



St Catherine's

Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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Carol Service

It was wonderful to have the opportunity to gather at St Mary Immaculate and St Peter's to present our Christmas Services.

On Tuesday afternoon the Year 3 & 4 children, staff, governors and families gathered to hear the story of Christmas through beautiful singing, readings and the Nativity scene. The children were truly amazing. They filled the church with their beautiful voices and never ending smiles. It was a joy to be a part of such a special service reminding us all of the true meaning of Christmas.

On Wednesday evening the year 5 & 6 children, staff, governors and families gathered at Mary immaculate and St Peter's Church for Christmas Words and Music. The church was overflowing with families and friends. Father Oliver said 'Christmas has truly begun'. Through a rich range of readings, poetry, drama and singing the children helped us to reflect upon the Christmas message. As Miss Kelly said they were our 'constellation of stars'. They truly shone brightly.

Thank you to all the staff and children who worked so hard to produce these memorable concerts. Thank you to Father James and Father Oliver for welcoming us into the Church this Christmas.

Thank you to all the kitchen staff: Edith, Amy, Joanna, Sangita and Catalina for preparing such a delicious Christmas lunch. Edith was in early to ensure everything was ready for this special meal. All the staff and children had a fabulous lunch with all the trimmings. We pulled our Christmas crackers and shared jokes. It was a truly special occasion for all.



The Week Ahead

December

Monday, 19th

Christmas Hat Competition (see website for details)

Tuesday, 20th

Wednesday, 21st

Thursday, 22nd

- 9am Recep & KS1
Advent Assembly
- 10am KS2 Advent
Assembly
Parents welcome
- 1.30pm Early Leavers

Friday, 23rd

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.

Rights Respecting Schools

DID YOU KNOW?

Unicef helps children to learn. Over the last year Unicef has supplied 55,293 education kits to classrooms all over the world. Kits are tailored to each specific country.

But still, millions of children miss out!

Every day, more than 59 million children don't attend their primary schools. Without an education children can't learn, play or develop, and they're more likely to be trapped in cycles of poverty, disease and forced labour – often in dangerous environments. Vulnerable children are much more likely to miss out. Conflicts and disasters can have a devastating impact on education. At a time when children's lives have been turned upside down, school is even more important because it offers normality and hope.

At St Catherine's we are always talking about the right to learn and go to school. We all know how lucky we are and cannot imagine our lives without our wonderful school.

For more information about the work of Unicef visit

<https://www.unicef.org.uk/what-we-do/education/>

School Council

The School Council met to discuss what a Rights Respecting Classroom looks like. We agreed with all the suggestions put forward by the steering group and also discussed the possibility of a 'Wordle' in the front entrance. We plan to create a wordle for St Catherine's. We will ask all the children to select 10 words to either describe our school or tell us about the school. The relative size of each word is determined by the number of times the word is chosen by the children. We look forward to designing this together.



Early Leavers Consent – Online Using School Interviews

Online registration for Early Leavers Consent has been extended and **CLOSES Tuesday 20th December**. No child will be allowed to leave school early unless he or she is going to be collected by an adult. If this cannot be arranged your child may stay in school until the normal time when he or she can be collected. If you have not already done so, please ensure that you complete the early leavers online registration form for EACH child by going to:

<http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk>

Enter the event code: y9a6c and don't forget to write your child's full name on the form.

If this form is not completed by Tuesday, 20th December then we will assume that he/she is to remain in school until the end of the normal school day.

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

Christmas Jumper Day

It was 'Christmas Jumper' Day today. Both the staff and children enjoyed the opportunity to look festive and colourful. The monies raised will be donated to the 'Save the Children Organisation'. Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraising event.

Look out for some festive pictures on our school website – you can find the link at the bottom of each page in the newsletter.

Let us Journey Together in Peace



We light the fourth candle to pray for love. We pray for the love, which is patient and kind, and the love, which goes on caring and believing. May we show this love to one another and be open to welcome the love of God into our hearts. We pray for everyone who feels unloved, and for every time it is difficult to love others. May we see some sign of love that shines like this candle flame?

Lord Jesus Christ, you showed us that God is love. Help us to live in love, so that we live in God. Come close to us this Advent. *Amen*

Weekly House Stars



243

Gabriel

328

Uriel

302

Raphael

259

Michael

How is your Class Attendance?

Attendance return from 12th Dec to 16th Dec 2016

Class	% Attendance
1K	96.00
1W	98.00
2B	98.33
2C	97.93
3H	97.33
3I	97.00
4D	96.90
4D'A	99.00
4Y	94.83
5B	95.48
5C	96.33
6C	98.33
6V	98.97



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

Attendance

If your child is unwell and will not be attending school, it is vital that this is communicated before 9am that morning.

Failure to do so will result in a "first response" text.

If your child is an independent traveller and the office have had no contact from parents in the event of an absence, phone calls will be made to the contacts provided. If communication is still not made, the school office will then contact the police. For safeguarding reasons, this is the guidance given to schools in the event that an independent traveller could be missing. Please support us with these procedures and make sure that all contact information is up to date.

Please also ensure that on the first day back after your child's absence (whatever year group they are in) a letter is brought to school explaining the reason for this absence.

Thank you for cooperation and support with these safeguarding procedures.



Congratulations! Stars of the week are:

Jack 1K and Eugene 1W
 Finn 2C and Joseph 2B