



St Catherine's

Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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Class 4Y Prayer Service

Thank you to Class 4Y for leading the prayer service this week. The theme of their prayer service was 'The Annunciation'. The Annunciation is the celebration of the announcement by the Angel Gabriel to Mary that she would become the mother of Jesus, the Son of God.

The children told us the bible story through their acting, their readings and their beautiful singing. We had the opportunity to reflect on the important women in our lives- mums, sisters, cousins, grandmothers and friends.

We are all extremely proud of the children! Thank you to Miss Yates and all the children. It was wonderful to see so many parents able to attend this special gathering.

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.

Class 3I Mass

Thank you to Father Oliver for celebrating Mass with Class 3I this week. We heard the parable of the unmerciful servant. We learnt that to have mercy is to have compassion on people.

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 confidence and clarity. 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, 27th

Tuesday, 28th

Wednesday, 29th

Thursday, 30th

Friday, 31st

-School Concert
6.30pm-7.30pm

- Celebration Assembly
Yr 3&4
- **1.30pm Early finish
school closes**
- 1.30pm Ice Pop Sale

Notes from the Headteacher



Uniform- Summer Term 2017

After Easter we will start the Summer Term for this academic year. As you know the girls will be expected to wear the light blue check summer dresses as shown on our school website. This applies to all girls from Reception to Year 6. If girls would like to wear navy shorts underneath they are welcome to do so, it is optional.

St Catherine's Uniform Changes starting from September 2017

Year 1 & 2

As of September the children in Year 1 and Year 2 are asked to wear their polo shirts and St Catherine's jumper as usual. Girls are also required to wear a navy skirt and the boys are required to wear grey trousers. On the 2 days the children have PE they are required to wear their St Catherine's hoody and navy tracksuit bottoms.

PE and the Skort

The skort is being removed from the uniform at St Catherine's from September 2017. Instead girls will be asked to wear shorts on two PE days per week if it is too warm to wear the navy tracksuit bottoms. They are also required to wear navy shorts in their gymnastics lessons so will need to keep them in their bags if they are wearing their tracksuit bottoms.

Current Year 5s (September 2017 Year 6s)

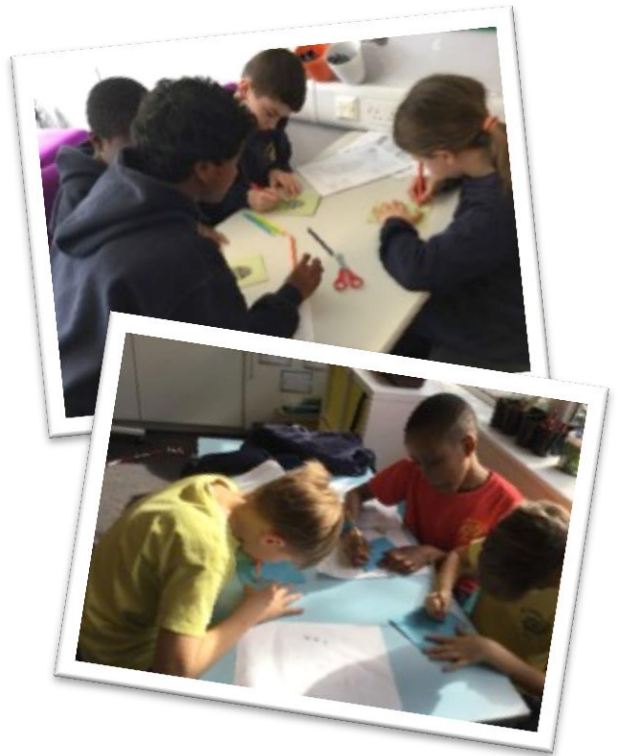
The children who will be going into Year 6 in September will continue to wear their St Catherine's jumper and the St Catherine's polo shirt, and their standard St Catherine's hoodie on PE days.

Leaver Hoodie

For children who would like to purchase a leavers hoodie, we will order them for next years Year 6 children in time for them to have them in their last week of school when they will actually be leavers!

Year 3&5 Enabling Enterprise Day

On Wednesday this week, Year 5 and 3 took part in an Enabling Enterprise Challenge day. Working in teams they created their own Pop Up Card Company. The children worked busily to make their Easter cards on a production line ready to sell back to the Enabling Enterprise shop. They had to use a variety of Enterprise Skills, budgeting to make a profit at the end of the day. It was a fantastic day, and the children produced some really high quality Easter Cards.



Food Standards Agency

We are delighted to inform you that the London Borough of Barnet Environmental Health 'spot' hygiene kitchen check at St Catherine's earlier this week received the highest rating of **5 STARS!**



London Youth Games Crystal Palace

On Wednesday 8 boys from Years 5 & 6 represented St Catherine's and Barnet at the London Youth Games at Crystal Palace. The team played astonishingly well and came 3rd out of 30+ teams from every borough in London. In appalling weather conditions the squad excelled themselves and became the most successful team to ever represent Barnet at the Youth Games! Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who came to support us, and a big thank you to Mr Casey for coaching the team to this amazing success!

Red Nose Day

The children wore their favourite Red Nose to school for Red Nose Day on **Friday, 24th March**. We raised **£254.79!** Thank You.



