

Catherine Infant News!

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Newsletter: October 2020



Dear Parents

Welcome to the end of a busy half term in somewhat unusual circumstances. Firstly, thank you to you as parents and carers of the pupils; thank you for home educating your children during lockdown, thank you for quickly adapting to our staggered opening and closing times, thank you for supporting your children at home when classes have had to be closed and thank you for adapting to leaving children at the school gate with our staff instead of the classroom door. I know as a parent, changes at school can be an anxious time, but I can assure you your children are really happy to be back at school and are working hard and making fantastic progress.

Our staff are also pleased to be back at school. There have been many changes to get used to, most importantly all the health and safety measures the governors and I have put in to make the school as safe and healthy a place as we can for staff and pupils alike. I assure you we are continually reassessing the situation and making any necessary changes following Government and Public Health England Guidance.

Regrettably, in consultation with the Local Authority and Public Health England, we have had to close 2 year groups over the last few weeks. This has been unavoidable and sadly, the notice is very short as we have to react to any positive covid tests that come in. Thank you for your patience and understanding in this; we are doing the best we can in difficult circumstances.

I hope you and your families are able to enjoy a peaceful and relaxing half term following Government guidelines for social distancing. In Leicester City this means that we are able to meet in groups of up to 6 outside only. Please explain this to your children as they may be wishing to organise playdates with their friends and find this hard to understand.

Further guidance can be found at;

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-covid-alert-level-high#meeting-family-and-friends>

Please remember that should you wish to contact me for any reason, please phone through to the office to make an appointment or to be put through to me over the phone.

Have a lovely half term.

Best wishes

Mrs J Harrold
Headteacher



Available School Places

There are still morning and afternoon places available in our Rainbow nursery for this year as well as full time places if your child qualifies. If your child's date of birth is between 01/09/2016 – 31/08/2017 please speak to the school office.

There are also full time school places still available in FS2 and Year 1 and Year 2. If you require a fulltime place at our school for your child please apply for a place online at; <https://www.leicester.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-and-colleges/school-admissions/>

If you have any other questions regarding School Admissions please speak to the school office.

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Class Dojo

Many of you will already have downloaded the Class Dojo App for home learning with your child. I have really enjoyed looking at the work your children are completing – thank you for supporting them in this way.



If you haven't had a chance to download this yet, or are struggling, please do phone in to school and we will make sure you receive help to get you and your child on to Class Dojo. This is particularly important when Classes or year groups are sent home to self isolate. If this happens to your child's class the class teacher will be online every school day setting and marking work to ensure children don't fall behind in their learning. Class Dojo also translates the messages if you prefer to use your home language.

Covid Reminder

If your child is poorly, has a runny nose, is coughing or has sickness symptoms please don't send them in to school. Seek medical advice and a covid test if advised to. If a member of your family is advised to get a test or takes a test, please do not send your children into school until the results are known.

If a member of your family receives a positive test, please notify the school immediately and keep your child at home for 14 days to self isolate.

Please wear a face covering over your mouth and nose at the school gates unless you have a medical exemption. Do not approach the staff closer than 2 metres distance.

We ask this because when school has to close classes due to a positive test the impact is massive on parents, other children, staffing in school and our ability to be able keep the school open. Above all, we need to work together and support each other to make sure everyone stays well.

Harvest

A massive thank you to all of you for the amazing amount of dried food and groceries you sent in to school for the harvest. Open Hands, a charity which runs a food bank for those who are in desperate need, were over whelmed by your generosity and kindness in difficult times. The gentleman who came to collect the food was actually moved to tears by your kindness. The display looked beautiful in school (See the picture below). Mrs Rajput has also put a photo onto Class Dojo for you all to see.



Term Dates

School Closes – **Friday 16th October**
October Half Term – **Monday 19th – Friday 23rd October**
School Opens – **Monday 26th October**
School Closes for Christmas Holidays – **Friday 18th December**

Happy Half Term!

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