

Unauthorised Absences

Just a reminder that all absences from school need to be followed up with an absence letter in order to be authorised. This is in addition to you notifying the office by telephone. This can either be sent in with your child on their first day back at school, or can be emailed to the office. Failure to send a letter will result in your child's absence being unauthorised. Repeated unauthorised absences will be followed up by the Education Welfare Officer at the Local Authority. We will no longer be sending out letters to chase absence notes and therefore your child's absence will remain unauthorised unless you have sent in a note on your child's return to school. If your child has been off school since September and you have not sent in an absence note we urge you to do so as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your co operation.

Parking

It has been brought to our attention by a resident in a nearby road that parents are persistently parking across driveways. This should not be happening, please respect our neighbours and leave their driveways clear for access.

Christmas Services 2020

This year, all classes will be delivering a Christmas Service. These Christmas Services will be slightly different to our usual Christmas Nativities and performances, but it wouldn't be Christmas without celebrating, getting ready through Advent and re-telling the story of the birth of Jesus. Some children may have already taken home lines to learn and practice with you at home. We hope to share some virtual Christmas spirit, in the form of a Virtual Christmas Service, via Purple Mash and Tapestry by Wednesday 16th December.

Friendship Week

This week we celebrated Friendship Week and the importance of building positive communication and friendships. We all came together in assemblies where we thought about what the term 'bullying' means and then we looked at how it is described by the government: *Repeated intent to hurt someone either physically or emotionally*. We also spoke about what it means to be a good friend and what our role is in the school community. Children enjoyed making friendship trees and writing what made another child in the class a good friend on a leaf. We also discussed positive affirmations and how these help our mental health and keep reminding us to be positive even when we are finding things hard. We wrote our own positive affirmations that were then displayed around the classroom as a way of reinforcing this message.

Year 2 Detective's Day

Year 2 absolutely loved taking part in Detective Day today. In the morning they had a video briefing from DC Anthony Fielden who explained that they needed to use their reading and writing skills to complete a range of missions related to this half term's English text, Little Red Riding Hood.

A particular highlight of the day was when the children got to have their finger prints taken by Sargent Fielden and Sargent Hunt. They also thoroughly enjoyed creating wanted posters for the Big Bad Wolf and acting out the story in a small group. Great job Year 2 detectives!

**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.

Online Safety

Please click [HERE](#) for access to a flyer providing guidance for parents on how to support young people online.

St Catherine's Day Mass

We invite all Saint Catherine's School families to gather virtually and join Fr. John on Wednesday, November 25th at 10am for Mass to celebrate St Catherine's feast day. To join the mass please go to www.parish.rcdow.org.uk/barnet and click on the red button.

We hope you will be able to join us to celebrate this very special day for our school community.

Matthew 25:31-46

"When the Son of Man comes as King and all the angels with him, he will sit on his royal throne, and the people of all the nations will be gathered before him. Then he will divide them into two groups, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the righteous people on his right and the others on his left. Then the King will say to the people on his right, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father! Come and possess the kingdom which has been prepared for you ever since the creation of the world. I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me a drink; I was a stranger and you received me in your homes, naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you took care of me, in prison and you visited me.'

"The righteous will then answer him, 'When, Lord, did we ever see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? When did we ever see you a stranger and welcome you in our homes, or naked and clothe you? When did we ever see you sick or in prison, and visit you?' The King will reply, 'I tell you, whenever you did this for one of the least important of these members of my family, you did it for me!'

"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Away from me, you that are under God's curse! Away to the eternal fire which has been prepared for the Devil and his angels! I was hungry but you would not feed me, thirsty but you would not give me a drink; I was a stranger but you would not welcome me in your homes, naked but you would not clothe me; I was sick and in prison but you would not take care of me.'

Then they will answer him, 'When, Lord, did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and we would not help you?' The King will reply, 'I tell you, whenever you refused to help one of these least important ones, you refused to help me.' These, then, will be sent off to eternal punishment, but the righteous will go to eternal life."

Sunday 22nd November 2020

Almighty and merciful God,
you break the power of evil and make all things new
in your Son Jesus Christ, the King of the universe.
May all in heaven and earth
acclaim your glory and never cease to praise you.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your
Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

House Stars

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

Gabriel	456
Michael	460
Uriel	493
Raphael	379

The Week Ahead:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		St Catherine's Day Mass 9:30 – 10:30 Parent Partnership	9:30 Prospective Parent Meeting	9:30 Prospective Parent Meeting



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