



St Catherine's

Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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Thank you to Father John for celebrating Mass with Class 5B this week. The children began the Mass by singing 'Don't Build Your House'. We reflected on the importance of looking after God's world. We are all **stewards** to the world and we have a responsibility to take care of our planet, the environment, the animals and the other people who are in the world. To be good stewards we must live a way of life that respects God's creation, including the other humans that he put on earth.

This was such a special gathering for the children, staff and parents and a beautiful way to start the school day. The children chose their hymns and sang wonderfully and read with such reverence.

Class 5C Prayer Service

Thank you to Class 5C for leading the prayer service this week. It was a beautiful, thought-provoking prayer service. The theme was 'Inspirational People'. We were introduced to three amazing young people who were truly inspirational in their own ways- Ellie, James and Katie. Their stories made us realise that we too can be inspirational in the things we do and say, no matter how small. One very good example is the Bookmark Sale on Tuesday 21st February organised by Niamh, Lily and Stephanie. The monies raised will be donated to the 'The National Austistic Society'.

The children spoke so clearly and with great confidence. At the end of the Prayer Service they sang 'I've got the power in me'.

It was wonderful to see so many parents. We are extremely proud of Class 5C. Thank you Miss Corbett.



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

After Half Term

February 2017

Monday, 20th

Tuesday, 21st

- 9am Class 4D Mass
- 1.30pm School Council Meeting
- Bookmark sale after school

Wednesday, 22nd

Y2 Golden Hinde Trip

Thursday, 23rd

9am Class 5B Prayer Service

Friday, 24th

- 9am Upper KS2 (Yr5&6) Celebration Assembly
- 1.50pm Parentalk

Notes from the Headteacher



Dear Parents

We are now half way through the spring term and have already achieved a huge amount in the school. Our class Masses have been lovely, prayerful celebrations and are certainly providing the children and staff with an uplifting start to the day. Thank you to all the parents who have been able to attend and a very big thank you to Fr John, Fr Oliver and Fr James for making the Masses such special occasions for each class.

Our sports provision is reaching new heights especially our football team who are preparing for the London Youth Games. As I write this, the netball team are on their way to the final of the Barnet Netball League. We pray for a successful outcome! Also the dancers have finished learning their routine for the Dance Festival and will represent St Catherine's at the Barnet Dance Festival next month. A huge thank you to Mr Kutner, Mr Casey, Mrs Mirza and Miss Hctor for devoting their free time. We really appreciate what you do for the children in our school.

School Reports

During the next couple of weeks the teachers will be writing the children's school reports. The staff and I agreed that by writing a school report in the Spring Term we were providing information for the parent and the child on whether or not they were on track to meet the expected standard for the end of the academic year. If the child is not on track the teacher will identify specific areas of development in each subject so that the parent can work on those areas with their child at home.

We will not be holding parent consultations this Spring Term, but as always if you would like to discuss your child's report with the class teacher you are welcome to make an appointment via the school office.

In the Summer Term we will hold an open evening where parents will have the opportunity to look at the children's books in each class. You will be able to see the progress that they have made and also the standards expected from each year group. We hope to incorporate this into the Open Day.

At the end of the Summer Term the teachers will send parents an information sheet stating what their child's overall achievement is for the academic year and whether or not they have achieved their target. This new system has been positively received by the Governing body and the Parent Partnership group, and we look forward to sharing the reports with you before the end of the Spring Term.

I wish you all a happy and restful half term and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday, 20th February 2017!

Miss Kelly

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.

School Council

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 21st February** at 1.30p.m. We are looking forward the rest of the term and the children are eager to bring forward their suggestions for playground games. Mrs Ward will be at this meeting to hear their suggestions and where possible implement their ideas.

Mrs Ainger

PSHE

Our final Parentalk session will be on **Friday, 24th February** from 1.50pm to 3.10pm. Come and join us – all welcome!

Session 6 - Creating a sense of belonging

Ellie Carruthers - PSHE Lead

Rights Respecting Schools – The Global Learning Programme

We have now finalised our visit to Brettenham Junior School in Edmonton. Brettenham Primary School have been trained as a Global Learning Expert centre and would like to give Primary and Secondary schools the opportunity to receive free CPD tailored around developing an ethos promoting tolerance, fairness and respect. We have registered our interest.

By being a part of this programme the children will learn to think more critically, improve their geographical knowledge and become more engaged with the world around them. The programme offers 16 hours of free CPD for our staff. This sounds like a wonderful opportunity.

