



Newsletter

Autumn #01 03/09/2021

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Mrs Wallis welcomes back the children of KS2.

**October
15**

Inset Day

The School will be closed on this day.

**October
19**

Family Conferencing

Family conferencing will run from 15:30 until 17:00

**October
21**

Family Conferencing

Family conferencing will run from 15:30 until 17:00

**October
25**

Half Term

Children will return to school on the 1st of November

A MESSAGE FROM MRS WALLIS

Welcome back to school to families who are returning to us and welcome to St Catherine's to all of our new starters. It was wonderful to see children eager to return to school yesterday morning and I am delighted that we can resume coming in all together for our 'soft start' to the day once again.

As we begin this academic year, there are a few changes that were put in place last year that we would like to keep. For example, on the day that children have PE, we would like them to come in their PE kit. This has the advantage of maximising the time spent in physical activity as well as avoiding children misplacing or forgetting their kit. You will be getting a newsletter shortly with information about what your child is learning this term which will include their PE day so you can support them in remembering which day to wear PE kit.



A MESSAGE FROM MRS WALLIS CONTINUED

From next week, PE will be on the following days;

Year 1 - Wednesday

Year 2 - Tuesday

Year 3 - Thursday

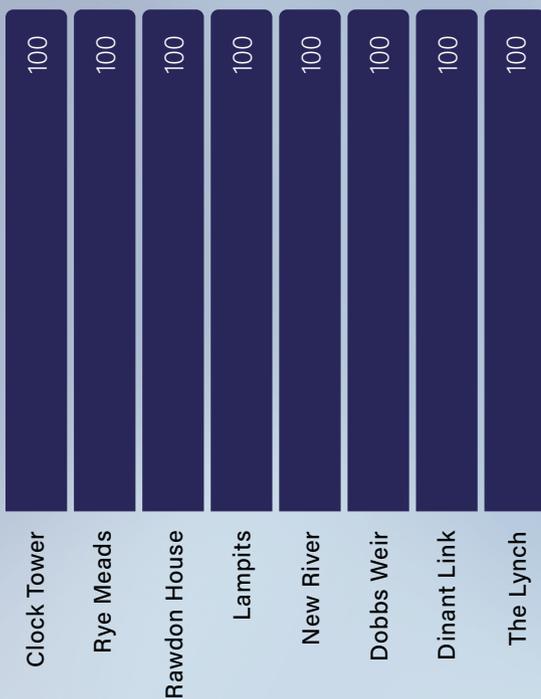
Year 4 - Tuesday

Year 5 - Friday

Year 6 - Thursday

Another change that we are considering keeping is family conferencing by phone - this has the advantage that families are given an appointment time and don't have to leave the house to keep it. We would be interested to hear your views on this - please let us know your opinion by email - or just let us know when you see us on the gate in the afternoon.

TIMES TABLE ROCK STARS



HIGHEST SCORING PLAYERS

CHECK BACK NEXT WEEK FOR ALL OF THE SCORES AND HIGHEST SCORING PLAYERS FROM TIMES TABLE ROCK STARS!

ATTENDANCE %



WHOLE SCHOOL

94%

ATTENDANCE

WHEN COMPARED

↑ 1%

TO LAST WEEK

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

We are delighted that children have already started bringing in their reading challenge certificates – well done to everyone who took part and completed the challenge. We will be displaying these in a couple of weeks time, so please send them in – we'll make sure they are returned to you – laminated – to keep!

SCHOOL DINNERS

We are pleased that children are once again be able to eat their lunch in the school canteen. Please can we remind you that school dinners should be pre booked online (school grid) before the start of the day. It is possible to pre-book school lunches weeks in advance too.

READING AT ST CATHERINE'S

Please don't worry that your child may not have a 'Learning to Read' book to bring home just yet. They will shortly be issued with a book that matches their reading level once we have done some assessments to ensure the book they bring home is appropriate for them. In the meantime, please encourage them to read any books you may have at home – and they will also be reading regularly in school.

LEARNING ANIMALS - SUMMER COMPETITION

Thank you to everyone who has sent in their competition entries so far. We are enjoying looking at them and are impressed by the creativity of our children. It's not too late to enter this competition – there's still a week to go – please see details below from our last newsletter...

Last term our whole school Smart School Council voted for which whole school approach they thought would help children at St Catherine's to think about learning and talk about how they show positive learning behaviours.

The class votes have been counted and the result are in: ANIMALS associated with learning behaviours

We know we have a school full of great artists and would like to invite you to design our animal characters.

