

Mrs Revere Leaving

Please join me in wishing a very fond farewell to one of our amazing Teaching Assistants Mrs Revere who will be relocating to Norfolk at the end of this term.

Mrs Revere is a kind and talented TA who covers classes from nursery right up to year 6 ensuring the children receive high quality teaching and learning whilst making sure they feel safe and cared for. Mrs Revere is normally based in KS1 where she supports the progress of all the children. She has a wonderful calm and caring nature with the children and staff alike. She is extremely professional and dedicated to St Catherine's School, always seeing the positive in every situation and valuing the work of the entire school community. Mrs Revere has worked at St Catherine's for sixteen years and was previously a parent when her three grown up children attended the school as pupils. Mrs Revere will be hugely missed by the children and staff, her kindness and professionalism has been a wonderful example to us all.

On behalf of the St Catherine's community we wish her a wonderful future with her family in Norfolk. She thoroughly deserves a rest and whatever Mrs Revere chooses to do we know she carries St Catherine's in her heart.

Year 3 Workshop

Year 3 were very excited to join the Museum of London live on Tuesday for a virtual workshop, where they showed us the findings of some archaeological digs from the Stone Age, Bronze Age and the Iron Age. We were shown many things, such as the real jaw of a woolly mammoth, a handaxe, the head of an arrow, a hammer, a pot, a Bronze Age sword and some of the first money ever used! We also learnt all about the Havering Hoard: who discovered it, what was in it and about the different theories of how it got there. We were excited to ask questions directly to the Museum of London to find out more information about this interesting find.



Early Finish on Friday 18th December

As planned, we will be dismissing the children early on *Friday 18th December* from their usual gates as follows:

Years Reception, 1, 3 and 6 will be dismissed at 1.15pm

Years 2, 4 and 5 will be dismissed at 1.30pm

Nursery dismissal arrangements will be sent to nursery parents in a separate email. Please note that Vale Drive WILL NOT BE CLOSED for the dismissal period, so please take extra care with social distancing and ensure you stay out of the road.

If your child is in Years 5 or 6 and is normally an **independent traveler** we will require permission, in writing, via office@stcatherines.barnetmail.net in order to let your child walk home independently. Please ensure this permission has reached us by the end of the day on Thursday 17th December.

Sports After School Clubs

We have started planning our sports after school club provision with an aim for it to start after the February half term and run through to the May half term. We are planning to still offer a wide variety of clubs, however this does depend on the uptake. Each club will only be offered to one year group to avoid bubbles mixing. In order to secure provision with the companies in advance, we need to guarantee we have sufficient interest and therefore we will be sending out a survey in the coming week to ask you to express yours/your child's interests in the clubs we are offering. When completing the survey we ask you to take into consideration the days and times these clubs are running and any outside commitments you might already have. The response to this survey will inform our decision whether each club will run during the second half of the Spring term.

A response to this survey does not guarantee a place in any club, this is merely to gauge the level of interest.

**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.

School Lunch Changes

If your child is in years 3 to 6 and you wish to change their current lunch pattern, please log in to www.schoolinterviews.co.uk and use code **fn7xr** to request a pattern change from dinners to packed lunch or vice versa. Please ensure this is done by Monday **14th December** at the latest. Thank you.

Art Displays

The past few weeks the children have been busy creating art work for the corridor displays. The theme of 'Winter Art' has been explored using a variety of mediums, skills and techniques. The children have been inspired by different styles of poetry, winter wonderlands, seasonal celebrations the work of Van Gogh and Monet. Photographs of the displays will be added to the website for you to view.

Online Safety – Roblox

Whilst online gaming continues to be a source of escapism and socialisation for children during the most recent restrictions, there are a number of dangers to consider when letting your children play. Follow this link to find out more about access and controls in Roblox. We would strongly encourage you to discuss there being a clear boundary between the online game and real world friendships in school.

<https://www.protectyoungminds.org/2019/07/23/is-roblox-safe-for-kids-4-dangers/>

Mark 1: 1-8

Sunday 6th December 2020

This is the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It began as the prophet Isaiah had written:

‘God said, ‘I will send my messenger ahead of you to clear the way for you.’

Someone is shouting in the desert,

‘Get the road ready for the Lord; make a straight path for him to travel!’”

So John appeared in the desert, baptizing and preaching. “Turn away from your sins and be baptized,” he told the people, “and God will forgive your sins.” Many people from the province of Judea and the city of Jerusalem went out to hear John. They confessed their sins, and he baptized them in the River Jordan.

John wore clothes made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. He announced to the people, “The man who will come after me is much greater than I am. I am not good enough even to bend down and untie his sandals. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Jesus, you are peace even when there is hatred.

Help us to forgive like you when we are hurt or wounded. Bring peace into our hearts we pray.

Amen.

House Stars

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

Gabriel	497
Michael	425
Uriel	464
Raphael	446

The Week Ahead:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y5 Health Talk Y4 Swimming (Final week)			Aladdin Workshops 9.30 Parent Maths Workshop (Addition and Subtraction) for year 1 to 6 parents	Christmas Jumper Day Aladdin Workshops Advent Assemblies for Nursery, Reception, Years 5 and 6



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