

### St Catherine's needs your help...

We have recently commissioned a new IT consultancy company to support us with the IT systems and hardware we provide within the school. They have found our Wi-Fi to be less than satisfactory and have confirmed the children's class laptops have come to the end of their life, which is understandable given they are now 12 years old.

The PTA Committee have swiftly come to our aid and have agreed to contribute the £20,000 they have raised over the last 2 years with your help and generosity so that we can begin the work of replacing these items.

The cost of replacing the Wi-Fi hardware and 30 laptops with a charging trolley will be £24,500.00 in total.

As a community we would love to work together to raise the £4,500.00 shortfall starting with the Captain Tom Challenge next Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May. We have sent an email with details of this event, so please take a look.

The PTA will be in touch with you all soon to share the events they have planned for the rest of this academic year.

We will also be setting up an account on Parent Pay for parents who may wish to contribute any money you can spare each time you log on to pay for dinner money, clubs or trips.

Each week in our newsletter we will keep you updated with the progress we will hopefully make towards our target of £4,500.

It would be wonderful if we could get our new Wi-Fi and laptops purchased, installed and ready for the new academic year in September.

### Date for Year 6 Diaries

We will be holding our Year 6 Leaver's mass on *Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 5pm*. This is subject to the road map continuing to go ahead on 21<sup>st</sup> June. Depending on the restrictions in place at the time of the event, it may be necessary to put some restrictions in place such as one adult per child, but we will be able to confirm this closer to the time.

### Reminders:

Absences – parents must call the school on **EVERY DAY** of your child's absence, **before 8.30am**. There is an answerphone to take your message at any time.

If you have moved house please ensure your new address details have been passed to the school office.

Year 3 to 6 – if you would like to change your dinner pattern for the next half term, please log in to [www.schoolinterviews.co.uk](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk) using code **xuds5**. This will close on Monday 24th May at 9am to allow us to process the changes.

### Year 2 'Pollution Solution' workshops

Last week, Year 2 were visited via zoom by 'Pollution Solution' a workshop which addresses climate change and pollution. The children loved learning about world pollution, its causes and how to prevent it. They came up with wonderful ideas of how to help the planet and our local area, one of which was to plant more trees and to recycle what we can.

### Reception Dentist Talks

Last week, Mrs Shukri came in to speak to our Reception children about the importance of brushing our teeth as well as how long and how often we should brush them for. The children also learnt about which foods are good for our teeth and which are not so good.

**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.**



### Admissions for 2 Year Old Nursery

The deadline for admissions for our 2 year old nursery is 10<sup>th</sup> June 2021. The forms are available on our website via the link below. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to get in contact with Mrs Franzini, our Admissions Officer.

<https://st-catherines.barnet.sch.uk/admissions/nursery-admissions/>

### 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'. Last week, I 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! Miss Coy.

### Online Safety:

Follow this link to the latest download of Vodafone's digital parenting magazine. It has a useful round up of a number of online safety issues, focusing particularly on what the children themselves are talking about.

<https://www.flipsnack.com/FA7569CC5A8/digital-parenting-by-vodafone-2021-edition/full-view.html>



*Prayer to the Holy Spirit*

*Lord Jesus, as God's Spirit came down and rested upon you, may the same Spirit rest on us, bestowing his sevenfold gifts:  
 First, grant us the gift of understanding, by which your precepts may enlighten our minds:  
 Second, grant us counsel, by which we may follow in your footsteps on the path of righteousness:  
 Third, grant us courage, by which we may ward off the enemy's attacks:  
 Fourth, grant us knowledge, by which we can distinguish good from evil:  
 Fifth, grant us piety, by which we may acquire compassionate hearts:  
 Sixth, grant us fear, by which we may draw back from evil:  
 Seventh, grant us wisdom, that we may taste fully the life-giving sweetness of your love.*

- St. Bonaventure

### John 20: 19-23

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021

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."

### House Stars

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

<b>Gabriel</b>	<b>286</b>
<b>Michael</b>	<b>283</b>
<b>Uriel</b>	<b>259</b>
<b>Raphael</b>	<b>258</b>

### The Week Ahead: W/C 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>
	Captain Tom's Superhero Race PTA Fundraiser	6S and Reception May Processions	3F May Processions	Year 2 May Processions

