



St Catherine's

Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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Ash Wednesday

As you are aware next week is the start of Lent. The Year 5 & 6 will be going to St Peter's in the morning for Ash Wednesday Mass. Father John will be visiting after lunch to lead a short service with the Year 3 & 4 children and distribute the ashes. During the course of the afternoon Father James, Father John and Father Oliver will go into the EYFS and KS1 classes to distribute ashes. We are so grateful to all our priests for giving so freely of their time.

Class 4D Mass

Thank you to Father Oliver for celebrating Mass with Class 4D this week. We thought about the importance of putting our trust in God. We thank God for the good gifts He has given to us - the gifts of everlasting love, joy and mercy. 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 beautifully and read with such reverence. We finished the service by singing 'This Little Light of Mine'.

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.

The Week Ahead

February/March 2017

Monday, 27th

- Y4 Cake Sale for North London Hospice

Tuesday, 28th

- 9am Class 4D'A Mass

Wednesday, 1st

- 9.30am Y5&6 to St Peter's Ash Wed Mass
- PM Parish Priests distribute ashes EYFS & KS1 and meet Y3&4

Thursday, 2nd

- 9am Class 4D Prayer Service

Friday, 3rd

- Y3&4 Celebration Assembly

Class 5B Prayer Service

Thank you to Class 5B for leading the prayer service this week. They made us more aware of the importance of the Beatitudes in our lives. Through their humour, readings and amazing singing they made us reflect on the importance of strong foundations in our lives. We need our family, friends and community. They help us grow strong physically, socially, emotionally and spiritually.

It was wonderful to see so many parents. We are extremely proud of Class 5B. Thank you Mr Bell.



Notes from the Headteacher

Dear Parents

It's been a great start to the half term. Year 5B led us in worship on Thursday with their beautiful prayer service and the Year 4 footballers did very well in their tournament and will go on to the finals next Wednesday.

We welcome back Miss Coy this week to St Catherine's. The staff and children were delighted to see her. Miss Coy will be teaching 3I Wednesday to Friday up to the Easter holidays. Mrs Ikibiroglu will continue teaching 3I on Mondays and Tuesdays. After the Easter holidays Miss Coy will be teaching 3I full time.

In the last week of this half term we will also welcome back Mrs McDonagh to St Catherine's. Mrs McDonagh will be joining Ms Yates for one week for a thorough handover of 4Y whom she will be teaching full time after Easter.

We thank Ms Yates for all her hard work at St Catherine's and wish her well in her new school after Easter.

Maureen Kelly

Headteacher

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

The School Council met on **Tuesday 21st February** at 1.30p.m. We asked Mrs Ward to join us so we could discuss playground games. She was very keen to hear their suggestions and where possible implement their ideas. It was evident through discussion that the children are extremely happy with play times at St Catherine's. They did offer additional suggestions to make play time even better!

They suggested new equipment and where it could be located in the playground e.g. netball, large lego and chess pieces. Mrs Ward listened to their many ideas and we have scheduled another meeting with Mrs Mirza and Miss Kelly.

Rights Respecting Schools - Day for Change

Day for Change is an easy way to raise money at our school. Our challenge is simply to collect as much loose change as possible. Taking part is our opportunity to teach the children about nutrition and raise vital funds to help keep hungry children safe and healthy.

The official Day for Change will be on **Wednesday 24th May**, but as this is School Journey Week we will fundraise on **Wednesday 17th May**. Please chat to your children about fundraising ideas. I will meet with the School Council and Steering Group to collate ideas and plan ahead.

Please read **Issue 8** RRS Newsletter on the school website.

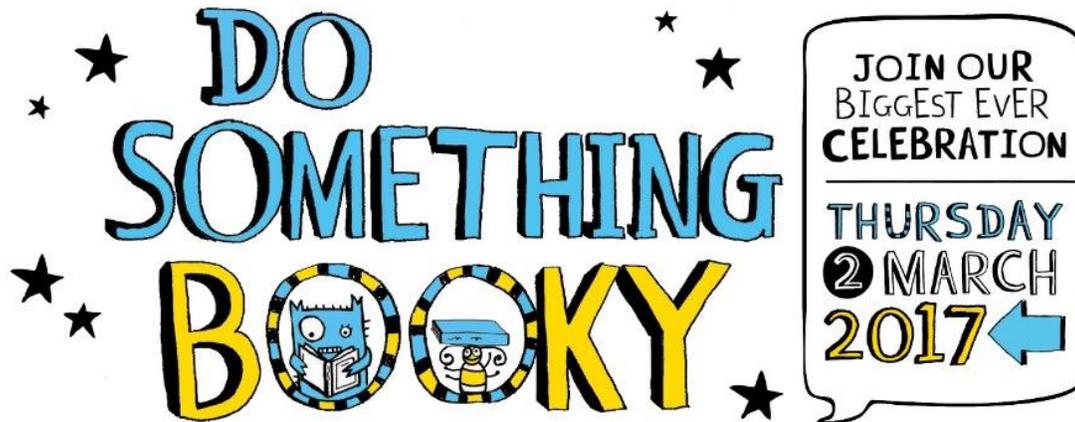
Catholic Children Society (CCS) Lenten Appeal 2017

The CCS 2017 Lenten appeal, 'Growing Together', encourages children to grow closer to God. Together, we will look at different things we can do to grow closer to God this Lent!

Next week the children will be bringing home one or two of the following - CCS Lenten box, a growing together sheet or workbook to share with their family. The money raised will help support CCS services in schools, including the counselling service and Crisis Fund. Please keep your collection until the end of Lent. We will remind you when to return this to school.

