

8th Sept 2017

**NEXT WEEK'S ASSEMBLY
GRUNCHER CLASS**

Welcome Back

Welcome new families to St Catherine's; if this is not your first year with us, welcome back! We are looking forward to working in partnership with you on your child's learning journey for the year ahead.

We would like to thank families for their kind words and gifts at the end of last term, we were really touched by them and they were much appreciated.

Staff have been busy over the summer break preparing classrooms as well as exciting projects for your children to have meaningful, purposeful learning experiences.

Already this term, children in Y5/6 have been dispatched across Hoddesdon to experience what it may have felt like to be an evacuee.

Rude and Aggressive Behaviour

Please may we remind families of our approach to inappropriate behaviour. As detailed in the Home/School agreement, families agree to; ***'Respect all members of the school community, abiding by our policy of zero tolerance towards rude and aggressive behaviour'***

Failure to abide by this could result in a family member being banned from the school site for a period of time.

We also remind families that they are not to deliberately upload or add any images, sounds or text that could upset or offend **any** member of the school community e.g. comments on **Facebook** or **Spotted in Hoddesdon**

Home/School Agreement

This afternoon, your child has brought home two copies of our Home/School agreement, which we would ask you to read through with your child before signing and returning one copy to be kept in school.

Please keep the other copy at home for reference.

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Home Packed Lunch

If you provide a packed lunch for your child, please may we remind you that it must not contain;

- ◆ Nuts or any nut products – this includes spreads such as 'Nutella', and obviously, peanut butter
- ◆ Chocolate or sweets
- ◆ Squash or sugary fruit drinks – water is ideal and is available for children throughout the day

Can we recommend a healthy option including a wrap, sandwich or roll, a cereal bar (without nuts!) and some fruit.

If you would like further information about healthy packed lunches, there are some great ideas on the Children's Food Trust website; <http://www.childrensfoodtrust.org.uk/childrens-food-trust/parents/your-childs-food-at-school/packed-lunches/what-to-put-in>

PE Kit and Uniform

We are sending home a reminder about uniform expectations. In particular, please may we draw attention to requirements regarding earrings; plain gold or silver studs are the only type that are acceptable in school; this is for health and safety reasons.

Please can we ask that children bring PE kits into school on a Monday, which then remains in school for the week, to be taken home for a wash on Friday and returned the following week.

ALL ITEMS MUST BE CLEARLY NAMED

Summer Reading Challenge

If your child took part in this year's challenge and would like to be presented with their certificate in assembly, please send the certificates in by

Friday 22nd September.

We would like to display the certificates to celebrate this achievement, so certificates will be returned after half term.

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Walk in Wednesday and Thursday

We are providing an opportunity for you to visit your child's classroom, meet their teacher and find out what they will be learning about this term on Wednesday and Thursday next week. The reason we are providing two days is to give families with more than one child at the school the opportunity to attend more than one session.

Please accept our apologies if this doesn't work out for you, if you would like to meet the class teacher, please feel free to arrange a separate time with them.

Wednesday 13th September from 2.55pm

Jabberwocky, Pegasus, Gruncher, Fungus and Gruffalo

Thursday 14th September from 2.55pm

Hobbit, Gremlins, Kraken, Lorax, Psammead, Phoenix and Jumblies

Old Footwear

Do you have any old football, rugby or other sports boots that no longer fit?

Could you donate them to the school?

Having a 'boot bank' will ensure that all of our children have access to the correct footwear over the winter period.

Thank you

Summer Playscheme

This years Summer Playscheme had a fantastic response, from both parents and children and most days we were fully booked!

Those who attended will agree that it was great fun and lots of happy memories were made, a fun packed first two weeks of the holidays.

Thank you Sam

School Uniform

Reminders	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Only plain black shoes are to be worn – no boots or trainers except sensible plain boots for girls in severe weather. ◆ Socks / tights must be dark for boys, grey or navy or white for girls (not white for boys or black for girls) ` ◆ Girls may wear <u>light</u> blue/white <u>checked</u> summer dresses or grey pinafore dress ◆ The school top is a white or sky blue polo shirt – this can be with or without the school logo ◆ Trousers/shorts/skirts should be grey. Skirts should be knee length and simple. ◆ Baseball caps are available, as are school book bags, fleeces and waterproof coats ◆ Plain navy tank tops are acceptable for school ◆ All sweatshirts and cardigans should ideally have the St Catherine's Logo ◆ All coats should be plain black, grey or navy. ◆ Please ensure that any school bags to carry books and homework to and from school are of a reasonable size—we have very limited cloakroom space! ◆ A small blue/black drawstring bag (with or without school logo) <u>is the only</u> acceptable bag to carry PE kit to and from school 	
<p>For PE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Navy round necked tee shirt (this can be with or without the school logo) ◆ Navy shorts ◆ Navy joggers ◆ Navy hoodie with school logo (this item is optional but sensible for outdoor games in winter) 	<p>Jewellery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The only jewellery allowed is one small plain silver or gold stud earring per ear. This needs to be covered up or removed for PE but must be removed for swimming (you may wish to bear this in mind when if considering ear piercing before swimming starts in early May)