



St Catherine's

Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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NEW - Governors Newsletter

We are delighted to announce that the Governors will be publishing half termly a newsletter. This will be sent as an attachment with the weekly newsletter and will also be made available on St Catherine's website home page under Latest News.

<http://st-catherines.barnet.sch.uk/>

Nursery Nativity

The Nursery children performed their Nativity concert last Friday. They told the story of the first Christmas through seven songs which they sang beautifully with lots of actions. We were so proud of all the children for doing so well and it was lovely to see all the families enjoying sharing in this special occasion.

Reception Concert

Last week both Nursery and Reception performed their Christmas concerts. All the children delivered a magical performance and really put us into the festive spirit with their singing. The acting and speaking by the Reception children conveyed the message of Christmas beautifully.

KS1 Stable Story

A couple of weeks ago we were treated to our 'Stable Story' nativity. The children all performed with enthusiasm and did extremely well, dancing, singing, acting and speaking. We were very proud of them all. Thank you to those of you that came to the performances and supported the children.

Please don't forget to have a look at the Latest News and Class pages for Nativity and Concert photos on our website by following the link at the bottom of the newsletter pages.

First Week Back in the New Year

January 2017

Monday, 9th

Children return to
School

Tuesday, 10th

Wednesday, 11th

Thursday, 12th

Friday, 13th

Notes from the Headteacher



*Miss Kelly
Headteacher*

New Behaviour Policy

We are delighted to share with parents our new Behaviour Policy which is now on the St Catherine's website. This policy was created by the staff, children and governors at St Catherine's who believe that each child "must own their own behaviour". We want the children to have outstanding behaviour at St Catherine's and to reach that we must all work together to be consistent in our approaches.

We are committed to rewarding children for excellent learning behaviour and for behaviour that is kind and respectful towards everyone. All staff will distribute stars when they "catch" the children doing this. There is no end to the amount of stars that each child can achieve in a day. The child's name will go on a big star in the classroom and a star token is added to their House jar. At lunchtimes the mealtime supervisors will be distributing raffle tickets to children who are kind to others, who are helpful and follow the school rules. Five raffle tickets will be pulled out of the Golden box each week to celebrate the children who have shown Golden behaviour by following the golden rules. Their names will also go on the newsletter!

As from the 9th January all classrooms will display our behaviour procedures so that the children are aware and will be inspired to carry out outstanding behaviour throughout the school.

Parents Code of Conduct

Whilst working on the Behaviour Policy the teachers asked the Governors and me for a code of conduct for parents. Unfortunately a small number of parents have communicated their feelings towards members of staff in what could be perceived as an aggressive manner. This includes letters and emails. With this in mind we have created a Code of Conduct for Parents, which we would like to share with the St Catherine's community so that everyone is clear about what we believe is unacceptable behaviour. The Governors and I would really appreciate if you took the time to read this document and be mindful of its contents in future communications.

School Dinner

As you know Barnet changed their catering company to ISS (Cambridge Education) in September, which meant there have been some changes to the school dinner menu. I have arranged for there to be a school dinner taster session for parents on **Thursday, 2nd February 2017 at 2pm**. Parents are invited to come and sample the food and to speak to the catering manager and the nutritionist from Barnet. They are keen to hear your feedback. Once you pick your child up please bring them to the dining hall to talk them through the food and encourage them to try food they wouldn't normally eat. This is open to all parents, children and staff!

Notes from the Headteacher

After School Club Charging for Spring Term 2017 going forward

Following on from our last communication in Issue 3 of the Newsletter, when we return on 9th January there will no longer be any free access to after school club. Therefore if you need your child to attend the afterschool club before or after the club times listed below you will be charged £6 per session or any part of a session:

- Tuesday – Choir ends 4:15
- Wednesday – Drama ends 5:00pm
- Thursday – Homework clubs ends 4:00pm
- At the end of any extended day sports activity – ends 4:30pm

Only if your child is attending an extended day sports activity (e.g. Tag Rugby, Chess etc) which ends at 4.30pm AND is pre booked to attend session 2 of CoolCats (Mrs Ward's after school club) will your child not be charged for the remaining 15mins window at the end of session 1 to 4.45pm (i.e. 4.30pm to 4.45pm). Otherwise parents will be expected to pick their children up at 'handover' when the extended day sports activity ends at 4.30pm. Non collection at this time will result in your child being taken to CoolCats and a charge applied to your ParentPay account.

A full list of clubs offered and times are available on St Catherine's website.

Finally I would like to thank all the parents, children governors and staff who have welcomed me to St Catherine's. I have had a wonderful first term getting to know you all and am beginning to feel very much part of the St Catherine's community.

On behalf of all the staff I would like to thank you for all your Christmas wishes and gifts. We really appreciate your generosity. Your kind words are more than enough!

We wish you all the peace and joy that Christmas brings and hope that 2017 is a happy and healthy year for you and your families. I look forward to seeing you all again on 9th January 2017.

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: 12 Shares of Christmas: Tips for Parents to Help Stop Over-Sharing Online

Social media is great! It's fun, dynamic and current. However, the nature of being able to instantly share online brings with it concern for parents. This fantastic non-profit organisation works tirelessly to help improve internet safety across the UK. Click the link for 12 tips this Christmas...

<http://home.bt.com/tech-gadgets/internet/internet-matters-tips-stop-oversharing-online-11364120356978>

Josh David - Computing leader

PSHE

Put in your diary – **Friday, 13th January 1.40pm to 3.10pm**. Please email office@stcatherines.barnetmail.net to confirm your attendance.

Parentalk will be coming St Catherine's. This will be an opportunity for us parents to share parenting experiences and advice in a friendly and sociable environment. For more information about the course click this link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JMiVtgvpqgE>

Ellie Carruthers - PSHE Lead

Rights Respecting Schools

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, or **UNCRC**, is the basis of all of Unicef's work. It is the most complete statement of children's rights ever produced and is the most widely-ratified international human rights treaty in history. There are four articles in the convention that are seen as special. They're known as the "General Principles" and they help to interpret all the other articles and play a fundamental role in realising all the rights in the Convention for all children. They are:

1. Non-discrimination (article 2)
2. Best interest of the child (article 3)
3. Right to life survival and development (article 6)
4. Right to be heard (article 12)

We will be concentrating on these articles when we draw up our Action Plan for 2017.

Let us Journey Together in Peace



We lit the first candle to pray for hope. We lit the second candle to pray for peace. We lit the third candle to pray for joy. We lit the fourth candle to pray for love.

Now we light the Christmas candle and we rejoice that Jesus is born.

He is hope, peace, joy and love for all the world.

A Saviour is born to us today. Alleluia!

Lord Jesus Christ, you bring the life of God into the world. Fill us with your light, now and always.

Amen

Weekly House Stars



149

Gabriel



224

Uriel



269

Raphael



150

Michael

How is your Class Attendance?

Attendance return from 19th Dec to 22nd
Dec 2016

Class	% Attendance
1K	97.08
1W	97.92
2B	89.58
2C	97.41
3H	95.83
3I	96.67
4D	96.55
4D'A	88.75
4Y	92.65
5B	96.77
5C	96.67
6C	91.67
6V	94.83



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



Congratulations! Stars of the week are:

Zoe 1K and Daniel 1W
Byron 2C and Sophie H 2B