

Newsletter

# St Catherine's

September 2016

Issue No 1

## Thank you

*Dear Parents*

*Thank you for my very warm welcome to St Catherine's. I met the staff last Thursday and Friday during our INSET days and they couldn't do enough to make me feel part of the St Catherine's Family. I would like to say a special thank you to our much loved Deputy Head Mrs Ainger who has been an incredible support and is the font of all knowledge when it comes to St Catherine's!*

*I met our lovely children on Monday who were very excited to see their new Headteacher. I know they have at least 100 questions to ask me so I promised I would go into class for an interview session. I've already been asked in assembly if I'm married or not so that question is out of the way! I have requested professional questions from now on so it will be interesting to see what lies ahead of me!*

*We had our beginning of year Mass on Tuesday which was celebrated by Fr John. The Key Stage 2 children were wonderfully behaved and respectful during an hour of extreme heat in the hall. It was lovely to see how the children can be so cooperative and*

## House Star Journey begins next week

Gabriel



Uriel



Raphael



Michael



## Diary Dates

Take a look at important dates for your diary at the end of the Newsletter!



## The Week Ahead

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

**Monday**  
**12<sup>th</sup> September**

**Tuesday**  
**13<sup>th</sup> September**  
9am Year 2 Impact Meeting

**Wednesday**  
**14<sup>th</sup> September**

**Thursday**  
**15<sup>th</sup> September**  
9am 6V Prayer Service

**Friday**  
**16<sup>th</sup> September**  
Y2 Shoeburyness Trip

*reverent. I'm really looking forward to leading them and preparing them for the future. It made me feel very privileged to be chosen as the Headteacher of St Catherine's.*

*Thank you to the many parents who have introduced themselves to me and have wished me luck. Please say hello if you see me out on the playground. I'm determined to get to know you all and learn the names of all 502 children in the school by half term*

*at the very least!*

*Next week I'll be updating you all on school procedures and routines so please watch this space for any changes and reminders.*

*In the meantime have a wonderful weekend – hopefully the sunshine will continue!*

*God Bless,*

*Miss Kelly*

## RRS – Moving to Level 2

### *What Do We Need To Do?*

**Moving to Level 2:** Level 1 is an important milestone on the Rights Respecting journey. In the light of the assessment visit, Gillian Roberts identified the following priorities for further progress.

**In order for St Catherine's to progress successfully to Level 2, the following steps and actions will be required:**

- Ensure that school policies and strategic documentation are explicitly underpinned by appropriate rights from the Convention
- Look for ways to incorporate an explicit commitment to education for global citizenship and sustainable development
- Work towards deepening and widening the knowledge and understanding of the UNCRC across the whole school community.
- Build on the work already begun to promote the UNCRC within the curriculum
- Continue to embed the Unicef RRSA Charter Guidance and focus on the language of 'respect for rights'.
- Build on the good charity work already undertaken.

I will be meeting with the new Steering Group next week and we will draw up our action plan for the coming year based on these priorities. I will also attend the Level 1-2

Workshop in November. The next part of our journey has begun! Our Level 1 Award can be seen as you enter the main school entrance. Well done everyone!

*Mrs Ainger*



## ParentPay

A huge thank you to all the parents who are now up and running on ParentPay and are paying for items and pre-booking breakfast and after-school clubs. If any parents have not yet activated their account please could you do so over the weekend and let the office know if you have any issues. Reception class parents, your activation codes will be coming to you in the next week or two.

We are sure you can appreciate that the increased functionality and improved stability of ParentPay compared to Schoolmoney and the greater clarity within the system will give us all peace of mind. The ability to pre-book out of school care combined with the removal of the 39p transaction charge means that the school will not be in the position where parents owe large sums of money and it will streamline the administration, removing the long hours previously spent charging out of school care in retrospect.

Pre-booking of breakfast and after school club sessions is now standard and you will not be able to 'drop in' to breakfast or after school club sessions. Online bookings are accepted through ParentPay up to 24 hours before the start of the session you wish your child to attend. The office have the ability to manually book slots with less notice than this if you have a need for an emergency attendance (ie you have less than 24 hours notice that you will require childcare). Please call (do not email) the office to book this.

If you normally pay using childcare vouchers please follow the advice that was previously given out by the school. Thank you for your support and co-operation.

### **For future/advance bookings**

*Select: Circular icon of 'person' with child's name under (left hand side of screen)*

*Select: Bookings/Make or View Bookings/*

You will now need to select your Booking type from the drop down menu:

- Breakfast (for breakfast club bookings)
- Afternoon (for SESSION 1 after school club 3:15pm to 4:45pm)
- After School (for SESSION 2 after school club 4:45pm to 6:15pm)

Select dates you wish to book and then confirm booking. There is a 'help link' on screen if you need assistance.

