

Catherine Infant News!

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Newsletter: September 2021

Dear Parents

Welcome to the second newsletter of the term. As we have almost completed 4 weeks of the Autumn term I am writing to give you some updates and news of activities and exciting things happening in school for the children.

The children have quickly settled into their new classes and are becoming accustomed to new routines, new learning and for some children leaving reception and moving into year 1, to a new curriculum and different expectations. All these things take time, but as I walk around school I can see the children becoming more independent and confident in their new settings by the day.

We have re started assemblies in the hall. At present we are having a year group in at time. I will monitor absence and we will gradually return to whole school assemblies at a later date. I am hoping that shortly we can begin to invite parents in to class assemblies again. I know that one of the delights of being a parent is seeing your child stand at the front of the hall and perform in their class assembly, and I know many of you have missed this contact with school.

I am looking to re instate normal school times in the near future and to once again allow parents into the playground to drop off and pick up their child.

I have started to book different activities and special days in the hope that we are able to carry these out. The dates of these are included in this newsletter.

All these good things are covid dependent. The most important thing is to keep children, staff and families as well as possible, so I am relying on your help and support to continue wearing your face mask at pick up and drop off

times, to socially distance from each other and the staff at the gate and to be understanding if somethings have to be cancelled at short notice. Covid, and all it brings with it, means that sometimes changes happen very rapidly. Please keep children who are ill at home and cooperate with school on taking your child for a PCR test if requested.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs J Harrold
Headteacher, Catherine Infant School



ParentPay and Class Dojo

All parent communication is carried out via ParentPay and Class Dojo. If you haven't managed to sign up to ParentPay yet, please call the office and we will try to help as much as possible. If you require the log in code for Class Dojo please speak to your child's class teacher.

Parking Outside School

Can we politely remind parents that Ulverscroft Road and Martin Street both have double yellow lines down them? This means it is illegal to park there, even just to drop your child. The majority of parents walk or park in the side streets and bring their child to school. Parking on the double yellow lines is dangerous to other road users, dangerous for the children waiting to come in and causes ill feeling amongst those parents who have done the right thing and parked legally away from school.

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"Happy Lunchtimes"

Recently we carried out a children's survey to find out what they thought about lunch time. Overall the children enjoy lunchtime but would like some more games outside. Steve Harris from "Happy Lunchtimes" worked with our Mid - day supervisors on Monday to give them some more ideas and help in bringing a variety of activities to lunchtime. Over the next few weeks you will begin to hear about different exciting activities that children have been taking part in at lunchtime.



Back Packs in School

There is very limited storage in school for children's belongings. Children have a tray to store a book bag in and a small peg to hang a coat on and a drawstring PE bag. When a back pack is hung on the peg it makes the coats fall off and people can slip, trip or fall on the coats. They also can get walked on.

We will have to ask any parents politely to take home any back packs in school. A PE bag can be purchased on Parent pay for £3.00. This is very strong and will last your child for all of the years they are here.

Important Dates for your diary

W/B 27th September – Scoot/walk to school week – further details have been sent on ParentPay

Friday 8th October – Harvest Assembly

Monday 18th October to Friday 22nd October – Autumn half term holiday. School is closed.

Wednesday 3rd November – Sean Rose an inspirational Paralympian will be visiting school!

W/B 8th November – **Parent Phone Calls.** Further details will be sent.

W/B 15th November – **Anti Bullying Week** – Odd socks day on 15.11.21, wear odd socks for anti bullying week

W/B 15th November – **Book fair in school**

Friday 10th December – **Christmas Jumper Day**

Monday 20th December to Tuesday 4th January – Christmas Holidays. School is closed.

Leicester City School Holidays 2021-22

The consultation over school holiday for Leicester City has now closed. The school holiday dates for 2021-22 are included. Please circulate these amongst your family and friends. A quick reminder – we are not allowed to authorise trips abroad in term time. Legally, children are obliged to attend school in term time unless they are ill. Any unauthorised absence has to be reported to the Education Welfare Officer who may proceed to taking legal action.

Future school holiday dates up to 2026-27 are available online at <https://www.leicester.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-and-colleges/term-dates> and on the school website.

**School will be closed from Monday
18th October – Friday 22nd October
for half term.**

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