



# St Catherine's

## Catholic Primary School

# Newsletter

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### Our Lenten Journey

A special 'Thank You' to Father John and Father Oliver for spending time with our year 5 and 6 children on Tuesday. The children had the opportunity to go to Confession as part of our journey through Lent. Lent reminds us that God is gracious and merciful.

This year, Lent Fast Day is **Friday, 10th March** and focuses on the work our partners are doing in Zambia. Visit this website for more information

<http://www.cafod.org.uk>

### Class 4Y Mass

Thank you to Father John for celebrating Mass with Class 4Y this week. We thought about the importance of having respect for God and for one another. During Lent we are going to try our best so we can end each day with pride and joy at what we have achieved. The children chose their hymns and sang beautifully. Miss Kelly and Father John praised the children for the way they read the introduction, the responsorial psalm and prayers of the faithful. It was lovely to see so many parents attend this special service.

*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, 13<sup>th</sup>

- 830am Parent Partnership

### Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup>

- 9am Class 3H Mass  
- Year 4 Road Safety

### Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup>

- Year 4 Road Safety  
- Enabling Enterprise Workshops

### Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup>

- 9am Year 4 Road Safety  
- Year 4 D'A Prayer Service

### Friday, 17<sup>th</sup>

- Year 3&4 Celebration Assembly  
- Green Friday  
- Coffee Meeting

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 - Day for Change

On Wednesday the Steering Group visited Brettenham Junior School. This was such a wonderful experience for our children. Brettenham is the first school in Enfield to achieve the prestigious Level 2 of the Rights Respecting Schools Award.

A special 'Thank You' to Mrs Joanne Brown, the RRS Leader for making us so welcome. We participated in a RRSA joint activity, shared lunchtime with their Steering Group Ambassadors and had a tour of their beautiful school. We will meet next week to revisit our action plan.



### Dates for Your Diary

- 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

### First Aid Training

One of our Parishioners at Mary Immaculate & St Peter's, who is a fully qualified First Aid Trainer has offered to run a Paediatric First Aid training course. She is offering this course at a cost of £50 (normally £200) and this price includes a Manual and Certificate, (normally £25). Anyone who is interested should contact the Parish Office for dates and further information on 020 8449 1961.

### School Council

As a result of our recent meeting, Mrs Ward and Mrs Mirza have drawn up a new timetable of lunchtime activities. These include tennis, netball, cricket, basketball and skipping. We will meet again before the end of term.

### St Catherine's Football Tournament Selection Clarification

As you know from our school website and from our Celebration assemblies the children who represent St Catherine's in the various football tournaments have had huge success so far this year. We are really proud of the children's achievements and of their exemplary behaviour.

When the opportunity for entering a football tournament presents itself I look at the ability of the children in the Year group as a whole and not the individual classes and I select the most skilled children/players, as a football manager would do for their premier league team. This is done in consultation with all the class teachers and PE teachers.

As with all schools who enter any tournaments they want to get as far into the tournament as possible with a view to winning it.

Many thanks for your support. As you know I am passionate about football and looking forward to continued team success and trophies! *Mr Kutner*

### Attendance

Following a punctuality audit, could we please remind parents again that if children arrive after 8.50am, they will be marked late. Letters will be sent out to parents at the end of March if their children have been late on more than 3 occasions this half term. The Borough have advised us that parents can receive a Fixed Penalty Notice for persistent lateness. Whilst this is not something that we have implemented yet, but it is vital that parents recognise the value of good punctuality and the consequences of poor punctuality, both financially and in terms of the impact it has on their children's education. A child arriving late to class disrupts their learning and the learning of others too.

#### ***It's only 5 minutes!***

Today you miss 5 minutes

This week you miss 25 minutes

This term you have missed 3 hours 20 minutes of learning

This year you have now missed 9 hours and 40 minutes or nearly 2 days of learning

## SCHOOL OFFICE BULLETIN BOARD

### School Interviews – School Dinner Pattern Change Request Starting Summer Term

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.\*\*\***

### **\*\*NEW Club for Summer Term\*\***

#### **Y3-6 Textiles Club**

Textiles club is a new club for boys and girls in KS2 who would like to explore working with yarns and fabrics on projects such as weaving, sewing and making pompoms. This club will run for 8 weeks in the summer term on a Thursday from 3.30pm-4.30pm. There are only 15 places available. Online registration will open **Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> March at 12noon for 1 WEEK**. You will be sent an event code to login and register your interest.

During registration 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 Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> March at 12 noon**. After registration week closes you will have until **24<sup>th</sup> March** only for the '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.

### **Spring Term - Sports Afterschool Clubs**

Afterschool clubs **final week** is the **week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> March** with the **exception** of the two clubs below, which are making up a cancelled lesson:  
Y3&4 Tennis – last class 27<sup>th</sup> March

Y3-6 Tag Rugby – last class 28<sup>th</sup> March

Mrs Ward's afterschool club will run as normal until **Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> March**.

### **School Gate**

The school gates will be unlocked at the end of the school day. Whilst we endeavour to do this on time this is not always possible, but please be assured the gate will be unlocked. We appreciate your patience.



### Congratulations! Stars of the week are:

Brielle 1K  
 Leah 1W  
 Daniel 2C  
 Shay 2B  
 Alicia & James 5B  
 Caitlyn & Leo 5C  
 Carys & Thomas 6C  
 Daniel & Dara 6V



### Our Journey Through Lent

*Dear God,*

*Thank You that You are loving and forgiving.  
 Help us to love people in the same way as You  
 have loved us.*

*Help us do generous things for others because we  
 love You. Amen.*

*"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love  
 comes from God. Everyone who loves has been  
 born of God and knows God." 1John 4:7*

### Weekly House Stars



311

*Gabriel*



469

*Uriel*



243

*Raphael*



311

*Michael*

### How is your Class Attendance?

Attendance return from 6<sup>th</sup> March to  
10<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

Class	% Attendance
1K	93.67
1W	95.00
2B	97.33
2C	97.00
3H	97.00
3I	98.97
4D	95.67
4D'A	98.67
4Y	98.57
5B	98.71
5C	96.33
6C	96.00
6V	90.31



**Our weekly target is  
96%  
This weeks target  
achieved is 96.41%**



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

Roan & Ilenia 1K  
 Betsy & Sophia 1W  
 Conall 2C  
 Eliana, Toby & Victoria 5C  
 Aaliyah 6C  
 Sarah 6V