

A message from Miss Kelly

We welcome Mrs Groom to 5CM for the rest of this academic year. Mrs Groom has been teaching with us one day a week for the last two years and will now share 5CM with Mrs McDonagh. We wish Mrs Carruthers and her family the very best of luck for the future and hope they keep in touch with the St Catherine's community where they have made long lasting friendships. We welcome Ms Martin to St Catherine's. Ms Martin will be joining us on 2nd November as our Pastoral Care Mentor. She will be in charge of attendance and will be working closely with children and families who require support both at home and at school. Ms Martin is experienced in her field and will be a valuable addition to the staff.

Thank you

Thank you to everyone for being so accommodating and responding to the risk assessment school safety procedures. Without your help and support we would not have been able to open the school for every class every day this half term. We pray that our community remains healthy and COVID free so that the children can continue to see their friends and receive lessons in school.

Have a wonderful half term and take care of each other.

Scary Challenges Online

From time to time, our children may come across content that they may find challenging or scary. This could take the form of words or images that make them uncomfortable, situations they are unsure how to handle or even in the worst cases inadvertently seeing inappropriate content. See the attached poster for ideas on how to equip yourselves and your children on how to cope with these challenges.

Harvest Contributions

Thank you parents and families for your generosity this week. We have transported your offerings to HAB (Homeless Action In Barnet) today. For over 20 years Homeless Action in Barnet has been supporting the most vulnerable across Barnet. With our continuous help they can continue to be 'A Place of Change' for those who are homeless or vulnerably housed. Thank You!



ST CATHERINE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are delighted to welcome prospective parents to St Catherine's via a zoom meeting virtual tour. Please contact the school office if you would like to register a place at the following meeting dates:

Thursday 5th November 9.30am
Friday 6th November 9.30am
Friday 13th November 9.30am
Tuesday 17th November 1.30pm

School office contact number: 020 8440 4946 or email: admissions@stcatherines.barnetmail.net

Message from PTA

Our children have been busy creating lovely Christmas designs in school and you should now have their artwork. Their designs can be turned into Christmas cards, gift tags and wrapping paper. If you would like to place an order please see the attached Christmas card flyer for instructions. The deadline for placing an order and returning all artwork back to school is Thursday 5th November. Only those placing orders need to return their child's artwork. Any questions please email ptastcatherinesschool@gmail.com

**Safeguarding is
our TOP
priority**

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.

Winter Uniform

As the winter months approach, please ensure your child brings a winter coat into school. The children will need to be wearing their winter uniform when they return after half term on Tuesday 3rd November.

Parent Partnership Meeting

We held our first Parent Partnership this week, we would like to thank our class reps who attended. We value the opportunity to discuss a range of topics with you and gather your feedback. We appreciate all of the hard work you do in the background, ensuring that our school community is kept informed and liaising between the school and parents.

If your class rep was at the meeting this week, then we have sent out their contact details to you, please make sure you contact them with yours if you would like to be kept informed.

Parent Consultations

Thank you to those of you who have attended your parent consultations this week. The rest of them are being held after half term, we ask that you log in promptly at the time of your consultation to ensure they run as smoothly as possible.

In the event of there being an issue, the most effective way of contacting the school to ensure an immediate response, is by telephoning the school office.

Walk to School Week

We have been overwhelmed by the number of families who have supported this initiative this week.

Thank you all for your support, the children were really excited about sharing their active travel with their class. Well done to all of the families who managed to travel to school actively for all 5 days!

Gospel: Matthew 22: 34 - 40

Sunday 25th October 2020

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they came together, and one of them, a teacher of the Law, tried to trap him with a question. "Teacher," he asked, "which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and the most important commandment. The second most important commandment is like it: 'Love your neighbour as you love yourself.' The whole Law of Moses and the teachings of the prophets depend on these two commandments."

Enable us to see this world
as a gift from you
that can be shared,
and those who live on it
as our neighbours.
We ask this that your name
may be glorified
through the beauty of this world
and the service of our lives.

House Stars

Well done to all of our children who have earned stars this week!

Gabriel	515
Michael	541
Uriel	537
Raphael	466

The Week Ahead:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Staff Training Day	Children return Year 2 Consultations	Year 3 Consultations Class Photos We will let you know nearer the time which day each class is being photographed.	Year 4 Consultations Class Photos	9:30am Prospective Parent Meeting (via Zoom) Year 6 Consultations

