

### St Catherine's Day

Thank you to Father John for celebrating mass on St. Catherine's Day. We hope that lots of you were able to tune in to the live-stream and join us. Thank you to the Key Stage 2 children for reading so beautifully. St Catherine's Day is a time when we join together as a whole school community to celebrate her legacy. St Catherine was a devoted follower of Jesus and is remembered for her love of learning and for her bravery. We will continue to reflect on how we can live like St Catherine and follow her holy example, to love God and others with our whole hearts. Although we were unable to share our traditional St Catherine's cakes, we celebrated with some biscuits and a very special St Catherine's pencil for each student. Many thanks to the PTA for providing these special tokens.

### Christmas Jumper Day

On **Friday 11th December**, St Catherine's will be taking part in Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day. We're asking the children to wear their Christmassy jumper and donate £1. Please do not feel the need to go out and buy a jumper, why not add a little bit of Christmas (tinsel, stars, baubles) to a regular jumper? This will help to transform the futures of children in the UK and around the world. Save the Children make sure children are kept safe, healthy and learning, and change the future for good.

We'd really appreciate your support to make Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day a success – it's a great cause, so together at school, we'll be helping to create a brighter future for children, we can make the world better in our cracking Christmas Jumpers!

### A gift from Mrs Ainger

A big thank you to Mrs Ainger for the Christmas Nativity scene, the children and staff are delighted to have such a special gift they will treasure for many years to come.



### Christmas Lunch

This year's Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. If your child currently brings a packed lunch and would like a Christmas meal on that day, please sign up on [www.schoolinterviews.co.uk](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk) using code **m9y8s**.

**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.

### Music Lessons through BEAT – Spring Term

Spring term lessons: parents (Year 3 and above) are now able to enrol for individual instrumental lessons for the spring term should they wish to by going to [www.beatrust.org.uk](http://www.beatrust.org.uk). The deadline to enrol is the 7th December. Those who are already having lessons with BEAT will have been emailed the invoice for next term. If you'd like to continue with lessons you just need to log into your account, go to the invoices tab and pay, you don't need to enrol again.

If they have any queries please email [admin@beatrust.org.uk](mailto:admin@beatrust.org.uk)

### Water Bottles

Just a gentle reminder that children should only have water in their bottles. Please do not send children in with squash or juice.

### Notifying us of Absence on the day

On the day of your child's absence please *ring* the school office, if no one is available to take your call please leave a message on the answerphone which is on 24 hours a day. If you email the school on the day of your child's absence either due to illness or a medical appointment, you are at risk of this not being picked up by the time the registers are called and being first responded, which can cause unnecessary worry.

### Online Safety

Friendship problems no longer stop at the school gates and as many of us will be aware children's online behaviour can cross over into bullying. As part of a national campaign to raise awareness of cyberbullying, Papyrus have created a set of bedtime stories to aid parents and children in recognising, understanding and dealing with online bullying.

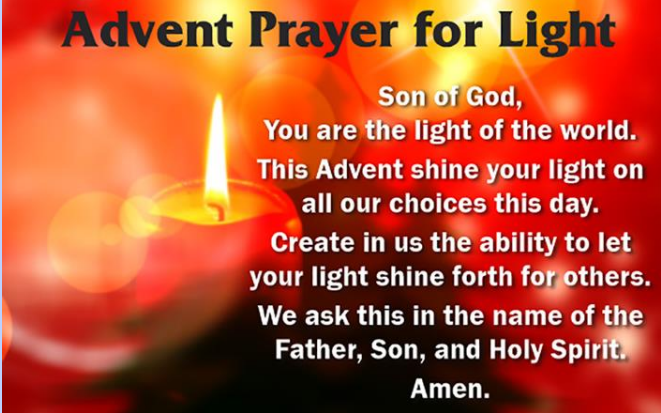
<https://www.papyrus-uk.org/bedtime-stories/>

### Mark 13:33-37

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Jesus said, "Be on watch, be alert, for you do not know when the time will come. It will be like a man who goes away from home on a journey and leaves his servants in charge, after giving to each one his own work to do and after telling the doorkeeper to keep watch. Be on guard, then, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming — it might be in the evening or at midnight or before dawn or at sunrise. If he comes suddenly, he must not find you asleep. What I say to you. then. I say to all: watch!"

## Advent Prayer for Light



Son of God,  
You are the light of the world.  
This Advent shine your light on  
all our choices this day.  
Create in us the ability to let  
your light shine forth for others.  
We ask this in the name of the  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

## House Stars

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

Gabriel	534
Michael	537
Uriel	549
Raphael	448

### The Week Ahead:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10am Y1 Parent Meeting Y4 Swimming			Y6 Health Talk	Advent Assemblies for Years 1 - 4



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