeting. 2:15pm in the hall Reception parents meeting - Curriculum Expectations Meeting.

Friday 4th October – **Navratri** - PM Navratri dancing with parents in the school hall.

Wednesday 9th October - **E Safety Meeting** - 9:10am E Safety Meeting in Gujarati in the school hall. 2:15pm E Safety Meeting in English in the school hall.

Thursday 10th October – **Drop everything and read day** - Reading Café 9-10am and 2-3pm in the hall with Ms Fitton.

Monday 14th October to Friday 18th October – Autumn half term holiday. School is closed.

Wednesday 23rd October - **Attendance Meeting**. 9:05am in the school hall meeting for all parents regarding expectations for pupil attendance.

Thursday 24th October – **Diwali Assembly** - 2:15pm in the school hall.

Friday 25th October – **Diwali Assembly** - 9:15am in the school hall.

Tuesday 29th October - **Parents Meetings** - 1:30pm - 6:30pm with the teachers in the school hall.

W/B 11th November - **Road Safety Week**.

Friday 13th December – **Christmas Fair** - 3:30pm - 5:00pm in the hall.

Monday 23rd December to Monday 6th January – Christmas Holidays. School is closed.

School Uniform

School uniform is sold after school on Wednesdays and Thursdays in the office at very reasonable prices. Please bring your child to the office with you to try on uniform as uniform cannot be exchanged. Prices for uniform are on the school website.

Dropping off & Collecting Pupils

We believe in working closely with parents to ensure that all our children are safe, cared for and nurtured both at home and at school.

Please introduce yourself to the teachers and support staff so teachers know who parents are. If somebody different is bringing or collecting your child – please let staff know so they and the children know who to expect.

Please ensure you bring your child into school and wait with them until you have handed them to a staff member in class. We cannot have children left to wait in the playground or run into school alone. At home time once you have collected your child they are your responsibility. Children cannot be left in the playground whilst you go to the juniors to collect brothers and sisters.

Only adults are allowed to pick children up – no young people under the age of 18 years can pick up or drop off children at school.

If staff are uncertain of arrangements for a child, in the interests of safeguarding they will ring parents to check before allowing the child to leave school. We appreciate working with parents to keep all our children safe.

Backpacks

Children have come to school with lovely, bright new backpacks for the new term. Some are very big! Whilst it is exciting to have a new school bag, there is nowhere in school to keep backpacks – the cloakrooms are small – backpacks make the coats fall to the floor. Children need a school reading bag for their books and home learning, kept in their classroom tray and taken home each evening, and a school PE bag for their PE clothes hanging on their peg. Book bags and PE bags are on sale in the office. Please don't send back packs to school.

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