



“Live, Love and Learn Together”

15<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Dear Parents

We have had a very busy and successful term and I would like to thank all parents and families who have supported us in many different ways. We have had a number of highlights this term, including a variety of activities both inside and outside the classroom.

I am very pleased to share the official Key Stage 2 attainment and progress figures for the 2017 Statutory Assessment Tests. These were published by the Government on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December. We have waited until these results have been officially verified before publishing them and informing you about them. As a school, they are in line with the predictions we set at the beginning of the last academic year.

**The following is a summary of our attainment:**

**Pupils meeting expected standard in reading, writing and maths**

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| School                         | 63% |
| Dorset Local Authority Average | 57% |
| England Average                | 61% |

**Pupils achieving at a higher standard in reading, writing and maths.**

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| School                         | 15% |
| Dorset Local Authority Average | 7%  |
| England Average                | 9%  |

**Average score in reading.**

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| School                         | 107 |
| Dorset Local Authority Average | 104 |
| England Average                | 104 |

100 is the expected

**Average score in maths.**

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| School                         | 105 |
| Dorset Local Authority Average | 103 |
| England Average                | 104 |

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**This is a summary of our progress scores in relation to all schools nationally**

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|----------------|---------------------------|--|
| <b>Reading</b> | Above average <b>+2.5</b> | About <b>10%</b> of schools in England |
| <b>Writing</b> | Average <b>+0.7</b>       | About <b>66%</b> of schools in England |
| <b>Maths</b>   | Average <b>+0.6</b>       | About <b>57%</b> of schools in England |

If you would like any further information or wish to look at our attainment and progress in greater depth the following site will give that information.

[www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk](http://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk)

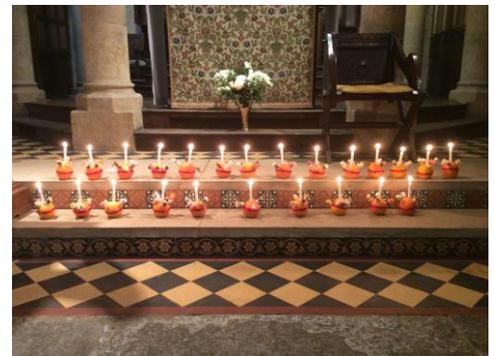
We had three full houses for our Key Stage 1 Nativity, with over 350 attending and a very well attended Carol Service where all the children demonstrated the musical skills they have learnt this term. Thank you to Mrs Lewendon, our specialist music teacher for all her hard work in the musical department and Mrs Wright for organising the carol service.



The music club also took part in the carol concert at Bucky Doo Square on the Christmas Cheer evening. Their performance and behaviour was once again, a credit to themselves and our school. The Christmas lunch was enjoyed by the pupils and staff and each Key Stage has enjoyed a festive party, dancing and games with Strawberry Jam and Dukes Disco. Thank you to the PTFA for supporting this and the Christmas Fayre. We hope that you all enjoy the Christmas table decoration that every child has made this year.

### Year 3 Christingle Service

This was an enjoyable celebration of the Spirit of Christmas and the parishioners at Chideock church provided all the materials for each child to make their own Christingle and a lovely tea.



### Usborne Books At Home and School

Thank you to everyone who took part in this years sponsored Ready, Steady Read. Congratulations to the winners for the total number of minutes read, which went to Eliza in Key Stage 2 and Liam in Key Stage 1, who received book prizes for reading 1385 minutes and 645 minutes respectively. Also, to Scarlett in Reception for the most sponsorship money raised. Year 3 were the highest participating class. We raised £1,152.00 in sponsorship; half of this went to the children to buy books and the school received £1,535.56 to buy books, of which £889 was donated by Usborne Books At Home and School. These books will be in the classrooms in the New Year.



Thank you to Mac Builders for providing 20 drill tops to be used by our sporting teams.



We will return to school on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018 with registration at 8.40am.

Finally, on behalf of myself and all the staff at St. Catherine's, we would like to wish you a wonderful festive season with your families and a peaceful and joyous 2018. I conclude with the words from our Year 1 Advent prayers written by the pupils.

*Dear Lord,  
Please help us to be kind and share.  
Help us to love each other and to always try to do our best.*

Yours truly

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frances Guppy". The script is cursive and fluid.

Mrs Frances Guppy  
Head teacher

