

Catherine Infant News!

We are all stars

Newsletter: September 2018



Dear Parents and Carers

A warm welcome to Catherine Infant School for all our new children and parents who have just started at our school. We hope you and your children will have a very happy and successful time with us and that you as a parent will feel secure that your child is settled and engaged in school. To all the children and parents who were with us last year, we are pleased to see you back and hope you had restful holidays with your children.

We welcome several new members of staff this year:

Mr Rushin is our new premises officer for the afternoons. He is very keen to get to work on our outside areas.

Miss Ebrahim and **Miss George** have joined our EYFS team in Reception classes Star 2 and Star 3. They are working closely with Mrs Kachhela and Mrs Rajput to give the Reception children a fantastic start to school.

Mrs Kaur and **Miss Rait** have joined us as cover supervisors. They will be working throughout school and releasing teachers to undertake curriculum development and professional development time.

We welcome back **Ms. Deeming** from maternity leave, who will job share Asteroid 3 with **Ms. Walsh**. We are pleased that Ms Walsh has returned to teach at our school after spending time teaching at a school in the county.

We have received our OFSTED report from July 10th 2018 and are very proud of the result; we remain a **GOOD** school and OFSTED were so impressed with everything they saw. They will be back soon for 2 days to see if we are even better than good. Our Staff and Governors are very excited about this.

Myself and Mr Madhaw or members of our headship team will be in the playground in the mornings. If you have a question or want to inform us of something important to you or your child please do come and speak to us. We are happy to help.

The first few days in school have been very calm and settled. The children have already settled into their learning in their new classes. Good luck for a new school year everyone!

Best wishes

Mrs J Harrold
Head Teacher

Available School Places

First come first served – there are still a few places available in our Rainbow nursery for this next year. If your child's date of birth is between 01/09/2014 – 31/08/2015 please speak to the school office.

There are also full time school places still available in FS2 and Year 1. If you require a fulltime place at our school for your child please apply for a school 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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Important Dates for your diary

Thursday 20th September - Bike Breakfast. Cycle or scooter to school from 8.00am -8.30am and you can have toast, fruit and juice in the hall with your friends.

Friday 21st September - Jeans for Genes charity day. Pay £1 and wear your jeans to school today.

Friday 21st September - Harvest Assembly - we are supporting the Open Hands Food bank charity again this year. Donations of dried foods are welcomed in school.

Tuesday 25th September - FS2 Reception Parents Expectations meeting in Hall 2.15pm in both English and Gujarati.

Thursday 27th September - Yr 2 Parents Expectations Meeting in the hall. 9.10am – 10.00am in English and Gujarati

Tuesday 2nd October - FS1 Nursery parents expectations meeting in hall 2.15pm in English and Gujarati

Tuesday 16th October - Parent's afternoon and evening – come and talk to your child's teacher and hear about their progress. 1.30-6.30pm. **An appointment time will be made.**

Friday 19th October - RE Theme day: What do people celebrate? Children to come in traditional dress or party clothes. **1.45 – 3.00pm** Families join us in school for Navratri Dancing in the hall.

Monday 22nd October – Friday 26th October – October half term.

Monday 29th October - Photographer in school for children's individual photographs.

Tuesday 30th October - E Safety for Parents in Gujarati 9.10am in Hall. E Safety for Parents in English 2.30pm in Hall.

School Attendance

The percentage of children attending school every day has risen over the past year. We appreciated parents working with us to raise our attendance to the government required percentage of 96.1%. A quick reminder that absence for holidays and visits in term time will not be agreed by Mrs Harrold. Penalty notices are issued if children are taken out of school. We appreciate your honesty when working with us over absences.

Breakfast Club & The Star Club (After school Care)

Breakfast Club and The Star Club (After Care) are already up and running and places are being booked up fast. If you require early morning child care we are open from 7.45am to receive children into Breakfast club. After school "The Star Club" is available for after care.

Activities include games, construction, art and craft. Children who attend regularly will be read to staff to support their learning. Help will be available at the end of the week with Home Learning tasks set by class teachers.

More information and the cost is available in the office.



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