

Catherine Infant News!

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Newsletter: September 2022

Dear Parents,



Welcome Back!



A very warm welcome to Catherine Infant School for parents of children new to our school, and a very warm welcome back to those parents of children already attending our school. We have a very busy year ahead. Work is proposed to start on our new building after Christmas. This is very exciting and, as those who came to the consultation will have seen, the new building is stunning and full of extra facilities for our children. (See the architect's image below). It is a very exciting project!



We have had a very calm and settled start to the year. The children are quickly getting used to the new routines and staff in their new class, and the teachers are getting used to their new pupils.

Staff news: We welcome some new staff to school this year:

Class Teachers: Mrs White (Rocket Room), Miss Dyett (Star 3), Miss Ajij (Comet 2) and Mrs Mistry (SENDCo)

Class Teaching Assistants: Mrs Mamodanif (Asteroid 1), Mrs Gorania (Star 4), Mrs Robson (Rocket Room), Mrs Dias (Galaxy Room) and Ms Suria (Rainbows)

We welcome all our new staff onboard and wish them a happy and successful time at our school.

Mrs Shemar (Comet 2 teacher last year) has had her new baby, a little boy, born in the summer holidays. We wish her and the new addition to the family well, and hope they are soon settled in and getting some rest!

We have a full programme of activities and celebrations planned this year. Our very popular after school clubs will start again soon – a separate letter will be sent out through ParentPay so do keep checking so as not to miss anything.

Last term we asked parents to indicate whether they would wish to use before and after school care if it were available. Only a small number of parents indicated an interest, and it is therefore not economically viable to employ staff to run this at this time.

The term dates for our school are included with this newsletter. All pupils are expected to attend school every day unless they are ill. Please be mindful of term dates when booking holidays and trips abroad, and book these in school holiday time. If you have to travel abroad, you must complete a leave of absence form (available from the office) for your child and have this authorised by myself. This will only be authorised for exceptional circumstances.

Once again, welcome back to school. If you have any questions or queries, please do call the office after 9.30am (01162625422) or pop in once you have dropped your child at school. Mrs Badelek (Business Manager), Mr Taylor (Attendance Officer) and Mrs Sarang (Office Staff) will be happy to help you.

With best wishes for a successful school year.

Mrs J Harrold
Headteacher

School Uniform

You are welcome to purchase school uniform for your child at any time throughout the academic year. Please note we do not accept cash in school. All uniform orders should be made and paid for through ParentPay, the uniform can then be collected from the school office. If you have any issues with using ParentPay please contact the school office who will be happy to assist you.



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Dates for your diary

w/b 19th September – **Harvest festival** in school. Donations of dried foods welcome for Open Hands Charity.

17th – 21st October – October half term, school is closed to all pupils.

Tuesday 25th October – **Diwali New Years Day**. School is open. Please inform school if your child will be absent for religious observance.

Wednesday 9th November – **Parents Afternoon / Evening** in school, a letter will be sent out to book a time to meet your child's teacher.

Friday 18th November – Teacher day – school is closed today for staff training.

Friday 16th December – School finishes for Christmas holidays (3:15pm).

Tuesday 3rd January 2023 – Children return to school.

Please also see attached to this newsletter the full 2022/2023 academic year term dates.

Classroom Parent Mornings

We look forward to welcoming all our parents back into school! From week beginning Monday 12th September one day each week parents will be invited into their child's class. This will be an opportunity to meet the class teacher, for the teacher to share messages with parents and also inform parents of what their child has been learning. This will be for 10 minutes from 8:45am – 8:55am. Please see below as to which day this will take place in your child's class;

Monday: Nursery (Rainbow Classes)
Tuesday: Reception (Star Classes)
Wednesday: Rockets and Galaxy
Thursday: Year 1 (Comet Classes)
Friday: Year 2 (Asteroid Classes)



Naming on Clothes

We appreciate that kitting your child out for school is expensive. Please name all items your child wears to school with their **first name, last name and class** e.g. sweatshirt, coats, trousers, shoes, gloves etc. There are 30 children in a class; that's 30 similar size sweatshirts all the same colour. By the end of term there is always a large amount of lost property in school without names on. We make every effort to return lost items to children if they are named.

Message to all Parents from the Chair of Governors

My name is Mike Allbut Chair of School Governors here at our fabulous School. On behalf of all the Governors I would like to welcome each and every one of your children back to a new year at Catherine Infant School.

The School Governors are a dedicated bunch of people who are constantly monitoring every aspect of the work of our school community, on your behalf. We do this by supporting Mrs Harrold and her team to maintain the standards of delivery you expect from our OFSTED rated outstanding school. The Governors are immensely proud of each and every one of our first class team and the way they managed to deliver the highest standards of education and care to our school community during the pandemic, calmly, effectively and professionally. This will now continue as things get back to normal.

I am always accessible to you should you wish to contact me through the Head Teacher or the Business Manager. Very best wishes to you and your children as we start another exciting year in our wonderful school.

Michael Allbut BEM
Chair of School Governors

Safety Reminder – Drop Off and Pick up Times

We aim to run the safest school we possibly can. We have teachers and office staff standing at the gates at drop off and pick times to ensure strangers do not come onto the property from the street. We are a large school with 430 children attending, each child is brought by an adult. That is a lot of people accessing school morning and evening.

Due to the large number of people coming onto the playgrounds at morning and afternoon pick up, we ask that only 1 parent / carer comes up to school for drop off / pick up.

If parents are bringing Catherine Junior School children onto the infant school playground, the children must come in with the adult, stand with them and leave with the adult. Junior children must not be walking in alone, running around the playground or using the outdoor equipment. Any unaccompanied junior children will be asked to stand with the teacher on the gate until their parent / carer is found.

Thank you for working with us to keep the children safe at all times.

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Leicester City Council
Local authority school holidays 2022/2023



	August 2022					September 2022					October 2022				
M	1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24
T	2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25
W	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26
T	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27
F	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28
S	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29
S	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30

Autumn Term 1st half

	November 2022					December 2022					January 2023				
M		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23
T	1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24
W	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25
T	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26
F	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27
S	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28
S	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29

Autumn Term 2nd half

Spring Term 1st half

	February 2023					March 2023					April 2023				
M		6	13	20	27		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24
T		7	14	21	28		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25
W	1	8	15	22		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26
T	2	9	16	23		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27
F	3	10	17	24		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28
S	4	11	18	25		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29
S	5	12	19	26		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30

Spring Term 2nd half

	May 2023					June 2023					July 2023				
M	1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24
T	2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25
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T	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27
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S	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29
S	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30

Summer Term 1st half

Summer Term 2nd half

	Pupil days		Weekends
	School Holidays		Public Holidays
	Suggested disaggregated inset days		INSET days

Total 190 Pupil days

Please note: On inset days, pupils are not required to attend school

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