



St Catherine's

Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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3C Prayer Service

Thank you to Miss Coy and Class 3C for leading the prayer service this week on the theme of Mary, our Mother. The children told us about the life of Mary prior to her being chosen by God to be the mother of Jesus. They began their prayer service in a very original and humorous way through their amazing acting and questioning. The children spoke confidently and clearly, dramatized the life of Mary and sang 'Ave Marie' beautifully. They gave us the time to reflect on the importance of trust in our lives. It was wonderful to welcome so many parents and grandparents.



*Ave Maria, Gratia plena,
Dominus tecum Benedicta tu*



May Procession

Wednesday was a wonderful day! We held three 'May Procession Services' across the key phases. Our journey of prayer and song began in the playground, up to the main hall and then into our memorial garden. The children sang some of their favourite hymns to Mary- Ave Maria, Immaculate Mary and O Mary Dear Mother. Although it was rather cold their beautiful singing warmed our hearts. The children read beautifully and it was lovely to welcome our parents to these special services. As you can see in our photos the garden was full of beautiful flowers presented to Our Lady as well as a beautiful crown of flowers.



The Week Ahead: KS2 SATs WEEK

May 2017

Monday, 8th

Class Photos

Tuesday, 9th

- 9am 2B Mass
- Class Photos

Wednesday, 10th

Y1 Whipsnade Zoo

Thursday, 11th

Friday, 12th

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 Toby's poem.

Respect everyone's rights.

In Iraq millions of people have lost their homes.

Go and tell the people about CRC. (The Convention on the Rights of the Child)

Help the people that are not as lucky as us.

Think about the people whose rights are not respected.

Show and tell everyone.

Rights aren't just for children- they are for everyone.

Encourage the world to help.

Saving children and taking them to safety.

People in need of help.

Everyone should have an education.

CRC tries to help those in need.

The people get separated from their families.

In their lives they have no peace.

Never do they have enough food.

Giving the supplies will help them live

By Toby

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

School Council

Thank you to the School Council for bringing the views of all the children to the meeting last week. We are extremely proud of the work they do in St Catherine's and value their ideas and suggestions greatly. The representatives feel that St Catherine's school responds to their needs and views, they have a say about decisions and play an active role in making our school a better place.

Parent Partnership Meeting

Our first Parent Partnership for this Summer Term will take place at **8:30am on Wednesday, 17th May**. Please come with any ideas and suggestions that will support our children's education at St Catherine's. In response to requests made in the parent partnership meetings so far this year, we have started a Y5&6 lunchtime Coding Club run by Mr David our ICT Leader and a Y3-6 Textile Club run by Madame Reeve after school on Thursday. We look forward to hearing more of your ideas in a couple of weeks!

Holy Communion Mass

May, June and July is a very special time for our Year 3 children. It will be the time for their First Holy Communion. Please see the parish newsletters for dates of these special masses in both parishes over the coming three months. The children have prepared carefully throughout the year to receive the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. We thank all the people involved in helping the children and we ask you to keep these children in your prayers over the coming months.

Congratulations to Maximilian and Lily in Class 3C who made their First Holy Communion at Mary Immaculate and St Peter last Sunday.
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All Stars Cricket Offer Age 5-8

Offer can be found at

<https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars>

Every child that registers will receive a backpack full of goodies including a cricket bat, ball, water bottle, personalised shirt and cap all sent straight to their door.

Deadline for registering for this offer is **10th May.**

Playground and Play Equipment

Please could all parents be aware that the school does not accept responsibility for children playing on the playground equipment prior to the start of the school day or after hand-over at the end of the school day.

Bollywood Night

Mary Immaculate & St Gregory the Great invite you to join them for a Bollywood Night on:

Saturday 13th May at 7.00pm for 7.30pm start

at

St Martha's Senior School Hall, Camlet Way, Hadley Wood, EN4 0NJ.

Tickets must be purchased as soon as possible for catering purposes. Don't miss out! For details please see attached flyer.

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Virgin Media Cabling Work On Vale Drive

We have been informed that Virgin Media will begin work on Vale Drive on **Monday 8th May** to install cables. This will mean that the pavement on Vale Drive on the opposite side to the school will be cordoned off in sections to be dug up during the week. Please ensure you keep a close eye on your children during this time to ensure they do not go near the barriers, and take extra care when crossing the road.

Class Photos

Class photos **Monday, 8th and Tuesday 9th May**. Please ensure the children are in smart school uniform on these days.

Website Events Calendar

Please refer to school website events calendar for future events in particular Sports Days and Open Day dates

Keeping Our Children Safe on the Local Roads

It has been noted recently that parents are ignoring the double yellow line markings at the junction of Elton Avenue and Vale Drive. The Highway Code definition of double yellow lines is: *'Double yellow lines mean no waiting at any time, unless there are signs that specifically indicate seasonal restrictions.'*

Parking on the corners of this junction restricts visibility for both drivers and pedestrians, please can everyone remember that these lines are there to keep us all safe. Do not put lives at risk by parking illegally and risk Barnet Parking Enforcement Team who monitor the area ticketing you vehicle.

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 17th July date TBC)

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

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School Interviews – School Dinner Pattern Change Request - Second Half of the 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 cb7dx** to register for a dinner pattern change, which will start in the second half of the Summer Term. **Online change requests will close on Wednesday, 24th May at 12 noon.**

The new dinner patterns will take effect on **Monday, 5th June (start of second half of the Summer Term)**. If you miss this opportunity to change your child's dinner pattern the next window will be at the end of the Summer Term ready for the new academic year in September .

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



Congratulations! Stars of the week are:

Joe, Willow & Daniel 5B
 Danilo & Oran 5C
 Michelle & Jeremy 6C
 Nicky & Winona 6V

May, the Month of Mary



As we remember Mary, the Mother of Jesus, we think of Joseph her husband and the earthly father of Jesus.

Together, Mary and Joseph took care of their son. Fed him, worried about him, taught and loved him.

Mary had the courage to trust God and say 'Yes' to all that God asked of her. When we honour Mary, we are really praising God.

Weekly House Stars



Gabriel



Uriel



Raphael



Michael

How is your Class Attendance?

Attendance return from 1st May to 5th May 2017.

Class	% Attendance
1K	97.50
1W	94.58
2B	99.58
2C	97.50
3H	99.17
3I	100.00
4D	97.08
4D'A	99.17
4Y	98.70
5B	92.74
5C	97.50
6C	97.91
6V	99.14



Our weekly target is 96%
This weeks target achieved is 97.71%



Congratulations! Playground Awards of the week are:

Lucas, Ruairi, Danilo & Anna 5C
 Adam 6C