



# St Catherine's Primary School

## Newsletter 15

26<sup>th</sup> March 2021

### REMINDER: Early Finish on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April

As planned, we will be dismissing the children early on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April from their usual gates as follows:

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

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

Nursery dismissal arrangements have been 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](mailto: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 Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March.

### SCHOOL STREETS (Timed Road Closures) Consultation

As you will be aware the council introduced School Streets in readiness for reopening of schools with an 18-month duration and an expectation to review after 6-months to see how the schemes were working. The council has commenced a 3-week consultation amongst residents, local businesses and parents to gauge their views on each individual scheme. The consultation is with a view to making the road closure permanent and camera operated. This consultation closes on 1<sup>st</sup> April. If you would like further information about how the proposed changes may affect you, or you wish to make any comments in regard to this consultation then please do so by visiting the Barnet Engage public consultation website at <http://www.engage.barnet.gov.uk/>.

### Fire Safety Talks

Today, we virtually welcomed Bianca James from the London Fire Brigade to talk to our Years 2 and 5 children about fire safety. Our Year 2 children learnt about the importance of discussing their escape route in advance, how to check if a door is hot, how to avoid smoke, and how to call for help. Year 5 recapped on this information and then talked about how fires happen, how they can help to prevent them and how fires can be detected. There are resources to support your child with additional learning [HERE](#).

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR SMOKE ALARMS REGULARLY. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOME FIRE SAFETY VISITS FROM THE LONDON FIRE BRIGADE [CLICK HERE](#).

### Junior Park Runs are back!

We were pleased to hear this week that the Junior Park Runs are restarting from Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April at Friary Park. This is a great opportunity to get your children active, get involved in the community and spend time with your family all for FREE. It is over a distance of 2km, which can be walked, jogged or run as a family. If you are interested all you have to do is register via the website [www.parkrun.org.uk/friarypark-juniors/](http://www.parkrun.org.uk/friarypark-juniors/). If you do take part, please tweet us we'd love to see your pictures!

### Are you providing your child with a healthy packed lunch?

As many of you will be aware, we have Gold Healthy School Status. Part of this status recognises how we promote healthy eating to our families. We would like to remind you that crisps and chocolate bars are not permitted within packed lunches. If you would like further information on this please look at our [Packed Lunch policy](#) on our website.

### After School Activities Sign-up

The sign-up for registering an interest in an after school activity closes at **8am on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March**. Please go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.uk](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk) and use code vdkhu to register. In order to run these activities we need to reach minimum numbers so please do sign up now if you are interested. Don't miss out!!

**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.

### Comic Relief Donations

We are delighted with our total of £892 donation to Comic Relief. The link for donations has now closed. Thank you to all of our families who contributed and made this fundraising event so successful.

### Nursery Admissions

Admissions are invited from families whose child attains 3 years of age between the 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 for nursery intake September 2021. Supplementary information forms and nursery admission arrangements can be found on the school website. Final date for applications is Thursday 1st April. For further information, please contact the school office on 0208 440 4946 or email: [admissions@stcatherines.barnetmail.com](mailto:admissions@stcatherines.barnetmail.com)

### Online Safety

Sometimes you may find it difficult to open up conversations with your children around the subject of online safety. Children's relationships with their devices may have intensified as with the online world. Parentzone and BBC children in need have developed this positive app that can help you initiate these discussions in a diffused and open way.

<https://parentzone.org.uk/ollee/for-parents>

### Mark 11: 1-10

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

As they approached Jerusalem, near the towns of Bethphage and Bethany, they came to the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two of his disciples on ahead with these instructions: "Go to the village there ahead of you. As soon as you get there, you will find a colt tied up that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. And if someone asks you why you are doing that, say that the Master needs it and will send it back at once."

So they went and found a colt out in the street, tied to the door of a house. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders asked them, "What are you doing, untying that colt?"

They answered just as Jesus had told them, and the crowd let them go. They brought the colt to Jesus, threw their cloaks over the animal, and Jesus got on. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches in the field and spread them on the road. The people who were in front and those who followed behind began to shout, "Praise God! God bless him who comes in the name of the Lord! God bless the coming kingdom of King David, our father! Praise be to God!"



### House Stars

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

<b>Gabriel</b>	<b>291</b>
<b>Michael</b>	<b>273</b>
<b>Uriel</b>	<b>296</b>
<b>Raphael</b>	<b>253</b>

### The Week Ahead: W/C 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021

<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>
Stations of the Cross services	Stations of the Cross services	Stations of the Cross services	Maundy Thursday 1:15 / 1:30pm Finish	Good Friday School closed



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