



# St Catherine's

## Catholic Primary School

# Newsletter

Issue No 01

### WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back everybody to a new school year! It was lovely to see the children and parents this week looking so refreshed and ready to start. I look forward to another successful year at St Catherine's as the children grow in their learning and faith. *Miss Kelly*

### The Solemn Re-Opening of the Church and the Consecration of the Altar

On Sunday many of our community had the opportunity to be a part of this sacred and joyful celebration. We welcomed Cardinal Vincent Nichols to preside over this very special celebration. As Cardinal Vincent said it was a day of rejoicing, coming together to bless the extension of our church. Father John opened the doors and we entered singing joyfully. The Cardinal blessed the font and the gift of water. Later in the service the relic of St Pontian was placed in the altar and then Cardinal Vincent anointed the altar. The altar was then wiped and dressed in linen cloths, the cross, the candles and flowers. After Holy Communion the Cardinal blessed the new tabernacle.

Father John looked extremely proud and rightly so. He thanked everyone in the local community who had helped on this exciting journey. The teachers look forward to visiting Mary Immaculate and St Gregory this term, growing in faith together.

It was a truly memorable service, one that we will remember for a very long time. We were extremely proud to see children, both past and present from St Catherine's, have the wonderful opportunity of serving at this special Mass.



## The Week Ahead

September 2017

### Monday, 11th

### Tuesday, 12th

- 9am Yr6 Curriculum  
IMPACT meeting for  
parents  
- Year 3 Roald Dahl  
Museum

### Wednesday, 13th

- 9am Yr5 Curriculum  
IMPACT meeting for  
parents

### Thursday, 14th

- 9am Yr4 Curriculum  
IMPACT meeting for  
parents

### Friday, 15th

- 9am Yr3 Curriculum  
IMPACT meeting for  
parents

### Curriculum IMPACT Meetings

These meetings are an opportunity to meet the year group class teachers and receive information related to:

1. •What is special about the year group?
2. •RE Overview
3. •Responsibilities
4. •Home Learning
5. •Literacy and Maths Overviews
6. Safeguarding

Here are the dates of the forthcoming Curriculum Impact meetings. These meetings are very informative. You will get the opportunity to meet the new class teachers and teaching support staff, see the learning environment and have a greater understanding of the curriculum coverage this academic year.

### Curriculum IMPACT Meetings Dates

**ALL MEETINGS START AT 9AM**

Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> September – Year 6

Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> September – Year 5

Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> September – Year 4

Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> September – Year 3

Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> September – Year 2

Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> September - Year 1

### Home Learning – KS1

This year in KS1, the home learning will consist of reading (to develop children's fluency and comprehension) and mental maths. The teacher will communicate the focus for the weekly mental maths via a text message. In addition to this, year 1 will receive a weekly phonics activity to consolidate their new phonemes and year 2 will receive weekly spelling. We do not require the phonics activity to be handed back in and the year 2 spelling assessment will take place on a Tuesday.

*Mrs Whatley KS1 & Assessment Leader*

### Home Learning - KS2

This year home learning in KS2 will concentrate on spellings (given out weekly), home reading (to develop children's fluency and comprehension) and times tables (teachers will send out texts the week before a times table is tested). Details about which times tables your child needs to practise are in the KS2 letter. To assist you in supporting your child's love of reading and to develop a wide interest, a recommended reading list was attached in the KS2 letter. (Obviously this is only a taster of the wide range of quality children's books that are available). Year 6 will have a daily piece of homework after October half-term until the SATs towards the end of the Spring Term.

*Mrs Van den Abbeele KS2 Leader*

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

During the course of the next two weeks the children will be creating their own class charter. The charter for a rights-respecting classroom sets out:

- the rights (articles) selected which the children and adults consider to be the most relevant to our school.
- the actions agreed between the children and adults to ensure that these rights can be realized and enjoyed by everyone.

Each class will set their charter out in a visible way for the whole school community to share.

### School Council

During the course of this week and next week the class teachers will be discussing the role of a school council representative. Representatives have to be willing and able to put forward other people's views even if they disagree with them. Last year we discussed 'What kind of person makes a good rep? Here are some of the qualities the children chose -*approachable, a good listener, organised and efficient*. Once elected their photographs will go up in the main hall. The School Council will meet every three weeks and the minutes of the meetings will be shared with our school community on the school website.

### MacMillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning

Our first Coffee Morning will be on **Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> September**. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Prayer Services and Masses

You have already been emailed the dates of our Prayer Services and Masses for the coming academic year. Please put these dates in your diary. We look forward to seeing you at these special events.

### Jeans for Genes Day

Please support the 'Jeans for Genes Day' on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**. All you need to do is wear your jeans to school for a donation of £1. We want to feel proud that St Catherine's is making a difference to many children in the UK. For further information visit

<https://www.jeansforgenesday.org/>

## SCHOOL OFFICE BULLETIN BOARD

### Year 4 Gilwell Park

This will be taking place from **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October**. An information pack will be emailed next week. Please ensure that the outstanding medical form is returned by **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September**.

