

We're opening our provision for 2 year olds!

We are delighted to announce that our nursery provision for 2 year olds will be opening in September. Further information and admissions details are available on our website for all interested parents. Places are also available for children in receipt of funding for 2 year olds. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

PE Shorts

Please note that uniform PE shorts are required for gymnastics; cycling shorts and leggings are not permitted. Mr Reilly will be calling parents of children who are not wearing the correct kit. Thank you.

Year 4 Norman Day

Year 4 took part in a Norman Day where they participated in activities to help them see what life would have really been like at the time. They sat down at a medieval banquet and ate pottage served on 'stale' bread served with 'wine' and honey. They learned about the different members of society such as lords and ladies and peasants. They also learned more about the Bayeux Tapestry and embroidered different parts using cross and back stitching. If you would like to see photos from the day, please check our Twitter account.

Year 1 Enchanted Woodland

On Monday, year 1 launched their new topic "Enchanted Woodland". They had a fun day exploring the enchanted forest in our school using their senses and getting creative by making dens and using falling treasures to make woodland animals and crowns. In the words of one of the children, "It was the best day ever!"

Guest Speaker – *Understanding and how to maximize your child's health and wellbeing 11 May 10am*

All Nursery, Reception and Year 1 parents are invited to attend an online session with Kim Lambden to find out how to best support your child's health, wellbeing and development. We feel privileged to have secured Kim to carry out this session as she is extremely passionate about young children and ensuring they have the best start to their education. She works nationally sharing her wealth of knowledge and expertise around this topic. N, R and Y1 parents please refer to your previous correspondence for more information about this.



Reading Challenge

It's wonderful to hear from the staff that so many children have already received one or more certificates, and that the children are so excited to share what they have read with their teachers. We are now in the final term of our book challenge, and we are striving for every child to finish the year with at least a bronze certificate! You will find attached to this week's newsletter email the information for parents about the book challenge to keep at home.

Year 5 and 6 Talks

As part of our PSHE curriculum Perryn Jasper from the local authority visited St Catherine's this week to talk to the Year 5 and 6 classes about critical thinking, focusing on fake news, propaganda and conspiracy. He explained how to tell fact from fiction. He touched upon cyber-bullying and the implications of it. We are fortunate to have his expertise in providing children with a balanced perspective of the information children are exposed to in social media.

**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.

Year Group Email accounts:

It has come to our attention parents are still using the year group email addresses, these are no longer monitored. If you need to get in contact with your child's class teacher please email the school office and it will be passed on.

Online Safety: Twitch - a guide for parents and carers

Twitch is a streaming service which is extremely popular among young people. In this blog our partners at Childnet look at what Twitch is and explore some key things for parents and carers to be aware of.

www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/twitch-guide-parents-and-carers

Number Day

We are delighted to be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in their Number Day on Friday 7th May. The NSPCC believes that all children deserve a childhood free from harm but, sadly, that is not the case for many children. That's why the NSPCC is fighting for every childhood and working to help keep children safe from abuse. By raising money, we can help to fund their vital services such as Childline – the helpline that's always there for children and young people whatever their problem or concern.

Number Day is a great way to make maths fun and bring about a positive, 'can-do' attitude towards it.

We will be having lots of maths and number fun at school to raise money to support the NSPCC. To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking for a donation of £1. Donations for the NSPCC Number Day can be made via a special Parent Pay link that will be sent out next week. Unfortunately we will not be accepting cash on the day.

John 15: 1-8

Sunday 2nd May 2021

"I am the real vine, and my Father is the gardener. He breaks off every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and he prunes every branch that does bear fruit, so that it will be clean and bear more fruit. You have been made clean already by the teaching I have given you. Remain united to me, and I will remain united to you. A branch cannot bear fruit by itself; it can do so only if it remains in the vine. In the same way you cannot bear fruit unless you remain in me.

"I am the vine, and you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will bear much fruit; for you can do nothing without me. Those who do not remain in me are thrown out like a branch and dry up; such branches are gathered up and thrown into the fire, where they are burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, then you will ask for anything you wish, and you shall have it. My Father's glory is shown by your bearing much fruit; and in this way you become my disciples.

Generous God,

Support us in all we do as a vine supports its branches, and help us to support and share with others around the world, especially those who are affected by the changing climate.

Amen.

House Stars

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

Gabriel	355
Michael	350
Uriel	313
Raphael	353

The Week Ahead: W/C 3rd May 2021

Monday 3 rd	Tuesday 4 th	Wednesday 5 th	Thursday 6 th	Friday 7 th
May Day Bank Holiday			Year 5 National Archive Workshops	Number Day Year 5 National Archive Workshops



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