



St Catherine's

Catholic Primary School

Christmas Fayre

Thank you to everyone who came to the Christmas Fayre. It was a huge success! A heartfelt thank you to the PTA Chair Andy, and all the amazing PTA team of helpers who worked long hours to set up and organize everything. Thank you also to all the parents who supported and who spent lots of money on the day! I especially loved meeting all the families who came to support St Catherine's School, which included meeting older siblings, past pupils, past members of staff, and grandparents. It was a real family affair!

Mrs Quigley even joined us for part of the event via Facetime. She wishes everyone well and was delighted to catch up.

Fr John, Fr James and Fr Oliver left with lots of goodies from their tombola wins and of course their St Catherine's cakes from the day before!

St Catherine's is a very special community. This is clearly evident on occasions such as this. We must continue to work together, celebrate and be thankful for what we are part of, especially in this season of Advent. *Miss Kelly*

Class 3H Prayer Service & KS2 Mass

Thank you to Mrs Ikibiroglu and Class 3I for leading the last prayer service of 2016. It was so appropriate to use this opportunity to tell us about the season of Advent and the significance of the candles on the Advent wreath. The children spoke clearly and with confidence. They sang a very though provoking song called 'Putting the Christ back in Christmas'.

It was wonderful to see so many parents attend the prayer service. We know that you are extremely proud of the children, as we are. Well done Class 3I- Our Advent journey has begun!

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The Week Ahead

December

Monday, 5th

Tuesday, 6th

2pm Confessions Y6

Wednesday, 7th

- 2pm Confessions Y5
- Class 6C Westminster Cathedral
- 6pm Phonics WkShop R&Y1

Thursday, 8th

9.30am KS1 Nativity

Friday, 9th

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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.

Social Media

We currently live in a time where social media is a major part of our lives. Whether it is a WhatsApp group, Facebook, Twitter or any other app we need to be mindful of how we use social media, especially when we become upset or disgruntled about a situation. It has been brought to my attention that a very small number of St Catherine's parents are using social media to openly criticise other parents. We have had incidents in the past, and more than one incident this term where there has been public criticism on social media which becomes worse when people then share their comments more widely. Comments on social media that identify and criticise individuals are harmful to not only the individuals concerned, but also to the St Catherine's community. Please think about the impact of your messages on social media. We take this very seriously at St Catherine's. We want everyone to be safe and free from harm. *Miss Kelly*

PSHE

I am thrilled to announce that I will be hosting a series of parent sessions at St Catherine's every Friday from 1:40- 3:10 starting **Friday, 13th January**. Parentalk will give time for us parents to discuss one of life's biggest challenges- being a parent! The sessions aim to provide common sense, jargon-free information and ideas to help us to engage with our children.

Please see the flyer attached and watch this short video explaining more about the DVD course.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JMiVtgvpgqE>

If you are interested in joining me on a Friday afternoon please email the office to let us know

office@stcatherines.barnetmail.net

Ellie Carruthers PSHE Lead

Rights Respecting Schools

On Monday seven of our steering group ambassadors visited Sunnyfields School with Mrs Ainger and Mrs Ward. Sunnyfields School is the first Barnet School to reach Level 2.

It was such an exciting opportunity to meet the Headteacher Ms Meyer and a group of their ambassadors. The children had lunch together, played and then we met to discuss their journey to Level 2. They gave us so many ideas to put into our action plan for January. We hope to share this with you before Christmas. We know that we can achieve this through our teamwork and passion to do well.

We were also delighted to receive a letter from Chris Munday, Commissioning Director for Children and Young People in Barnet, congratulating us on our wonderful achievement in achieving Level 1.

School Council

Just to remind you about 'Christmas Jumper Day' on **Friday, 16th December**. All monies raised will go to 'Save The Children'. Save the Children believes every child deserves a future. In the UK and around the world, we give children a healthy start in life, the opportunity to learn and protection from harm. We do whatever it takes for children – every day and in times of crisis – transforming their lives and the future we share. Please support this event.

The School Council, are also keen to run a 'Christmas Hat' competition. All entries are to be in by **Monday, 19th December**. All monies will be donated to Noah's Ark. We welcome your support! The School Council will liaise with the Fundraising Captains to ensure these events run smoothly.

School Interviews

There are still 2 outstanding online registration events: Dinner Pattern Change (*only if you wish to change, effective 9 Jan 2017*) – **deadline Fri 16th Dec** and Early Leavers Consent – **deadline Mon 19th Dec**. Please ensure that you enter the event code provided and register.

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

Parent Partnership Meeting

Our half termly meeting is on **Tuesday 6th December at 8:30am** for one hour in the school hall. I want to thank all the parents who have volunteered to be part of this group. I appreciate your support and your time and look forward to discussing suggestions and ideas for the children in our school. See you at the meeting! *Miss Kelly*

ParentPay

Thank you to all parents who are consistently pre booking breakfast club and after school club. If you still need assistance in making a booking please refer to Issue 1 and 11 of the newsletters for guidance. May we also remind you to continue to keep up-to-date with any outstanding payments due for services used in particular school dinner.

We also have a number of parents who continue to have unpaid Schoolmoney debt which was transferred to ParentPay in July. Please can you ensure that you log onto ParentPay and pay all outstanding Schoolmoney debt by the end of the Autumn Term. Be mindful that the only figure parents should take note of for Schoolmoney debt is the **Remaining to Pay** figure, as this is the actual amount owed.

We will be writing to parents who continue to hold any debt at St Catherine's.

Attendance

Please can parents remember that if your child is not in their classrooms by 8.50am, they are late. Punctuality is being closely monitored and parents of children who are persistently late will receive a letter.

After School Club Early Closure

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.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you for your generous donations. We raised £152.20 for the Poppy Appeal.

Weekly House Stars



276

Gabriel



226

Uriel



279

Raphael



218

Michael

How is your Class Attendance?

Attendance return from 28th Nov to 2nd Dec 2016

Class	% Attendance
1K	96.00
1W	98.67
2B	99.00
2C	99.31
3H	96.67
3I	99.33
4D	97.93
4D'A	96.00
4Y	100.00
5B	96.77
5C	96.67
6C	98.33
6V	97.24

2C
4Y

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

Let us Journey Together through Advent



PEACE

We light this second candle to pray for peace; peace for ourselves and for the whole world. We ask for the peace of mind that comes from seeing things clearly. We pray for everyone who lives in the midst of conflict or war. May they find some sign of peace that shines like this candle flame. Lord Jesus Christ, Prince of peace, reign in our hearts and in all the world. Come close to us this Advent.

Amen



Congratulations! Stars of the week are:

Oliver D 1K and Betsy & Sydney 1W
Ryan Q 2B

Lidia and Millian 3H and all of Class 3I
Noah & Sophia 4D and Federico & Thomas 4D'A
and David & Mati 4Y

Lily & Finn 5C and Iona & Milo 5B
Layni & Eli 6C and Yasmine & Lucia 6V