



# St Catherine's

## Catholic Primary School

# Newsletter

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### Ash Wednesday

On Wednesday the upper juniors went to St Peter's for Ash Wednesday Mass. Thank you to Father James and Father Oliver for making us feel so welcome. It was a real privilege to begin our journey through Lent at St Peter's.

Also thank you to Father Oliver who came to distribute ashes to the Nursery, Reception classes and KS1 children in the afternoon.

### Class 4D'A Mass

Thank you to Father James for celebrating Mass with Class 4D'A this week. Father James reminded us of the important words the priest says as he puts the ashes on our foreheads  
**"Repent and believe in the Gospel."**

This was such a special gathering and a beautiful way to start our school day. The children chose their hymns, sang beautifully and read with such reverence.

### Class 4D Prayer Service

Thank you to Class 4D for leading the prayer service this week. As it was World Book Day the children took the opportunity to tell us lots of very interesting information about books. Did you know that although the Bible only looks like one book, it's actually an entire library!

It was wonderful to see the children dressed as their favourite book character for World Book Day. The parents and staff are extremely proud of Class 4D. Thank you Mr David.

*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

March 2017

### Monday, 6<sup>th</sup>

### Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup>

- 9am Class 4Y Mass
- Year 4 Road Safety
- Year 5&6 Confessions

### Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup>

- 9am Meditation Parents
- Year 4 Road Safety
- RRS Steering Group to Brettenham Juniors

### Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup>

- 9am Year 4 Road Safety

### Friday, 10<sup>th</sup>

- Year 5&6 Celebration Assembly
- Green Friday
- Pendsey Trust Fundraising

## Notes from the Headteacher



Dear Parents

We have decided to increase our communication with you regarding any child who comes to a First Aider with a pain, tummy ache or non-visible injury. We will as far as possible try to do this in as many cases as we can.

Whilst every first aider will treat every child who approaches them we have previously only called you if a child receives a visible injury to their head or a suspected injury requiring a doctor. We also provide letters for parents whose children receive a bump to their head but have not sustained an injury. We previously have not contacted you about a sore leg or finger if they have no visible injury especially if the child does not appear to be distressed, in pain or have any swelling or bruising during school time.

As you can appreciate despite all our TAs having first aid qualifications and some with many years of first aid experience we are limited in being able to diagnose serious injuries such as sprains, fractures or breaks.

We will communicate with you verbally after school at pick up or alternatively send you a "Just to let you know text" for example "**Just to let you know Mary had a sore thumb today. From (First Aider's name).**" You may then wish to follow this up yourself or contact the First Aider for more details.

All our staff are rigorous in their duty of care for all the children in the school and work tirelessly to ensure the children are given the necessary attention they need. It takes a lot of time and effort to contact every parent whose child approaches a first aider but we feel it is important this information is shared and will endeavour to do this as much as we can.

Many thanks for your support

### Playground Gates

Please would all children enter the school via the playground gates. The bell rings at 8:40am and then again at 8:50am to signal that children should be in their classroom for registration. The playground gates are open until 9.00am so if you're running late the children should still enter via the playground gate and their teacher will send them to the office to be registered.

We would really appreciate your co operation as there are an increasing number of children who are being dropped off at the office gate before 9.00am and sometimes before 8:50am so that the child can make registration. This is causing unnecessary congestion in the front lobby and office staff cannot see to visitors and parents whilst supervising children coming into school.

Thank you for following our school procedures so that all children are treated fairly and have a smooth, consistent start to the school day.

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

As a result of our meeting on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February** at 1.30pm, Mrs Ward and Mrs Mirza have made slight changes to the activities at playtime and lunchtime. Although we are aware the children are extremely happy we were keen to listen to their suggestions and put these in place as soon as possible. A new timetable has been drawn up and we will review this at the end of term. Thank you to our School Council representatives.

### Rights Respecting Schools – Day for Change

As March begins we have introduced our new article of the month and thought of the month. These are displayed in our classrooms, in the main hall and in the dining hall.



### Dates for Your Diary

- Year 5 children will be raising money on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March for 'Pendsey Trust'. They will be in the playground from 3p.m. on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March. Please support their fundraising event. For more information visit <http://www.thependseytrust.org/>
- 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> March Green Friday
- 29<sup>th</sup> March School Concert 6.30pm-730pm

### Cake Sale: Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> February

Thank you to Sophie, Rosie, Sofia, Ruby & Tonia for organising and running the Cake Sale on Monday. They raised £142.00 for the North London Hospice. We are so proud of them.

**Year 4 Football Team take GOLD!**

Congratulations to the Year 4 boys who took part in the Year 4 Barnet Borough Finals Football Tournament on Wednesday. The Team were amazing in every match and should be so proud to win a tournament that involved more than 50 schools!

**Bronze for Year 5 Football Team**

Well done to the Year 5 boys who took part in the Year 5 Barnet Borough Finals Football Tournament. They finished third out of more than 50 teams in Barnet – this is an amazing achievement!

**Instrumental Lessons**

In order to continue or start instrumental lessons you must return a booking form to the school office before the 17<sup>th</sup> March to secure lessons. The form may be obtained from the link on our website under:

Curriculum/Music/Peripatetic Lessons. You may also email forms to:

[music@stcatherines.barnetmail.net](mailto:music@stcatherines.barnetmail.net)

**School Concert – Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> March at 630pm-730pm**

We are delighted to invite parents to our School Concert this term. Our school Orchestra, Choir, Recorder Consort and string group will be performing along with a selection of soloists and smaller groups. **Performers must wear smart school uniform and arrive by 6.15pm with their instruments ready to play.**

**SCHOOL OFFICE BULLETIN BOARD****School Interviews – School Dinner Pattern Change Request Starting Summer Term**

Following on from Newsletter Issue 9, as you know the office no longer receive verbal or written change requests for school dinner patterns.

Parents with children in **Years 3-6 only** can go online now and use the **event code *rekae*** to register for a dinner pattern change, which will start in the Summer Term. **Online change requests will close on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> March.**

The new dinner patterns will take effect on **Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> April (start of Summer Term)**. If you miss this opportunity to change your child's dinner pattern the next window will be in May.

**\*\*\*If you do not wish to change your pattern then you don't need to do anything.\*\*\***



### Our Journey Through Lent

*Be close to us, Lord Jesus,  
as we journey through Lent.  
As we pray and share with others,  
help us to see that all people are precious,  
and that we are all blessed by your love.  
Amen*



### Congratulations! Stars of the week are:

Anouska 1K  
Emily 1W  
Sophia & Amanda 2C  
Ewan 2B  
Isabella & Sebastian 3H  
Rose & Lucy 3I  
Rosie, Tonia & Leo 4D  
Louis & Connor 4D'A  
Brianna & Mati 4Y

### Weekly House Stars



297

Gabriel



308

Uriel



306

Raphael



274

Michael

### How is your Class Attendance?

Attendance return from 27<sup>th</sup> Feb to 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017.

Class	% Attendance
1K	96.33
1W	96.67
2B	98.33
2C	99.67
3H	95.67
3I	100.00
4D	99.00
4D'A	99.67
4Y	94.64
5B	95.48
5C	98.67
6C	90.33
6V	98.97



Our weekly target is 96%  
This weeks target achieved is 97.18%



### Congratulations! Playground Awards of the week are:

Maria, Eva & Emily RG  
Sophie & Kathryn RY  
Alessandro 4D  
Ellie, Federico & Marley 4 D'A  
Ava 4Y