



St Catherine's

Catholic Primary School

St Catherine's newsletter has changed! We aim to deliver the school news, regular items and updates in a more succinct format. You will continue to be able to catch up on *all curriculum and class specific news, as well as, keep up to date with school events by logging onto the school website.* We strongly encourage you to do this by using the link provided on each page of the newsletter. It is very important to keep in touch with school events and news, so please don't forget to read the weekly newsletter, and to regularly visit St Catherine's website.



Happy St Catherine's Day

This week is a very special week for our school community as it is the Feast of St Catherine today, **Friday 25th November.**

Class 3H Prayer Service & KS2 Mass

Thank you to Miss Hctor and her class for leading the prayer service on Thursday about St Catherine. We loved the way they started the prayer service with the cheer leaders at a football match and making us reflect on why our school was named after St Catherine's. Through their drama, readings and singing they gave us a real understanding of what a brave young girl she was and how her faith was so important to her. Father John and Father James also came to celebrate with us today in the celebration of the Mass. Thank you to the children from 6C who led the readings and to the whole school community present for the beautiful singing and reverence shown throughout the Mass. Finally thank you to the parents who baked and iced our traditional St Catherine Day cakes.

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The Week Ahead

November/December

Monday, 28th

RRS Steering Grp to Sunnyfields Primary School

Tuesday, 29th

Wednesday, 30th

Thursday, 1st

9am 3I Prayer Service

Friday, 2nd

Safeguarding and Child Protection at St Catherine's is EVERYONES responsibility and is taken extremely seriously. Leaflets for parents and visitors outlining the school guidelines on Safeguarding are available outside the school office. We also have a dedicated Safeguarding page on our website with a number of associated Policies and details of our designated Safeguarding team. Please contact one of the team at any time if you have concerns.

E-Safety - Internet Matters

Internet Matters have released an Internet Safety app for children and parents. Download it and test your own and your children's internet safety knowledge.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/new-e-safety-app-for-parents-and-children/>

Josh David - Computing Coordinator



PSHE

With household budgets squeezed, many families are worried about covering the cost of Christmas this year, and don't want to take a debt hangover into the New Year. But remember it is possible to cut the expense without cutting out the fun. Follow the tips below to have a festive and frugal Christmas.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/finance/personalfinance/money-saving-tips/9739255/10-more-ways-to-save-money-this-Christmas.html>

"Gifts of time and love are surely the basic ingredients of a truly merry Christmas." ~ Peg Bracken.

Ellie Carruthers PSHE Lead

Article 2 : Every child has the right to be treated equally and with respect

Article 29: Every child has the right to an education

As a UNICEF Rights Respecting Level 1 School, mutual respect is at the heart of our ethos and values. Our children learn that their behaviour has an effect on their own rights and those of others. There are many opportunities to develop Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural development across the curriculum for example through R.E., PSHE, PE, art, music, history, geography, science and English. Children are encouraged to work in collaboration as much as possible and sometimes with other schools in sport (football and netball) or at music and dance festivals.

All members of St Catherine's School treat each other with **respect**.

School Council

The School Council met on Thursday to discuss how we can serve others in our school and local community. We agreed to participate in the 'Christmas Jumper' Day on Friday 16th December. Everyone in our school community will be invited to wear a seasonal jumper and contribute £1 towards the 'Save the Children Charity'. We also wanted to run a 'Christmas Hat' competition and invite entries from all the children. The younger members of the School Council were keen to do this as they thought it would be fun. All entries cost £1 and the donations will go to Noah's Ark Hospital. There will be prizes for each key phase. Entries in on Monday 19th December. Winners announced on the 20th December. Be Creative! Be imaginative! Have a Go!

Please see full minutes on the school website.

After School Club Early Closure

Please take note that there will be **no Session 2** after school club with Mrs Ward (CoolCats) on **Friday, 9th December**. Session 1 will continue to run as normal until 4.45pm. Please ensure you collect your child/ren promptly at 4.45pm.



Christmas Jumper Day

Friday, 16th December Christmas Jumper day for 'Save the Children'. Wear a Christmas jumper and contribute £1 to the 'Save the Children'.

Parent Partnership Meeting

The next Parent Partnership meeting will be on **Tuesday, 6th December** between 830am – 930am.

ParentPay

The Office are still receiving calls regarding ParentPay and pre-booking after school club. Please refer back to **Issue 1** of the newsletter on St Catherine's website for details of how to pre-book after school club sessions 1 and 2. May we also remind you that **you must pre-book your child/ren and pay online as you check out** if you wish to use this service.

You can pay using your credit card or directly from your parent account on ParentPay if this is in credit.

Please be aware that whilst you may think a booking has been made online – if you do not pay as you check out using the methods outlined above your pre-booking will automatically be cancelled within 2 hours of making a booking.

Attendance

Medical, dental and optician's appointments should, whenever possible, be arranged outside school hours. If this is not possible, please ensure that your child is present for BOTH registration periods during the day (8.50am to 9.30am and 1pm to 2pm) and that appointments are arranged outside these times. Failure to be present at registration affects both your child's individual attendance level and whole school attendance levels.

School Interviews

Parents will have received 'event codes' over the past 2 weeks to register online for: KS1 Nativity, Dinner Pattern Change and Early Leavers Consent.

St Catherine's will continue to promote paperless registration where possible, so look out for any future event codes that are sent.

Let Us Journey Together



We light this first candle to pray for hope. We pray for ourselves and for everyone. We ask that our hope will be fixed on God and that God will inspire us to hope for good things. We pray for everyone who feels that their hope has gone. May they find a new hope that shines like this candle flame. Lord Jesus Christ, hope of our hearts and hope for the world, come close to us this Advent.

Amen

Weekly House Stars



Gabriel



Uriel



Raphael



Michael

How is your Class Attendance?

Attendance return from 21st Nov to 25th Nov 2016

Class	% Attendance
1K	91.67
1W	98.33
2B	98.67
2C	98.62
3H	98.67
3I	97.67
4D	95.52
4D'A	99.03
4Y	97.59
5B	96.13
5C	97.00
6C	99.00
6V	94.48



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



Congratulations! Stars of the week are:

Oliver S 1K and Sophia & Angelo 1W
Conall & Joseph 2C and Aine & Cassandra 2B
Amelie & Roisin 3H and Jessica & Luca 3I
Dalia & Sophie 4D'A and 4D and Gaia 4Y
Harmony & Lucas 5C and Niamh & David 5B
Henry 6V