

Risk Assessment Update

Thank you for continuing to keep our school community as safe as possible. We will be continuing with the majority of our risk assessments next half term particularly the start and finish times of each year group and the different entrance and exit gates. We will make changes to our playtime and lunchtime arrangements. Bubbles will be increased during these times only to accommodate one other year group so that the children can have a scheduled playtime on the playground and a session in the dining hall for lunch. Nursery and Reception will be combined. Years 1&2 will have their play and dining room session together. Years 3 & 4 will be bubbled together and Years 5 & 6 will be together. The children will be on separate year group tables whilst in the dining hall. If we do have a positive case of COVID we will contact Barnet Public Health who will advise us accordingly. We hope the systems we have in place will prevent an entire bubble having to isolate.

Walk to School Week

We had a fantastic Walk to School Week last week, so many active journeys completed either by walking, scooting, cycling or park and striding. Congratulations to 1Y for completing 149 active journeys cover the course of the week – the most in the school.

Reminders:

Parking - Please park considerately! Do not obstruct our neighbours' driveways. Also if you park in the section of Vale Drive that we then close, we cannot let you out again until the barriers are removed.

Litter - our neighbours have noticed a marked increase in litter in their gardens - please ensure all your litter is taken home with you and disposed of properly, not inadvertently dropped on the way home. Please protect our neighbourhood.

Road closure area - it is vital that the children are kept with you at all times and not allowed to play in the closed road. Emergency and resident vehicles still have right of way through this section and we all need to be vigilant of this.

Water bottles - Covid restrictions mean that our water fountains at school remain closed and it is therefore essential that your child brings a water bottle to school with them every day.



Primary Science Quality Mark

We are delighted to inform you, this week we have received confirmation that we have been awarded our Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM). Mrs Fraser has worked extremely hard over the past 18 months developing a clear vision and supporting staff in developing their subject knowledge and teaching pedagogy within Science. She has also worked with the children to help her understand what the children of St Catherine's enjoy and how we could improve their experiences of the subject. We would like to thank Mrs Fraser for her dedication and the hard work she has put into this to ensure our children at St Catherine's receive high quality Science lessons.

May is the Month of Mary

Over the last two weeks all year groups have taken part in their own May processions and liturgies to celebrate Mary, Queen of Heaven and Mother of the Church. The children sang hymns and asked Mary to pray for us so that like her, we will say 'yes' to God's invitation to share the joy of Jesus with everyone. They brought their flowers to our statue, and crowned her with flowers.

Inter Faith Week

The 7th - 11th June is St Catherine's Inter Faith Week! We will be celebrating the UK's religious diversity, promoting tolerance and understanding of different faith communities and celebrating the shared values between our Catholic community and other faith communities. The class teachers have organised lots of creative activities and workshops for all year groups to make sure that it will be an engaging and memorable learning experience for all the children. Keep an eye on Twitter for some updates across the week!

**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.

Contact Tracing

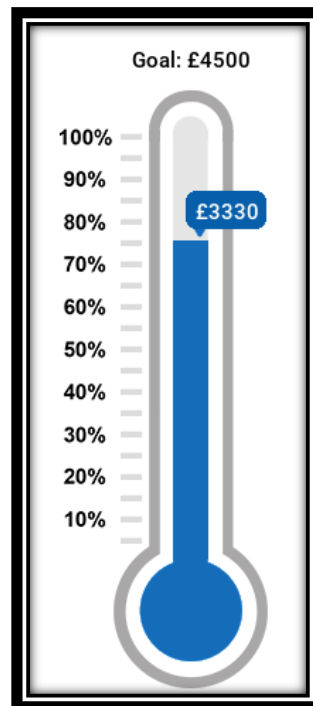
Once again the school is responsible for contact tracing for staff and pupils if they test positive over the holiday period and their symptoms began within the 2 days after school closes. Please ensure that if anyone in your household has symptoms they take a PCR test and report positive cases to the office@stcatherines.barnetmail.net email address. Thank you.

PTA Fundraising Update:

Captain Tom's Superhero Run

It was lovely to see the children dressed as their superhero on Tuesday. The children really used their imaginations, there were a range of heroes from Marvel, our emergency services, sporting heroes and inspirational book characters. Thank you to all the parents for helping to make this event such a success. This event helped us raise £3,330 so far.

We will update the thermometer on a weekly basis so everyone can see the progress we are making towards our target.



Travelling Book Fair

We are pleased to be welcoming the Travelling Book Fair to St Catherine's from 14th- 25th June 2021. Due to Covid restrictions we will send you a list of the titles available for you to browse with your children. Payments will be made online. Please look out for an email with all the essential information coming soon. Happy Reading!

Online Safety: Taming Gaming

We are aware that many parents struggle to monitor and manage their children's computer gaming. Gaming addiction has been recognised as a health disorder by the WHO alongside other addictions such as gambling. It is really important to educate and guide our children towards healthy relationships with gaming. Here is a useful website to help you with ideas.

Three folds of the cloth
yet only one napkin is
there,
Three joints in the finger,
but still only one finger
fair,
Three leaves of the
shamrock,
yet no more than one
shamrock to wear,
Frost, snow-flakes and ice,
all in water their origin
share
Three persons in God,
to one God alone we make
prayer

Author unknown



Matthew 28:16-20

Sunday 30th May 2021

The eleven disciples went to the hill in Galilee where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him, even though some of them doubted. Jesus drew near and said to them, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: baptise them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I will be with you always, to the end of the age."

House Stars

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

Gabriel	436
Michael	420
Uriel	458
Raphael	404

The Week Ahead: W/C 7th June 2021

Monday 7 th	Tuesday 8 th	Wednesday 9 th	Thursday 10 th	Friday 11 th
Children return Inter Faith Week Year 1 Tea Party Judaism Assemblies/Workshops	KS2 Islam Assembly		KS2 Hinduism Workshops	



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