Travelling Lenten Pack

During Lent each family will have the opportunity to share the Travelling Lenten pack at home. Please find the time to talk about the images in the pack and light a candle together as we journey through Lent as a school community.



World Book Day

World Book Day is a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and most importantly - it's a celebration of reading. This is the 20th year there's been a World Book Day, so to mark the occasion we invite the whole school community (Nursery to Year 6) to come to school as one of their favourite book characters (please note it cannot be a Disney film character or a footballer or a superhero from a comic - it has to be a book character!) The children are also invited to bring along the book to share with their class. We want to celebrate the wide variety of books we enjoy with one another. You may wish to visit the World Book Day website for lots of ideas.

Bookmark Sale

On Tuesday, 21st February we had a Bookmark Sale for the Autistic Society. This was organised by -Stephanie, Niamh and Lily in 5C. We would like to say a big thank you to the people who supported us in our charity work. We hope you liked our designs and use them when reading. We raised **£76.45**. Thank You!

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.

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*

SCHOOL OFFICE BULLETIN BOARD**School Dinners**

If your child is receiving a school dinner in the juniors (this does not apply to R, Y1 or Y2, or anyone eligible for Free School Meals) you are aware that school meals must be paid for in advance.

The cost of school meals for this half term is as follows:

20/2 to 31/3 = 6 weeks

- Mon - Fri £64.50
- Fri only £12.90

Please can you ensure that this amount has been paid into your child's ParentPay School Dinners item and that all arrears have been cleared from last half term.

REWMINDER: 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. **The school office will redirect your children to come in via the school playground if they are not attending breakfast club.**

REMINDER: Summer Term 2017 Afterschool Clubs - Online Registration OPEN

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'**. Registration is now open for 1 WEEK: **Wednesday, 22nd February 12 noon to Wednesday, 1st March at 12 noon.**

To register go to www.schoolinterviews.co.uk and enter event code **4jhgp**.

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. 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.

ParentPay and Booking Afterschool Club Update

ParentPay are still investigating the issue with booking clubs and the Server Error which appears however as per my email sent 8th February they have confirmed that bookings can still be made if these instructions are followed:

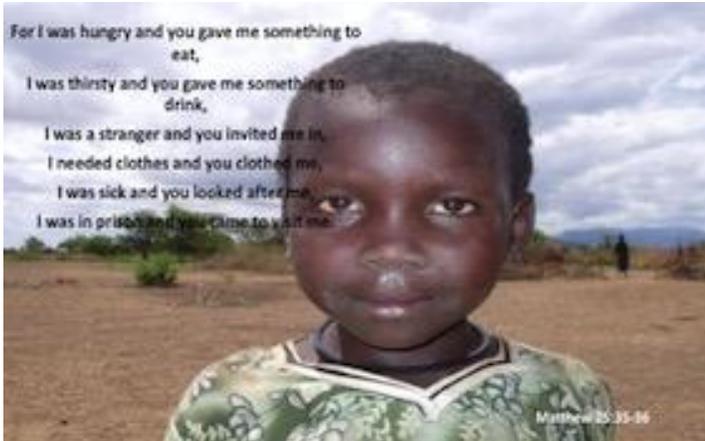
1. Log into ParentPay and select your child's silhouette ('head') in top LHS
2. Select Bookings from the LHS menu, then select Make or View Bookings
3. Select Session type (e.g. Breakfast, Afternoon or afterschool) and then select Week commencing (week you wish to make booking for)
4. Select days you wish to make booking for and then pay using parent account or credit card

If you follow these instructions for each session booking then you will be able to successfully book. ParentPay have advised that if you are trying to make a booking via 'View Details and Pay' you will encounter an error message. See screen shots below.

The screenshot shows the ParentPay interface. On the left-hand side, there is a navigation menu with a 'Bookings' link circled in red. A red arrow points from this link to the 'Make bookings' button on the main page. The 'Make bookings' button has a red 'X' over it, and a red arrow points to it from a red box that says 'Do not click'. Another red box with the text 'Click Bookings' points to the 'Bookings' link in the menu. The main page displays details for 'Web - Extended Day After School Club - Booking Session 2' with a balance of £0.00. Below this, there is a form asking 'How much bookings balance would you like to add?' with a minimum of £6.00 and a maximum of £250.00. There are buttons for 'Pay by Parent Account', 'Add to basket', and 'Cancel'.

Why are Christians So Involved in Social Justice?

- Because God first loved us and we respond to His love by showing love to others
- Because Jesus was
- Because the Bible tells us to be
- Because we see Jesus in our fellow brothers and sisters



The United Nations' (UN) World Day of Social Justice is annually observed on February 20th to encourage people to look at how social justice affects poverty eradication. The KS2 children discussed this in their Gospel assembly this week.



Congratulations! Stars of the week are:

- Roan 1K
- Georgia 1W
- Thomas 2B
- Kieran & Isabella 5B
- Leondio, Abigail and Anna 5C
- Joanna, Joseph & Helena 6C
- Tara, Callum & Harrison 6V

Weekly House Stars

How is your Class Attendance?



Gabriel



Uriel



Raphael



Michael

Attendance return from 20th Feb to 24th Feb 2017

Class	% Attendance
1K	96.00
1W	95.33
2B	98.33
2C	98.00
3H	95.33
3I	98.62
4D	99.33
4D'A	93.67
4Y	94.29
5B	98.71
5C	98.00
6C	91.67
6V	96.90



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



Congratulations! Playground Awards of the week are:

- Queenie RY
- Adam, Lyla, Bonnie, Taiwo & Maria RG
- Mirren, Emily 1W
- Sebastian, Conall & Joseph 2C
- Abigail, Emelia, Ned, Ella 5C
- Louisa 6V