

Catherine Infant News!

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Newsletter: November 2019



Dear Parents

Welcome to the Autumn 2 newsletter. We were pleased to welcome almost **all** our parents to parents evening last week to discuss your children's progress and to see all the amazing learning they are completing in their classes. If you were unable to make it to the meeting, please do contact your child's class teacher and they will arrange to see you after school at 3.15pm. So many of you made lovely comments about the school and our dedicated teachers. Mr Allbut, Chair of Governors, Mr Trushar Mistry, our Parent Governor and I were really touched by your appreciation and support.

Over the next few weeks you will begin to see the first steps in developing the key stage 1 playground. The playground games are going to be repainted and a daily mile track marked out to encourage all our children to take part in daily exercise at playtime and lunchtime. Staff are welcome to join in too! 16 times around will equal 1 mile. It doesn't matter how you go around, walk, jog, run, skip, scoot - it's all about moving, taking exercise, having fun with friends and leading a healthy lifestyle.

I have been so impressed by all the beautiful, detailed models that have been coming into school as part of home learning. Thank you for all the time and effort you put in to supporting your child's learning at home.

We have a busy term ahead of us and a calendar of events is included at the end of the newsletter. As new dates are added we will keep you informed through letters and the parent's noticeboard in the EYFS playground.

As always, if any parents would like to meet with me, please come to the office and Mrs Badelek's team will help you to make an appointment with me at a mutually convenient time.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Harrold
Headteacher

Sales of Poppies and Poppy related items for Remembrance



We are selling poppies and poppy related items this week for remembrance. Many of you will remember Mr Lambert, who used to be one of our premises officers. Mr Lambert organises this for us every year and we always receive a certificate and letter of thanks for the generosity shown by parents and children at school.

The children sowed poppy seeds for remembrance at the front of school in the summer, taking part in the national Ribbon of Poppies scheme. The poppies are almost over now, but we have enjoyed them brightening up the autumn days and look forward to them growing again next year.

Backpacks

Some of our children are still coming to school with very big backpacks. Unfortunately there is nowhere in school to keep backpacks - the cloakrooms are small - backpacks make the coats fall to the floor. Children need a school book 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. Thank you.



Road Safety



In view of the darker mornings and evenings we wanted to include a few reminders regarding road safety. Please remember to:

- Cross on the crossing - Don't encourage your children to dodge between the moving or stationary traffic.
- Hold the children's hands - they are only small and cannot be seen over the bonnets of the cars.
- Concentrate on the children - please don't be on your mobile phone.
- The crossing can get very busy before and after school - please be patient - the pavement is quite narrow either side of the road.
- Set the children a good example of road safety and crossing awareness.

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Important Dates for your diary

Tuesday 5th November – Hearing tests for Year 2 pupils.

Wednesday 6th November – Flu Vaccination.

Thursday 7th November - **Sustrans Dr Bike** in school mending and checking bikes and scooters. Cycle or scoot in to school today and your machine will be checked and made safe during the time. Adults bikes are welcome too if time allows.

Monday 11th November - Wear odd socks to school for anti-bullying week.

Friday 15th November - **Children in Need Day**. No school uniform - wear some bright clothes today and pay £1 for Children in Need.



Monday 18th November – **FS1 Rainbows - Belgrave Library Storytellers** visit school to tell stories to the children. 1 parent per child is welcome to attend too.

Wednesday 4th December - **Parent Support Session for Admission Applications 8:30am - 10:00am**. A member of Leicester City Council will be in school to assist Rainbow and Asteroid parents with an online application for their child's school place in 2020-2021.



Friday 6th December –
Pantomime in school - **Aladdin**.

w/b Monday 9th December - **Christmas Assembly**.

Thursday 12th December - **Winter Fair** - This will take place after school to raise funds for computing equipment in school.

Friday 20th December - Last day at school.

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

Tuesday 7th January - Children return to school!

Admissions 2020/2021

If your child is in our Rainbow or Asteroid classes then it is time to apply for your child's school place for next Academic year (September 2020). *Please note if your child is currently in our Rainbow class, an application still needs to be completed for your child to remain at Catherine Infants School next year.* The deadline for all applications is Wednesday 15th January 2020. All applications must be completed online on the Leicester City Council's website, please see the link below;

<https://www.leicester.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-and-colleges/school-admissions/>

If you require assistance with the application online there will be two upcoming support sessions for parents in school, a letter will follow to give more details. In the meantime support sessions will be held at *Leicester City Council Customer Services, 91 Granby Street, LE1 6FB* these will be on 4th & 11th December 2019 at 9:30am - 1:00pm.

School Attendance

Our attendance meeting in October was very well attended by many parents. We appreciate that you parents value the importance of regular school attendance. We take attendance at school very seriously. It is well known that pupils who attend regularly have better life chances, succeed better at school in National tests and exams and have more successful and lasting friendships. Government requirements are that pupils must attend school 96.1% of the school year.

There have recently been a number of requests for parents wishing to remove their child from school for extended periods for visits and trips abroad. May we respectfully remind you that this absence will not be authorised and may incur penalty payments from Leicester City Council. Your cooperation in bringing your child to school every day is much appreciated.

100%	Perfect attendance
99%	Excellent attendance
97%	Good attendance
95%	Slightly below average attendance
93%	Poor attendance
90%	Very poor attendance

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