



Dear Parents,

I hope you and your families are well.

It was lovely seeing parents at the school gates this week - its a real tonic welcoming the children in through the gates in the morning. Thanks again for your kind words and your support. It is really appreciated.

Year1

Some of the Year 1 children have returned for the year group sessions this week. They have had a smooth start and have adapted very quickly to the new routine. Thank you

Year 6

Year 6 sessions will be opening up next week. I hope you and the children found the powerpoint useful. Please call the school office if you have any questions.

Prompt arrival and pick up

Now that we are opening 4 gates at 5 different times we would really appreciate parents being on time for their child's session. Any parents and children who arrive later than 8:55am for childcare which starts at 8:50 will have to wait outside until the Year 1 children arrive at 9am. We ask the same for the Nursery and Receptions classes who are asked to arrive at 8:30 and 8:45am respectively. Your patience is appreciated. Please be on time for pick up too as the staff have to clean the resources before school closure at 4pm.

Zoom Meetings

If your child is scheduled to be in the childcare session while their class zoom meeting will be taking place, we will arrange for your child to attend their class meeting whilst they are at school.

Support for families

Please find attached information from BICS Early Help Services. Please utilise this resource if you feel you and your child are struggling. It's important families get the support they need during these uncertain times.

Nursery and Reception Reports

We will be distributing the end of year reports to the nursery and reception children who are in our provision on 8th July. Parents whose children are not currently in our provision are welcome to come to the school to pick up their child's report.

End of Year Reports Year 1 to Year 6.

Parents of children in Year 1 to Year 6 will receive their reports on 8th July via email.

All About Me Teacher Page

Parents will have received by email, information about their child's new class teacher for September. Please share this with your child and print this info keeping it somewhere for your child to look at over the holidays. This will help to prepare them for their return in September. Children who will be starting Nursery and / Reception in September will receive their Teachers information during their home visits.

Class Blogs on Purplemash

For children in Nursery and right up to Year 6, please look out for something interesting on your Purplemash class blogs next week. We hope you like it :) ;)

DFE guidelines

Yesterday the DFE announced guidance for all schools to welcome back all children in September. However classes will still need to be within a bubble and have minimum interaction with other bubbles. We will be receiving further guidelines over the coming weeks and will plan accordingly. At this stage it is too early to say what our specific plans will be at St Catherine's. We will provide you with information nearer to the start date. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Deputy Head Mrs Ainger

As you know our much loved Deputy Mrs Ainger is retiring this school year. Her last day will be 31st August 2020. However we will not be saying a formal goodbye to Mrs Ainger just yet. The governors and staff would like to wait until we are permitted to come together as a St Catherine's community to say thank you and wish her luck. Mrs Ainger has also made it very clear she does not want a fuss and for the time being she would like to say "See you soon and have a lovely summer holiday" to everyone. St Catherine's is a big part of her life so she will definitely be popping in and out of school in September to see staff children and parents.

Tragic loss

I called Mrs Carson this morning to pass on the messages of support and condolences we have received for her daughter and her family. Mrs Carson wanted me to pass on their thanks for the food shopping and the cooked meals that have been delivered to her door. The Carsons do not have family in this country and are very grateful for the kindness she and her daughter and husband have received from the past and present members of the St Catherine's community.

This has been the second dreadful shock for our St Catherine's community since March 2020. It is during these times the power of prayer can bring some comfort and guidance to both adults and children who are asking why this has happened.

For the Carson Family their pain is unimaginable. We can only hope that our thoughts and prayers can bring them some kind of comfort in their devastating loss.

Take care of each other this weekend.

God Bless

Miss M Kelly