

Lateral Flow Testing (LFT)

Lateral Flow Testing is now widely available and should be used on a regular basis where people wish to do so. If however any parent or child displays symptoms of Covid 19, then a PCR test must be booked. Lateral flow testing should not be used where there are symptoms. Please see the information from the DfE which we have attached to the newsletter email. Thank you.

Walk to School Week

It is national Walk to School Week next week. By walking to school, children will be well on their way to reaching their daily recommended amount of physical activity before even reaching the school gates! Not only will it set them up for a positive day in the classroom, but it will also help create healthy habits for life.

The theme of this year's event is 'Walking Superpowers' and through the week, pupils will be introduced to five different Walking Superpowers who will teach them all about these benefits and reinforce the power of walking, superhero style! Each pupil will be challenged to travel sustainably to school every day for one week and log their journeys on a wallchart. Individual activity diaries, daily stickers and end of week pupil rewards will complement this activity, reinforcing the benefits and keeping children engaged.

What do I need to do as a parent/carer? We would ask, if possible, to make arrangements so that your child/children can travel actively to school next week, helping our school reduce congestion and pollution around the school gates. In return, your child will earn special stickers and a badge! Walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling all count! If you live far away from school and need to drive or take public transport, try parking the car or hopping off the bus/train ten minutes away and walking the rest of the journey.

May Processions

May is the month of Mary, and although we are unable to gather as a whole school community we will still be honouring Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth. We will be celebrating with the traditional May procession and flower crowning in our class and year group bubbles on the following dates:

19th May: 6S, Year 5 and Year 1

20th May: 3W

21st May: Nursery and Year 4

26th May: 6S and Reception

27th May: 3F

28th May: Year 2

Please make sure that your child brings in a flower to crown Mary on the appropriate date.

Pupil Voice

Across the school, we have been aiming to promote writing using a range of sentence structures, by introducing Alan Peat's 'Exciting Sentences'. On Monday, Miss Coy had the pleasure of meeting two children from each class in order to hear their opinions on writing. They were so enthusiastic to share their learning with me, and were very confident in explaining which new sentence types they had learnt to use this year! If you have a chance this weekend, do talk to your child about the new sentence types that they have learnt this year and how they have used them in their writing!

Here are some of 6SY's responses:

What does Mental Health mean to you?



This week's Mental Health Week:

This week we celebrated Mental Health Awareness Week where the theme was 'Nature'. Recent National Trust research found a link between having a connection to nature and having improved wellbeing. This week provided a great opportunity for us at St Catherine's to normalise the discussion of mental health and wellbeing. The children enjoyed taking part in many nature themed activities such as Wilderness Survival where they had to discuss basic human needs and survival priorities required to exist in the natural environment and decide which 10 items they would need in order to survive. Other activities included designing a nature themed poster explaining what we can do to look after our own, and other peoples', mental health; and creating a class wordle detailing what mental health means to us.

**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 from 7th June, please log in to www.schoolinterviews.co.uk and use code **6awcf** to request a pattern change from dinners to packed lunch or vice versa. Please ensure this is done by 9am Monday 24th May at the latest. Thank you.

Calling anyone willing to put their DIY skills to good use

We are looking for someone who is looking to put their DIY skills to good use. Our current mud kitchen in the Year 1 learning environment has finally been beaten by the weather and the time has come to replace it. We are looking for the new one to look similar to the pictures below. We will provide all of the materials for you and will work with you to ensure it's a success.



If you can help with any of the above, please get in contact with Mrs Whatley via the school office.

Online Safety Internet Controls:

Knowing how to set up parental controls on your devices and browsers can be a bit daunting and mystifying. Use this page to help you set up controls for your home. Devices you might not have thought of as having internet access or posing an online safety risk are covered such as sky boxes and virgin media devices.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parental-controls-offered-your-home-internet-provider>

A message from Barnet's Autism Advisory Team

Please take time to look over the attached leaflets from Barnet's autism advisory team. They have arranged 2 workshops for parents or carers of autistic children. All details to book are included on the flyer. Please feel free to pass on to friends or families if you feel they may be interested.

John 20: 19-23

It was late that Sunday evening, and the disciples were gathered together behind locked doors, because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities. Then Jesus came and stood among them. "Peace be with you," he said. After saying this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy at seeing the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I send you." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Sunday 16th May 2021

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

O Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful,
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And you shall renew the face of the earth.
O God, who has taught the hearts of the faithful
by the light of the Holy Spirit,
grant that by the gift of that same Spirit
we may be always truly wise
and ever rejoice in his consolation.
Amen.



House Stars

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

Gabriel	271
Michael	303
Uriel	305
Raphael	240

The Week Ahead: W/C 17th May 2021

Monday 17 th	Tuesday 18 th	Wednesday 19 th	Thursday 20 th	Friday 21 st
		9:30 Parent Rep Meeting 6S, Year 1 and Year 5 May Processions	School Photos 3W May Procession	School Photos Nursery and Year 4 May Procession



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