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

Year 5 have composed poems about the importance of being a Rights Respecting School. Over the next few weeks we will share some of their lovely poems. We will be displaying these in the main hall. Here is Lily's poem

Remember those who have fled their homes

Imagine the pain and sorrow of refugees

Generosity will make home town safer

Tell others to believe in the young suffering children

Social people are heroes to people in need

Respect everyone in your path

Education is important to all people

Special people are all around you

People are dying as we speak

Every child has the right to be protected

Compassion is the key

The refugees are sleeping in the bleak and cold

Inspiration can change your personality

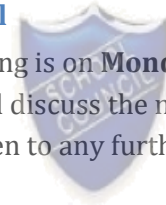
Never doubt the power of God

Gather the Faith

By Lily Class 5C

School Council

Our next meeting is on **Monday 27th March**. We will discuss the new playtime games and listen to any further suggestions.



Ice Pop Sale Friday, 31st March

Ryan, Rose and Lucas will be selling ice pops in the playground next **Friday at 1.30 p.m.** The money raised will be donated to Cancer Research UK. Their ground-breaking research is finding new ways to prevent, diagnose and treat cancer. For more information about their campaign visit <http://www.cancerresearchuk.org/rig-htnow-campaign>

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SPRING Term - Sports Afterschool Clubs

Afterschool clubs **final week** was the **week commencing 20th March** and have now ended with the **exception** of the two clubs below, which are making up a cancelled lessons next week:

Y3&4 Tennis – last class 27th March

Y3-6 Tag Rugby – last class 28th March

Mrs Ward's afterschool club will run as normal up to and including **Thursday, 30th March**.

****NEW Lunch time Club for Summer Term****

Year 5&6 CODING CLUB

Coding club is a new club for boys and girls in Year 5&6 whose aim is to improve children's programming skills in line with the computing national curriculum and, to also improve their computational thinking. Moreover, the club aims to foster a love for programming with a view to children joining their own coding club outside of school.

This club will run for 10 weeks in the Summer Term on a Wednesday during lunchtime in Mr David's classroom. The first session will take place on **Wednesday, 26th April**.

There are only 20 places available and these will be allocated on a first come first served basis. We plan to run this club termly and rotate children so that all can experience programming.

Online registration will open **Monday, 27th March at 12noon**. You will be sent an event code to login and register your interest on line using School Interviews at www.schoolinterviews.co.uk.

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 Friday, 31st March at 12 noon. You will be notified as soon as possible and before the start of the Summer Term if you have a place or not. There is no charge for this club.

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SUMMER TERM 2017: AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS DATE CHANGE FOR 1 WEEK ONLY

Please note: For ONE week only from 22nd May - 26th May (Yr 6 Osmington Bay School Trip) all afterschool clubs which have Year 6 children registered are CANCELLED and have been rescheduled to run on the same day during the final week of the Summer Term - week commencing Monday, 17th July.

The clubs effected are:

- Monday – Chess Yr5&6
- Tuesday - Tag Rugby Yr3-6
- Wednesday - Gaelic Football Yr4-6 **AND** Cricket Yr5&6
- Thursday - POP Lacrosse Yr 5&6 (this club will run before Thursday during w/c 17th July date TBC)

All other clubs are unaffected and will end during the week commencing Monday, 10th July.

ParentPay Financial Management

The office have been receiving a large number of calls regarding ParentPay balances and transactions. May we remind you that it is the responsibility of all parents to regularly track and manage their own financial transactions within ParentPay, which includes debt management, refunds applied, credits applied, cancellations of bookings made. Parents who pay using childcare vouchers for extended day services such as nursery fees, after school and breakfast club should also track and manage all financial payments in the same way and remember not to overpay which results in credit building up against payment items in their account.

ParentPay Outstanding Debt

Parents are reminded to please log on and clear ALL debt paying particular attention to anything listed under 'Other Payment Items' as coming from Schoolmoney, as this debt is over 9 months old. All dinners for next term are to be paid for in advance and also consider booking in advance for any afterschool clubs and breakfast clubs before the start of the Summer Term. Please consider that even though your outstanding charges may be small, as a school it soon adds up.

****At a glance today our outstanding dinner money shows £2,500 is owed for services taken for this item alone! This is not sustainable.****



Congratulations! Stars of the week are:

Cecilia 1K
 Lilla 1W
 Lorena 2B
 Cheryl 2C
 Sam & Enrico5C
 George & Isabella 5B
 Adam 6C
 Lydia & Louisa 6V



This week we think about Mary as the Feast of the Annunciation is this Saturday 25th March

Our Journey Through Lent

Mary was always faithful to God's will. She was faithful at the stable in Bethlehem, she was faithful on the flight to Egypt, she was faithful when Jesus was lost in the temple, she was faithful in Nazareth and she was faithful at the foot of the cross. We pray that we will follow her example and be faithful to God's will in our lives. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ and your Holy Spirit. Amen

Weekly House Stars



245

Gabriel

285

Uriel

290

Raphael

264

Michael

How is your Class Attendance?

Attendance return from 20th March to 24th March 2017.

Class	% Attendance
1K	91.67
1W	92.67
2B	93.67
2C	95.00
3H	98.67
3I	97.93
4D	99.67
4D'A	95.33
4Y	99.29
5B	97.42
5C	98.67
6C	93.96
6V	91.38



Our weekly target is 96%
This weeks target achieved is 95.79%



Congratulations! Playground Awards of the week are:

Anna 1K
 Orla 1W
 William 2B
 Eibhlin & Meso 2C
 Kevin 5B
 Leo, Calum, Danilo and Hannah 5C