

New Nursery and Reception Families

We send a warm welcome to our last Nursery and Reception cohorts this week. We are really pleased with how quickly the children have settled and how happy and excited they are to come into school. We can't wait to see how much the children grow throughout this academic year.

We hope you have enjoyed looking at what the children have been up to on Tapestry and we are looking forward to seeing photographs and videos of what you have been up to at the weekend.

Years 2 – 6 Parent Consultations

These consultations will be held over Zoom on the following days, further information will follow regarding how to book and the meeting log in details.

Year 2	Tuesday 3 rd November
Year 3	Wednesday 4 th November
Year 4	Thursday 5 th November
5C	Tuesday 20 th October
5CM	Monday 19 th October (Mrs Carruthers) & Friday 23 rd October (Mrs McDonagh)
Year 6	Friday 6 th November

'Here We Are' Book Focus

In order to mark the occasion of the children returning to school and reestablishing our St Catherine's community, we decided to start this school year with everybody taking part in a whole-school topic based around the Oliver Jeffers book entitled Here we are: Notes for Living on Planet Earth. It is a beautifully illustrated book, and briefly explores space, the oceans, the skies, the land, the diversity of animals and people that inhabit our wonderful planet.

This book topic allowed the children to reflect upon and share their experiences of the past few months, to reflect upon how COVID has changed the world for them. Each year group did a few activities based on the book, such as: writing letters to loved ones (year 6); creating poetry about the planet (year 5); writing letters describing our most special people (year 4); writing and performing a class poem based on Louis Armstrong's 'What a wonderful world' (year 3); writing descriptive passages about some of Earth's most beautiful places (year 2); and writing a guide to our planet for a visitor (year 1).

The book topic had a large English focus, allowing plenty of opportunities for speaking and listening, reflecting, reading and writing. It also included opportunities to link to other areas of the curriculum such as Art, Geography and History.

We are extremely proud of the way that the children immersed themselves in their learning and the work that they have produced will be proudly placed on display in the school corridor displays in the upcoming weeks!

Save the Date! PTA Virtual Quiz Night Online. Friday 23rd October. All welcome, this event is free! Bringing the parents of St Catherine's together to enjoy a fantastic quiz night. More details to follow.

**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.

Authorised Absences

If your child is absent from school, please remember to provide evidence in the form of an email or letter addressed to Miss O'Sullivan stating your child's absence dates and the reason for absence. This is in addition to your telephone call on each morning of absence.

Barnet Library Scheme

Barnet Library services are offering a select and collect service whilst the libraries are closed. If you let them know which books your child (or yourself) likes to read, they will make selections based on similar interests. Please [click here](#) for further information.

Gospel: Matthew 21: 33-43

Sunday 4th October 2020

"Listen to another parable," Jesus said. "There was once a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a hole for the winepress, and built a watchtower. Then he let out the vineyard to tenants and went on a journey. When the time came to gather the grapes, he sent his slaves to the tenants to receive his share of the harvest. The tenants seized his slaves, beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again the man sent other slaves, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. Last of all he sent his son to them. 'Surely they will respect my son,' he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the owner's son. Come on, let's kill him, and we will get his property!' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

"Now, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" Jesus asked.

"He will certainly kill those evil men," they answered, "and let the vineyard out to other tenants, who will give him his share of the harvest at the right time."

Jesus said to them, "Haven't you ever read what the Scriptures say? The stone which the builders rejected as worthless turned out to be the most important of all. This was done by the Lord; what a wonderful sight it is!"

"And so I tell you," added Jesus, "the Kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce the proper fruits."

God's healing hand

To our brothers and sisters who have contracted and are suffering due to the Coronavirus Disease, we pray that God's healing hand may rest upon you.

To medical doctors, nurses and the supporting staff who are in the frontline of the fight against COVID-19, may the Good Lord sustain you and inspire you to render your life-saving services with due care, love and compassion.

To all those who have lost their loved ones due to the Coronavirus outbreak, we convey our deepest sympathies.

We pray that their souls, through God's mercy, may rest in eternal peace. We pray that God may grant all bereaved families his consolation and strengthen their faith and hope in Jesus Christ, the Risen Lord.

House Stars

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

Gabriel	606
Michael	649
Uriel	567
Raphael	568

The Week Ahead:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Yr 4 Swimming			7:30pm PTA AGM (All welcome, Zoom details to follow via text next week)	Yr 6 Meditation with Fr John



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