



# St Catherine's

## Catholic Primary School

# Newsletter

Issue No 27

### Welcome back to the Summer Term!

I can't believe the Summer Term is here already. The year is flying by too quickly! Thank you for sending your child to school in the correct uniform. We are so incredibly impressed with how smart the children look. Many of the girls especially, have commented on how they like the summer dresses. We all really appreciate your support and value the positive comments we receive from you! We have an exciting term ahead of us, but first we have the statutory SATs for Year 6 and Year 2, and of course the phonics screening for Year 1. We are currently carrying out pupil progress meetings where we track the children's progress and are discussing ways in which we can support every child in achieving their full potential this academic year!

Please keep an eye out for all the events we have planned for this summer term. The staff and I look forward to enjoying these events with you.

Have a lovely weekend and God bless. *Miss Kelly*

### Brian McLoone - RIP

It is with great sadness we would like to inform you that Brian McLoone, a previous Headteacher of St Catherine's for 15, years passed away on Easter Monday. Brian was a wonderful advocate for Catholic Primary education and served the St Catherine's community with a natural warmth and love for all the staff, pupils and families.

There will be a memorial mass for Brian next month at St Agnes Catholic Church in Cricklewood. Brian's wife and daughter would welcome anyone who knew Brian to join them in remembering Brian and celebrating his life. Please think of them in your prayers.



## The Week Ahead

April 2017

### Monday, 24<sup>th</sup>

Y2 Tower of London Trip

### Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup>

Sponsored Spell Day

### Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup>

9am Y6 Parents School Journey meeting

### Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup>

9am Class 3H Prayer Service

### Friday, 28<sup>th</sup>

9am Y3&4 Lower Juniors Celebration Assembly

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. Here is Stephanie's poem.

**R**espect all the rights.  
**I**magine how you would feel.  
**G**round shaking , bombs dropping.  
**H**ouses bombed and broken.  
**T**heir belongings all taken!  
**S**helters are unsafe for life.  
**R**ights protect you.  
**E**veryone has the responsibility to keep people safe.  
**S**tand up for your rights.  
**P**ray for those whose rights have been lost.  
**E**mbrace the orphans.  
**C**onvention is here for children.  
**T**hink of ALL the children.  
**I**magine a world of torture and sorrow.  
**N**ever stop people following their rights.  
**G**o and walk hard to stand up for the rights of all children.  
**By Stephanie**

*Thank you to the children of year 5 who composed such thought provoking poems. Many of these are on display in the main hall.*

### Rights Respecting Schools

We continue to introduce the new Article of the Month and the Thought for the Month. These are displayed in all classes, at the After School Club and in the main hall.



#### April & May 2017: Article 29

Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.



Goals of education.



### School Council

As we begin our new term the School Council plan to meet every 2-3 weeks to discuss our plans and ensure the children remain happy and safe. It is wonderful to return to such lovely weather enabling the children to use the field at play times and providing even more activities for the children to enjoy.

### NSPCC Fundraising Event

NSPCC Fundraising Event **Tuesday, 25th April**  
organised by Alessandro, George, Kit and Maciek

*Keep Calm and Play Football!*

*Penalty Shoot Out - Entry fee £1*

### Food Hygiene Rating

Please join me in congratulating our Kitchen staff who have recently been awarded the 5 star Food Hygiene rating. To show our appreciation we presented the kitchen staff each with a beautiful orchid, and the children clapped and cheered!

We are very fortunate at St Catherine's to have such wonderful kitchen staff who ensure the kitchen and the food that is served from it is of the highest quality. A special mention goes to our fantastic cook Edith who is devoted to all the children and staff at St Catherine's we are so lucky to have her!

### \*Free\* Barnet SEND Conference on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> April

Attached is a flyer about a free conference for Barnet parents, carers and professionals that has been jointly organised by education, health, social care and representatives of the SEND Barnet parent community. Please share with relevant parents, carers and professionals.

The conference has been developed to ensure the Barnet community has an opportunity to gain greater awareness of SEND developments, structures and services in Barnet from key professionals and senior leaders across education, health and social care.

The purpose of the event is to bring key people and components of the Barnet SEND community together to provide a clear insight into our current position and future direction with regards to meeting the needs of our children and young people with SEND.