I will email a letter informing you of the final arrangements nearer the time. If you have any questions please pop in and see me. *Mrs Ainger*

### End of day Parent Calls with Messages for Class Teacher

Please can we remind all parents that if you are calling the school office with end of day messages for the class teacher about arrangements for your children – please make this call no later than 230pm as the office is very busy after this time. Thank you for your continued support.

### Parent Consultations Class 2W only

This term Class 2W Parent Consultations will be held prior to Miss Corbett going on Maternity Leave at the end of this half term. Class 2W consultations have been scheduled for the **10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> October**. Parents with children in **class 2W only** can log into School Interviews online at

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk/> from **Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> September 12noon** and use the event code ***j7c78*** to book their slot.

**Online booking will close on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm.**

### Parent Consultations Yr2R and Yr 3-6

Parent Consultations have been scheduled for the **7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> November**. Parents with children in **Yr 2R and Yr 3-6** can log into School Interviews online at <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk/> from **Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> September 12noon** and use the event code ***nkpz5*** to book their slot.

**Online booking will close on Tuesday, 31st October at 3pm.**

### Playground Equipment

Gentle reminder – please can all parents be aware that children playing on the playground equipment prior to the start of the school day and after handover at the end of the school day do so at their own risk.

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### **Pre-booking Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club**

Thank you to all parents who have been consistently pre booking breakfast and afterschool club. It is really important that parents continue to plan ahead and pre book as necessary at **least 24hrs** in advance of using these services. **The office should only be called to book on the day because of an emergency.**

Please ensure you have read and understood the contents of **St Catherine's Afterschool Club Terms and Conditions** which were emailed to you earlier in the week and ensure you sign and return the back page in order to use this service. You can also find this document on our website under the menu Parents/The Extended Day

### **Childcare Vouchers**

Parents paying by childcare vouchers and who have contacted the office to inform us of this should continue with their current afterschool club and breakfast club pre booking arrangements and are strongly encouraged to provide bulk bookings for at least 2/3 weeks to assist in making this service more efficient and ease pressure on the office.

### **School Interviews – School Dinner Pattern Change Request - Second Half of the Autumn 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** can go on School Interviews at <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk/> from **Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> September at 12noon** and use the **event code vd5e4** to register for a dinner pattern change, which will start in the second half of the Autumn Term. **Online change requests will close on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> October at 12 noon.**

The new dinner patterns will take effect on **Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> October (start of second half of the Autumn Term)**. If you miss this opportunity to change your child's dinner pattern the next window will be at the end of the Autumn Term ready for the Spring Term in January 2018.

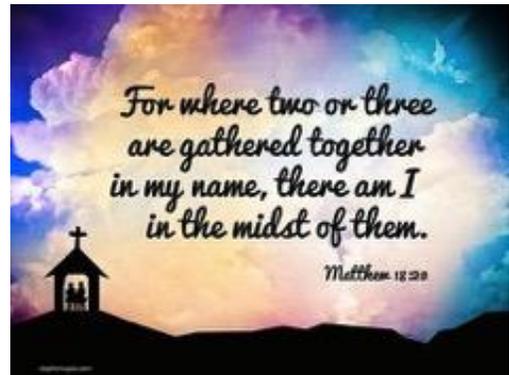
**\*\*\*If you do not wish to change your pattern then you don't need to do anything.\*\*\***



### Congratulations! Stars of the week are:

Maria P 1G  
 Jack 1K  
 Betsy 2R  
 Cecilia 2W  
 Eibhlin 3R  
 Evelyn 4D

**This Sunday is Education Sunday.  
 The theme is 'Gathered in my name'.**



### A GATHERING PRAYER

Let us come together and pray...

Loving God,

Gather us in from north, south, east and west,  
 from city, town and village.

Gather us together, in your name, as your  
 church, to praise your Holy name.

Gather us and let your kingdom come. Let us  
 rejoice in your glory and grace.

Let us know we are always rooted deep in  
 your love.

Give us strong branches to reach out in trust.  
 Gather us, as we draw close to Christ, listening  
 to Jesus' words.

Amen

### Weekly House Stars



*Gabriel*



*Uriel*



*Raphael*



*Michael*

### How is your Class Attendance?

Attendance return from 4<sup>th</sup> Sept to 8<sup>th</sup>  
 Sept 2017.

Class	% Attendance
1G	98.00
1K	98.67
2R	94.67
2W	96.67
3C	98.62
3R	99.66
4D	99.67
4H	99.33
5B	92.76
5D'A	96.67
5M	99.97
6C	94.52
6V	97.00



**Our weekly target is  
 96%**

**This weeks target  
 achieved is 97.37%**



### Congratulations! Playground Awards

Watch this space