

# Catherine Infant News!

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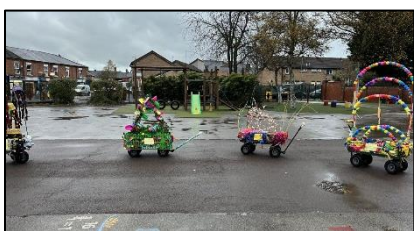


Welcome to the end of term newsletter, and what a busy term it has been. All the children are well and truly settled into their classes and year groups now. On looking through the work books Mr Madhaw and I are amazed and delighted at the excellent progress the children have made this term.

We have been excited to welcome small groups of parents back into school to watch their child's class assembly. Throughout the year, as each class performs their assembly, we hope to be able to continue to invite parents in to watch and celebrate their child's achievements.

Despite the difficulties faced by all of us with the ever-present covid, the children have enjoyed a wide variety of interesting wow days and special experiences in school this term.

I am proud to report that Year 1 have just completed their Arts Award. They managed to visit Attenborough Arts Centre, 1 class at a time, socially distanced, and to work with artist Sian Watson to produce the amazing "vehicles of change" you may have seen displayed in the playground last Wednesday (see pictures below). They will shortly be gaining their artsmark certificates to celebrate their achievements.



We celebrated Diwali in school with a lovely Year 2 Diwali assembly; unfortunately, we had to put aside plans to invite parents in to watch, but the video was available to Year 2 parents to enjoy on a private YouTube setting. This week the Reception children will be performing their nativity. This will also be available to Reception parents via a private YouTube link.

Visitors have had to be kept to a minimum but all the children were inspired by a visit from paralympian Sean Rose who gave the children an inspirational assembly and helped them complete their sponsored workouts. A massive thank you to all parents, the amount raised was £2281.49. This is a fantastic and very generous effort from you all, so a really big THANK YOU goes out to everyone.

Finally I am joined by all the staff and governors in wishing all those celebrating a very Happy Christmas, and a very happy and prosperous New Year to all our parents and pupils.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs J Harrold  
Headteacher



### Rainbow Nursery Places for September 2022

We are now taking down pupil names for our Rainbow Nursery to start in September 2022. If you, your family or your friends have a child whose date of birth is between 01/09/2018 – 31/08/2019 please contact the school office to add the child's name to our waiting list.

We will be contacting the parents of these children in the new year with further information.

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### Arrangements for the Last 2 Weeks of Term

#### **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

- Christmas jumper day in school in aid of Save the Children charity.



Children can wear a Christmas jumper or festive outfit to school on Friday. Please don't feel you need to buy new jumpers for this day. Your child could wear something red, or a festive top or outfit. To raise money for Save the Children we are asking that parents pay £1 donation via parent pay if they wish.

- Christmas lunch, both meat and vegetarian options will be served in school on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December.  
- All pupils will watch the reception Nativity play on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

#### **Week beginning 13.12.21**

The Christmas post box will be out in school. If children wish they can post cards to their friends using the Christmas post box. Please make sure the envelope shows the full name and surname of the child to receive the card, and their class name as well.

**Christmas parties:** Children in the Nursery and Reception classes will have their Christmas parties on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Year 1 and 2 will have their Christmas parties on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

**A Special Visitor:** We are expecting a special visit from Santa on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Santa will take his presents round the outside of the school on Thursday. He will knock on each classroom door and wish the children a Merry Christmas.



### **Pantomime - "The story of Aladdin"**

Due to covid we are not able to have a real pantomime in school. However, we have ordered an online pantomime from a professional West End company. The children will be watching "Aladdin" during the last week of term. Once they have seen it in school it will be made available on Class Dojo for you and your families to watch and enjoy over Christmas. We hope you all sit down together and have some fun time watching – it's only an hour long with an interval about half way through.

### **Requests for Term Time Absence**

A quick reminder to all parents considering asking for authorised absence for holidays / extended visits abroad in term time. The law states that children can only be given authorised absence from school in term time if they are ill or there is a real emergency. Other than this they have to attend school every day in term time.

Mrs Harrold cannot authorise absence to visit relatives abroad or to take children on a holiday in term time. It is against the law.

If parents decide to take their child out of school, please be aware that you risk being taken to court as your child is not attending school. Your child could lose their school place at Catherine Infant School as the local authority fill up spare places with other children in need of a place. We do not set work to be taken away on holidays – school is open, teachers are delivering high quality learning and by law children should be in school accessing this opportunity.

School holiday dates are published several years in advance; please plan your trips and visits in the holiday time.



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