

Newsletter

# St Catherine's

September 2016

Issue No 2

## *House Stars for this Week*

## 6V Prayer Service

Thank you 6V for leading our first Prayer Service of the year in such a reverent and thoughtful way. The children spoke so clearly about using their 'Doors of Opportunity'. Their message showed how they intend to make the most of every opportunity this year in order to develop themselves and, to care for others. It was a beautiful start to our school year. Well done to you all.

*Gabriel*

275

*Uriel*

227

*Raphael*

202

*Michael*

240

## The Week Ahead

Events Diary Link: <http://st-catherines.barnet.sch.uk/events/>

**Monday**

**19<sup>th</sup> September**

9am Year 1 Impact Meeting

**Tuesday**

**20<sup>th</sup> September**

9am Year 3 Impact Meeting

**Wednesday**

**21<sup>st</sup> September**

Year 4 Gilwell Park

**Thursday**

**22<sup>nd</sup> September**

- Year 4 Gilwell Park  
- 9am 6C Prayer Service

**Friday**

**23<sup>rd</sup> September**

- Year 4 Gilwell Park  
JEANSFORGENES DAY

## JEANS FOR GENES DAY

*Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September*

Thank you to Leon for organising this special fundraising day. If you and your child wish to support this you may wear one item of denim with the rest of the rest of the school uniform e.g. jeans, denim skirt, and denim shirt. In return we ask you to contribution **£1 coin** towards this event. Leon and his friends will be in the playground before and after school to collect any donations. The monies raised by our school on Jeans for Genes Day will help fund a range of initiatives that improve the lives of children affected by a genetic disorder.



- An annual grant programme that is open to all UK charities and patient groups caring for children with genetic disorders.
- Resources for schools to make pupils more aware and empathetic of the difficult lives children with genetic disorders lead.
- Fund the work of [Genetic Disorders UK](https://www.geneticdisordersuk.org/), the national charity dedicated to supporting families affected by genetic disorders

For more information visit <https://www.jeansforgenesday.org/getinspired/whatwedo>

Please support this amazing charity and help make a difference!



## Updates and Reminders

**Safeguarding - Safeguarding** – Safeguarding and Child Protection at St Catherine's is EVERYONES responsibility which we take extremely seriously. A leaflet for parents outlining the school guidelines on Safeguarding, together with a Visitors Safeguarding leaflet are available outside the school office. There is also a new dedicated Safeguarding page on our website where you will find a number of associated Policies. Our designated safeguarding team is: Maureen Kelly, Mary Ainger, Jo Isaacs, Laura Matteoni and Josh David is the school's designated E Safety Teacher. Please contact one of the team at any time if you have concerns.

### Calling All Parents/Carers! Your Child's Internet Safety Matters!

On **Wednesday, 28th September at 9a.m.** - there will be a free Internet Safety talk for all parents in the school's main hall. The talk is open to parents from Nursery right up to Year 6 - and will provide parents with children of all ages with invaluable information and support.

The talk will be delivered by leading industry experts 'Education Child Protection Ltd'. ECP provide talks all over the country and work closely with the government and CEOP to ensure the safety of children across the UK.

The talk will focus on general internet safety for children - with information, tips, parental controls and guides, as well as tackling the increasingly controversial issue of mobile phones - and how to keep children safe on them.

2 years ago we set a St Catherine's attendance record for our internet safety talk. This year, we hope to beat it. Please spread the word and make sure you put the date in your diary and attend the talk if you can.

We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

Thank you for your continued support. *Josh David – Computing Co-Ordinator*



### Parent Partnership Representative

If you are keen to be your class representative this year please contact the main office. The meetings will take place half termly. The meeting for this half term has been scheduled for **Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> October at 8.50a.m.**

## Rights Respecting Charters

During the course of this week the children and the staff have been working on their class charters. They have discussed the rights of young children and have designed the charter for their class. Next week we will show you the charters around our school. These will also be put on our RRS web page. Please find the time to read Issue 6 RRS Newsletter, also on our website. The first Steering Group meeting will be next week.



It was lovely to meet the members of the School Council on Thursday afternoon. Miss Kelly and I look forward to working with them during the course of this year. Visit our School Council web page to see our new representatives.

## Packed Lunches

Please remember that packed lunches should **not** contain:

- crisps (cheese biscuits or crackers are acceptable)
- chocolate bars (eg Kit Kat, Twix, Twirl)
- sweets

The children may bring in chocolate muffins or cakes and biscuits, as these are often included in the school dinners. They must be nut-free and cannot be shared with other children.



## Donation Request

If anyone has any U-rated DVDs that they have no further use for, and would like to donate them to the After School Club, they would be much appreciated.



## Birthdays

If your child would like to celebrate their birthday with their class please can you either send in fruit or donate a book to the library. We will ensure the book is shown in assembly so that the birthday child is thanked! Cakes, sweets and other treats (including fruit-based snacks) should not be brought in to share as we are a healthy school and are mindful of the risks associated with allergies to ingredients. We have several children with severe allergies whom we would like to protect.

## School Office Telephone Numbers

The school office telephone number is: 020 8440 4946.

The school outgoing fax machine number is: 020 8441 3436 – if you are dialing this number to contact the school office your call will not be picked up.

## The School Day

Please could parents bear in mind that the school day starts at 8.50am, which is the time at which your children need to be in their classroom ready for registration. Any child who enters the classroom after 8:50am is recorded as late.

## How is your Class Attendance?

Attendance return from 12<sup>th</sup> Sept to 16<sup>th</sup> Sept 2016

Class	% Attendance
1K	97.33
1W	97.67
2B	99.00
2C	100.00
3H	91.38
3I	97.33
4D	98.00
4D'A	98.67
4Y	99.67
5B	100.00
5C	98.62
6C	99.00
6V	100.00



**Our weekly target is 96%**  
**How well is your class doing with their attendance?**

## Fantastic Attendance!

Congratulations to KS1, 2C with 100% and KS2, 5B and 6V both with 100% - these are fantastic class attendance figures. Let's aim for 100% next week! Trophies will be awarded to 2C, 5B and 6V.

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St Catherine's Catholic Primary School

Head Teacher Maureen Kelly

Deputy Head Mary Ainger

Assistant Head Lisa Aldridge



## Prayer for our Family - *Saint Teresa of Calcutta*

Heavenly Father,  
you have given us the model of life  
in the Holy Family of Nazareth.  
Help us, O Loving Father,  
to make our family another Nazareth  
where love, peace and joy reign.  
May it be deeply contemplative,  
intensely Eucharistic,  
revived with joy.

May we love one another  
as God loves each one of us,  
more and more each day,  
and forgive each other's faults  
as you forgive our sins.  
Help us, O Loving Father,  
to take whatever you give  
and give whatever you take with a big smile.

Amen



*Saint Teresa, or Mother Teresa, as she is better known, has captured the hearts and minds of hundreds of thousands of people across the globe. The love of God shone out of her. She deliberately sought out the 'poorest of the poor'. We can imitate her faith and love by helping others.*