**The conference is free, however pre-booking is required. Details are in the attached flyer.**

### Youth Club at St Peter's for Yr 6 and Older Siblings

St Peter's are opening a Youth Club tonight for Year 6 children. Older siblings aged 11yrs and above are also welcome. The club will run from 7pm to 9pm once a month until July in the Parish hall. Please contact St Peter's for further details and dates. Thank you.

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### School Trips - The Facts

We have had some questions from parents recently regarding the financing of school trips and so have put together some information to explain the process.

**Calculating the Costs:** The school is not permitted to make a compulsory charge for educational trips that take place during school hours. This is why we ask for a 'Voluntary Contribution'. This is calculated by taking the entire cost of the trip (transport, entrance fees, workshop charges) and dividing by the number of children in the year group or class. This figure calculated is the figure you see on ParentPay for a trip. We are not permitted to make any profit from trips, therefore **if** 100% of the voluntary contributions are made this will only cover the full cost calculated for a trip. No element of any payment made is subsidising any other child in any way. Your voluntary contribution covers the costs for your child only.

**School subsidy:** If not all of the voluntary contributions for a trip are made then the school is obliged to make up the shortfall, as by law if a contribution is not received for a child we cannot prevent that child from attending the trip. However, we can cancel the trip. This is why we tell you in the initial trip letter, and in all subsequent communication, that if insufficient funds are received the trip will be cancelled. Please bear this in mind when you are asked to make a voluntary contribution for a trip. For example, Year 1 will go to Whipsnade Zoo soon, and the cost per child is £21.67 as they have coach, entrance and workshop charges for this trip. If 5 people do not make their contributions, this means £108.35 has to come from school funds. This is the equivalent of 200 glue sticks, or 4.3% of an interactive whiteboard. These are the types of areas from which funding has to be taken.

There has been a lot of publicity recently about the increasing squeeze on school budgets, and this is only going to get worse. Therefore it will become the case that if sufficient voluntary contributions are not made before the trip takes place, we will be forced to start cancelling trips, which would be a great shame for the children.

**Permission:** We give out a permission slip on the bottom of school trip letters, which only needs to be returned if a voluntary payment has not been made. Consent is automatically requested on ParentPay from parents in order for a voluntary payment to be made.

If you have any questions about school trips and voluntary contributions, please speak to Kim McKenzie or Cathy Lewis in the school office in the first instance.

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

Please note in your diary: 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 17<sup>th</sup> July date TBC)

Textiles Yr3-6 also won't run during this week – however starts on 4<sup>th</sup> May and ends on 6<sup>th</sup> July  
All other clubs are unaffected and will end during the week commencing Monday, 10th July.

### **Afterschool Club Start Dates Summer Term**

Extended day afterschool clubs will start again w/c **Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> April**. Please refer to the clubs timetable on our website for details. **Remember all clubs registered for must be paid in full on ParentPay before the first session to secure you place.**

### **Flyers, Leaflets any other Advertising**

Starting in the Summer Term any electronic and hard copy advertising requests for distribution will be charged at £10.00 per request.

### **Passport Forms and Legal Documents**

Requests to sign Passport forms and other legal documents related to citizenship etc. will also have a charge of £20.00 per form.



### Congratulations! Stars of the week are:

Beatrice and Callum 5B

Toby and Tullio 5C

Jeuz and Morta 6C

Ben and Sara 6V



*Lord, the resurrection of Your Son  
has given us new life and renewed hope.  
Help us to live as new people  
in pursuit of the Christian ideal.  
Grant us wisdom to know what we must do,  
the will to want to do it,  
the courage to undertake it,  
the perseverance to continue to do it,  
and the strength to complete it.  
Amen*

### Weekly House Stars



207

*Gabriel*



202

*Uriel*



206

*Raphael*



223

*Michael*

### How is your Class Attendance?

Attendance return from 18<sup>th</sup> April to  
21<sup>st</sup> April 2017.

Class	% Attendance
1K	99.17
1W	97.50
2B	96.67
2C	99.19
3H	100.00
3I	98.28
4D	97.50
4D'A	99.58
4Y	97.77
5B	95.16
5C	98.75
6C	99.58
6V	99.14



**Our weekly target is  
96%  
This weeks target  
achieved is 98.32%**



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

Louis 5B

Hannah 5C

Sharelle 6V

Eren and Grace 6C