

Welcome Back

Happy St George's Day! Welcome back to St Catherine's school. I hope you all had a wonderful Easter. It was lovely to see the children come through the gates with great enthusiasm and happiness.

Thank you for continuing to keep our community safe by wearing masks and keeping a distance at drop off and pick up. We will continue to keep to our current COVID procedures as far as possible until the half term break when we will review the situation. With your help and support our current systems are working and are contributing to keeping our school community safe. Thank you!

Summer Uniform

Now that we are in the Summer term girls are expected to wear the blue check summer dresses. They can wear navy or white tights or navy or white socks. Sheer tights are not permitted. Boys can wear shorts. For Year 6 boys this is optional. Please ensure the children wear school shoes on the days when they do not have PE.

PE Uniform

Cycling shorts and leggings are currently being worn by some girls particularly in Key Stage 2. Please ensure navy shorts and or navy track suit bottoms are worn for PE. Navy leggings are not permitted.

New Trim Trail

The children were very excited to see that over the Easter holidays our trim trail on the field was replaced. We have had a range of new equipment installed as well as artificial grass to ensure this equipment can be used all year round by children throughout the school. We look forward to sharing photographs of this in the coming weeks.

Children's Physical Activity Levels

As lockdown begins to ease, we are sure many of your children's sporting clubs are reopening. Please remember [children aged 3 and 4 years old](#) should spend at least 180 minutes (3 hours) a day doing a variety of physical activities spread throughout the day, including active and outdoor play. [Children between 5 and 18 years old](#) should be partaking in 60 minutes of moderate physical activity (this includes walking to school, riding a scooter/bike, walking a dog) per day.

For more information please visit the Change4Life website <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life>.

Parent Partnership

The next Parent Rep Meeting will be on Zoom at 9:30am on Wednesday 19th May.

Online Safety: Disney+ Parental Controls

With all the different challenges of online gaming and social media, it can be easy to forget that some of the old media such as Television are increasingly providing diverse online streaming services. DisneyPlus has long been a go to for classic film and animation aimed at children. However, with popular shows and franchises such as Star Wars being bought up by Disney, less appropriate child material is available through this service. Use this link to find out about how to set up effective parental controls to restrict what your child is able to access.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/disney-parental-controls-and-privacy-settings>

**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.

Barnet Mencap

Barnet Mencap are running several free sessions to support families of children with additional needs over the next few weeks. Please check out their website to see what is on offer. There is an emphasis on supporting parental wellbeing and making friends.

[Parenting Programmes and workshops - Barnet Mencap](#)

BEAT

BEAT have asked us to let you know that if you missed the deadline to have summer term instrumental lessons but would still like them you are now able to enroll for 5 lessons which will start after the May half term break. The deadline to enrol for these is **midnight on Monday 10th May**.

Please go to <https://beatrust.org.uk/enrol/school-based-instrumental-lessons/> where you can log into your online account or register if you're new. Once logged in you will be able to select the school, instrument and lesson length from the drop down boxes. If you have any queries please email admin@beatrust.org before the deadline and they will answer as quickly as possible. All details with regard to the lessons including their terms and conditions can be found by following that link.

We would like to congratulate Asha Fyfe (Y4) who has been chosen as BEAT's Musician of the Month for April. Asha has continued her music lessons online throughout this year, and is currently working on grade 3. She was nominated by her teacher, in recognition of all the hard work and practice she has put in to this.

John 10: 11-18

Sunday 25th April 2021

"I am the good shepherd, who is willing to die for the sheep. When the hired man, who is not a shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees a wolf coming, he leaves the sheep and runs away; so the wolf snatches the sheep and scatters them. The hired man runs away because he is only a hired man and does not care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd. As the Father knows me and I know the Father, in the same way I know my sheep and they know me. And I am willing to die for them. There are other sheep which belong to me that are not in this sheep pen. I must bring them, too; they will listen to my voice, and they will become[a] one flock with one shepherd.

"The Father loves me because I am willing to give up my life, in order that I may receive it back again. No one takes my life away from me. I give it up of my own free will. I have the right to give it up, and I have the right to take it back. This is what my Father has commanded me to do."

Prayer:

Loving God, you know us and care for us. Help us to remember that all people are loved by you no matter who they are, and to care for others in the world as you do.

Amen.

House Stars

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

Gabriel	240
Michael	229
Uriel	224
Raphael	237

The Week Ahead: W/C 19th April 2021

Monday 26 th	Tuesday 27 th	Wednesday 28 th	Thursday 29 th	Friday 30 th
Online Safety talks for Years 5 and 6 Year 3 Swimming		Year 1 Hearing and Vision		