First you will need to decide which 'real' animal you think shows one of these learning attitudes and then draw them;

Pride, Curiosity, Independence, Resilience, Collaboration and Challenge

All entries should be:

- Named with first and last name and labelled with the name of the animal and the learning attitude it shows
- no bigger than A4
- a single animal per entry/sheet
- returned to the class teacher by 10th September 2021

There will be a small prize for anyone who submits an entry for each of the 6 behaviours

WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE AUTUMN TERM AND THE WINNING ENTRIES WILL BE USED IN OUR POSTERS/BANNERS AROUND SCHOOL - GOOD LUCK

WE ARE USING



Arbor

WHO ARE ARBOR?

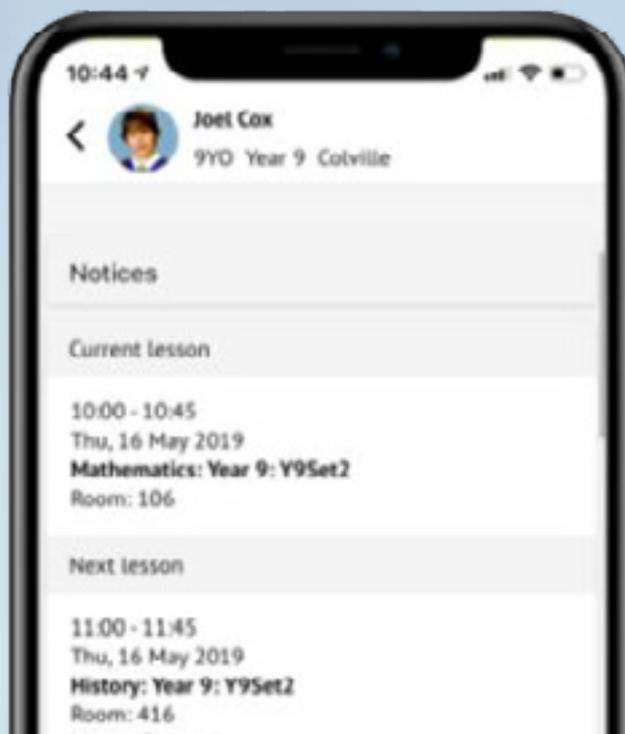
We've chosen Arbor as our MIS provider. An MIS is a system that helps schools collect, store, manage and use all the information they need. Arbor is a simple, smart and cloud-based MIS, meaning the data isn't physically stored in school, making Arbor super secure. It also means you can log into Arbor to see and update your child's information or make payments and bookings yourself! Arbor was founded in 2011 by a small group of people on a mission to create a simple, smart MIS system that would help schools learn from their data to save teachers time and ultimately improve student outcomes.

HOW CAN PARENTS USE ARBOR?

- Log into Parent Portal for Google Chrome on computers or laptops
- Download the Arbor App from the App Store or Google Play Store then log in on your phone (For Android 5.0 or iOS 10.0 and upwards)
- We can then send you In-app messages. We can also send you emails, letters or SMS!

HOW CAN PARENTS USE ARBOR?

1. Wait for the email from us telling you that Arbor is ready for you to use
2. Click the link in your welcome email to set up your password
3. Go to the App or Google Play Store on your phone and search for 'Arbor'
4. Click 'Install' on Android or 'Get' on iPhone then open the App
5. Enter your email, select the school, then enter your password
6. Accept the Terms & Conditions and enter the birthday of your child



MORE ON ARBOR

Need help using Arbor?

To safeguard student data in line with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), Arbor only works directly with schools. Contact the school office if you have any questions about Arbor, the Arbor App or Parent Portal. We will be able to help answer your questions. If not, we will contact Arbor's Support Team for assistance. Please let us know the type and model of your phone, e.g. an iPhone SE, and include screenshots or screen recordings of what you are experiencing.

Some tips to try

- Ensure your username is the email address you use for Arbor. Ask us to check the email address linked to your account.
- Reset your password from the login page, or ask us to do this.
- If the login email was sent to you more than 96 hours ago, the password link will have expired. Ask us to send it again.
- Ask the school office to check that your email address has not been used twice - e.g. on another guardian or child's profile.
- Enter the birthday of one of your children to log in for the first time.
- Only relatives who are Primary Guardians of a child can access the Arbor App. Ask us to check if you can access Arbor.
- If logging in for the first time use a laptop or computer and use Google Chrome as your browser.