

Catherine Infant News!

We are all stars

Newsletter: January 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to everyone and welcome back to the new Spring term 2023. I hope everyone had a restful and happy holiday and those celebrating Christmas enjoyed time celebrating with their families.



Staff have planned some interesting and exciting topics for the children to learn about. Links to the curriculum overviews can be found on the school website under "Curriculum Overviews > Termly Topic Information 2022-23".

- Our Best Picture Book begins for Year 2 on 16.01.23. Year 2 children will be sharing different stories and then voting for their favorite alongside other children in Leicester City.
- Year 1 children have an exciting History topic about toys through time. You may well be asked what you played with when you were a child. When I was a child most toys didn't need lots of batteries or to be plugged in and charged!
- Reception children are learning about Mini-beasts, Butterfly life-cycles, Transport and Winter.
- Nursery children will be learning about Colours and the 5 senses.

Best wishes

Mrs J Harrold
Headteacher

Winter Viruses

Last night the government issued new advice to schools on the high levels of flu, covid and scarlet fever which are circulating at the moment. This is expected to continue for some weeks still.

The government advises that if your child has a temperature, a rash, a cough, cold or very runny nose or is vomiting please keep them home until they are well enough to come back to school. Not only is it distressing for children to feel poorly at school, but they are spreading illness to other children and staff.

If your child is ill, please ring in to the office, 01162625422, to report their absence on the first day they are away.

New School Build

We will shortly begin to see visible signs of preparation for the planned new build of the school taking place. This is an exciting project and a fantastic asset being built for the community. It is also going to be quite a challenging time for staff. I will do my best to keep parents and carers fully informed of any changes as they occur and will give everyone as much notice as possible if this affects you or your children. The first change we will see is that some trees are to be cut down during February half term. Although this is very sad, the final planting scheme includes replacing trees and more green areas than we have at present.

School Closures due to Bad Weather e.g snow

We try to keep school open when it snows. An assessment of the site is made as early as possible. We have to consider the safety and state of the site, how easily and quickly it can be cleared to make it safe and staffing levels, as most staff have a journey to work and we consult with Catherine Junior School too. In case of snow a message will be sent out via ParentPay to inform parents if school is open or closed. Radio Leicester also operates a snowline to inform parents about school closures in case of snow. If school did have to close due to bad weather, work would be set for each class on Class Dojo.

Important Dates for your diary - Spring 2023

Wednesday 11th January – School attendance meeting for all parents (letter to follow).

Friday 17th February – School closed to all pupils. Teacher Day ONLY.

Monday 20th – Friday 24th February – School is closed for February Half Term.

Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day!

Friday 17th March – Red Nose Day!

Friday 31st March – **Annual School Reports out to Parents.** There will be a parent meeting in the summer term for you to discuss your child and see the progress in their books throughout the year.

Monday 3rd – Friday 14th April – School is closed for Easter Holidays.

Monday 17th April – Children return to school.

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