Please remember that the money for the sessions you are booking must be paid into the correct session (breakfast/afternoon/afterschool) before booking can be accepted otherwise, your session will not be booked.

## Updates

**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*





During the course of this week the class teachers have been discussing the role of a school council representative. Representatives have to be willing and able to put forward other people's views even if they disagree with them. Last year we discussed 'What kind of person makes a good rep?' Here are some of the qualities the children chose- approachable, a good listener, organised, efficient and a good. Once elected their photographs will go up in the main hall.

## Coffee Morning

Our first Coffee Morning will be on **Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> September** for Macmillan Cancer Support. We look forward to seeing you there.



## IMPORTANT: Lunch Pattern Changes

Lunch pattern change requests have been revised and any change requests submitted during the term will be effective on the first day of each FULL or HALF TERM.

Any lunch pattern change requests that have already been submitted to the office this term will be processed and will take effect on **Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> September**.

Any lunch pattern change requests submitted from today onwards will take effect on **Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> November**.

## Dates for Diary

### *KS2 Prayer Services Autumn 2016*

Class 6V	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> September
Class 6C	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September
Class 5C	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> September
Class 5B	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> October
Class 4D	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> October
Class 4D'A	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November
Class 4Y	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> November
Class 3H	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> November
Class 3I	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December

*\* all prayer services begin at 9am and take place in the hall*

*Curriculum IMPACT Meetings all being held at 9a.m.*

These meetings are an opportunity to meet the year group class teachers and receive information related to:

- What is special about the year group
- RE Overview
- Responsibilities
- Home Learning
- Literacy and Maths Overviews

Here are the dates of the forthcoming Curriculum Impact meetings. These meetings are very informative. You will get the opportunity to meet the new class teachers, see the learning environment and have a greater understanding of the curriculum coverage this academic year. It was wonderful to see so many Year 5 & 6 parents at the Curriculum Impact meetings this week.

Year 2	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September
Year 1	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> September
Year 3	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September
Year 4	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September

These will take place in the classrooms, please sign in at the office and wait to be collected.

## Dates for Diary

### *Year 4 Gilwell Park Residential Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> September - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>*

An information pack was emailed this week. Please ensure that the outstanding medical form is returned by Monday. I will be emailing a letter early next week to inform you of final arrangements and staffing. We are all looking forward to this exciting experience.

### *Parent Partnership Meetings*

These meetings are held monthly. Our first meetings will be on **Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> October at 8.50am**. We have decided to change the day these were held on to avoid clashing with the KS2 Celebration Assembly. If you are interested in being your class representative please contact the office (0208 440 4946) or email our school office- [office@stcatherines.barnetmail.net](mailto:office@stcatherines.barnetmail.net).

JEANS for GENES Day **Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September** more information to follow in next weeks newsletter.

### *KS2 School Mass*

There will be mass for KS2 on St. Catherine's Day **Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> November** (9a.m.)

### *KS Celebration Assemblies*

Please note that KS1 is on Monday at 9 a.m. and KS2 on Friday at 9a.m.

## Education Sunday

Education Sunday will take place on this Sunday.

Education Sunday is a day of celebration for all those involved in education. For over a century it has been part of an ecumenical celebration in which the Catholic Church participates. The Catholic Education Service's theme for Education Sunday 2016 is 'All are welcome'.

Education Sunday is an opportunity to come together to celebrate and give thanks for all the students, staff and parents who work so hard in and for Catholic schools. It is also a chance for us to reflect upon the contribution that Catholic education makes to our communities.

# St Catherine's



Head Teacher Maureen Kelly

Deputy Head Mary Ainger

Assistant Head Lisa Aldridge

St Catherine's Catholic Primary School



*God has committed some work to me which He has not  
committed to another.  
I have my mission.  
I may never know it in this life,  
but I shall be told it in the next.  
I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons.  
He has not created me for naught.  
I shall do good; I shall do His work.  
I shall be an angel of peace,  
a preacher of truth in my own place,  
while not intending it if I do  
but keep His commandments.  
Therefore, I will trust Him,  
whatever I am, I can never be thrown away.  
If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him,  
in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him.  
If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him.  
He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about.  
He may take away my friends.  
He may throw me among strangers.  
He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide  
my future from me.  
Still, He knows what He is about.*

***Blessed John Henry Newman (1801-1890)***