REMINDER: Green Friday Dates for your Diary

3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st March

Many of you will remember participating in Green Friday in previous years and the time has come round again. This is a competition between the classes to see who can earn the greatest number of points during the month of March. The aim of the competition is for children to travel to school actively on each Friday and they earn points for their class depending on how they travelled. At the end of March we will count up all the points and trophies will be awarded to the winning classes in each Celebration Assembly. The children will be awarded 3 points for walking, cycling or scooting, 2 points for getting the bus or park and striding and 1 point for a car share. Unlike previous years, the children will not collect tokens in the playground, but will record their points on their class chart when they come in. *Mr Kutner*

Dates for Diary

Tuesday, 21st February - Bookmark Sale on for the Autistic Society – Stephanie, Niamh and Lily 5C.

Monday, 27th February – Year 4 Cake Sale for North London Hospice- Sophie, Rosie, Sofia, Ruby & Tonia

Early Finish at End of Term

The school will be finishing at 1.30pm on **Friday, 31st March**. ALL children will need to be collected by an adult at 1.30pm as the school will be closing.

School Office Bulletin Board

Pre-booking Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club

Thank you to all parents who have been consistently pre booking breakfast and afterschool club. It is really important that parents continue to plan ahead and pre book as necessary at **least 24hrs** in advance of using these services. **The office should only be called to book on the day because of an emergency.** Please be reassured that any bookings not used will be credited back to your ParentPay account.

Childcare Vouchers

Parents paying by childcare vouchers and who have contacted the office to inform us of this should continue with their current afterschool club and breakfast club pre booking arrangements and are strongly encouraged to provide bulk bookings for at least 2/3 weeks to assist in making this service more efficient and ease pressure on the office. Please be reassured that any bookings not used will be cancelled on ParentPay.

Children Entering School through the Main School Reception

Please can we remind all parents that unless your child is going to breakfast club all children must enter the school via the school gates into the playground in the morning.

Summer Term 2017 Afterschool Clubs - Online Registration

St Catherine's Extended Day After School Club Registration for Summer Term 2017 will open on **Wednesday, 22nd February**. If you wish your child to be considered for a place on the *school administered sports clubs* you will need to **register your interest online using 'School Interviews'**. The clubs being offered are:

Monday

- Stretch Activities with Core Stability R, Yr 1&2
- Tennis Yr 3&4
- Chess Yr 5&6

Tuesday

- Tag Rugby Yr 3 to 6
- Cricket Yr 3&4

Wednesday

- Gaelic Football Yr 4 to 6
- Cricket Yr 5&6

Thursday - ****NEW**** POP Lacrosse Yr 5&6. This club is similar Lacrosse. Click link below:

<http://www.englishlacrosse.co.uk/lacrosse-talk/get-involved/pop-lacrosse-2/>

Friday

- Chess Yr 3&4
- Tennis Yr 1&2

Registration will be open for 1 WEEK starting **Wednesday, 22nd February 12 noon** when you will be sent the School Interviews event code to login and register your interest. During this week only you will be able to view, change or cancel your online booking yourself - the office will not be able to do this for you. **Registration will close on Wednesday, 1st March at 12 noon.** After registration week closes there will be a 10 day 'cooling off' period. **After** the cooling off period, late registration or changes to registration will incur a £10 administration charge and will be processed via the office. You will be notified before the end of the Spring Term if you have a place or not. All payments are made via ParentPay and must be paid before the start of the club in the Summer Term to secure your place. Please note payments are non-refundable. Thank you.

Prayer

God our Father, open our eyes
that we may sense the wonder and awe
in the splendour of all your creation -

from the stars

that are large and far away,
to people and the tiniest creatures
near us each day.

Help us to become more aware
of how every living thing is special
and to be treated well.

Lead us to respect and value every person
as unique and important,
made in your image and likeness.

We ask this prayer through Jesus,
who became a human being
because you love our world so much.

Amen



Weekly House Stars



395

Gabriel



415

Uriel



308

Raphael



326

Michael

How is your Class Attendance?

Attendance return from 6th Feb to 10th
Feb 2017

Class	% Attendance
1K	97.33
1W	99.00
2B	99.33
2C	99.00
3H	98.00
3I	97.24
4D	97.67
4D'A	97.67
4Y	96.79
5B	99.68
5C	98.00
6C	96.67
6V	97.93



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



Congratulations! Stars of the week are:

Bobby 1K

Victoria 1W

Megan 2B

Jessica 2C

Andrew & Savhannah 3H

Jessica D & Jessica E 3I

Sebbie & Alessia 4 D'A

Juan 4D and Roisin & Max 4Y

Luca 5C



Congratulations! Playground Awards of the week are:

Elena & Jack RY

Maria, Eva & Bailey RG

Zoe & Evie 1K

Aurelia & Philip 2B

Conall 2C

Ruby, Maciek & Hannah 4D

Emilia 4Y

Lucas 4 D'A