

Hot Weather

It is vital during this hot weather that your child comes to school with their sun cream on, a sun hat and their bottle of water. If your child needs to reapply sun cream during the school day, please put a small pot into their school bag.

Pride Month

The whole of June is Pride month, where people across the world come together to celebrate every member of our global community.

Pride month is a great opportunity for all our children, staff and parents to celebrate diversity and difference in the whole school community. We will be carrying out "being proud" activities throughout the month of June to encourage every child to be proud of who they are as individuals!

Travelling Book Fair

The ever-popular travelling book fair has returned to St Catherine's – in a Covid-friendly format this year. We sent out information via email this week to enable you to place orders for books and stationery from the fair. Once you have paid, just return the order form to the school by the deadline of 23rd June and we will fill the order. Every order made gives the school credit towards books for our library. Pictures of the stationery will be emailed out shortly.

Inter Faith Week

We began Inter Faith Week with an engaging series of Judaism workshops from Ruth Jampel. Each class spent time with Ruth deepening their understanding of the Jewish faith. On Tuesday Key Stage 2 had an introduction to the 5 Pillars of Islam from Imran Kotwal, where they found out about the Shahadah, Salah, Sawm, Zakat and Hajj. On Thursday we were joined by Indriyasha and Krishna Das, who gave Key Stage 2 an introduction to Hinduism through storytelling, dressing up in traditional Indian costume, and other activities related to Hindu worship, culture, values, and lifestyle, including dancing the dandiya rasa dance. Nursery and Reception explored other faiths and cultures through storytelling, music and drama. They baked pakora for Ramadan, built their own Churches, Mosques and Synagogues, dyed their own rice and used it to create Rangoli patterns, and designed henna hands! Year 1 and 2 baked their own challah bread, carved and painted Islamic tiles, practiced mindful meditation and dyed their own Greek Orthodox Easter eggs. All of the children made links between the Catholic faith and what other faiths believe, and all of our visitors were so impressed by the interest and enthusiasm they showed. Thank you to all of the children for really making the most of Inter Faith Week, through their excellent participation and engagement with all of the activities.

Year 1's Tea Party

Before half term, the children in Year 1 received a special royal invitation to have afternoon tea with our monarch, Her Majesty the Queen. On Monday, the Year 1 classrooms were transformed into a royal space, complete with posh tablecloths, tea pots, cake stands, cups, napkins, flower arrangements and dainty treats from all 4 countries of the United Kingdom. Everyone came dressed in their best attire! Everyone had practiced how to bow or curtsy for when they met the Queen. When she did arrive, we all stood up as she entered - listening to the National Anthem. We asked her lots of questions about her life, her family and her hobbies. She told us how many rooms she had at Buckingham Palace and that she had two birthdays! Did you know that the Queens favourite food is ice cream? A huge thank you to Mrs Arnold who made an excellent Queen Elizabeth II. Photos from the day can be found on the Year 1 Teaching Blog on Purple Mash.

**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.

Arts Hub Progress!

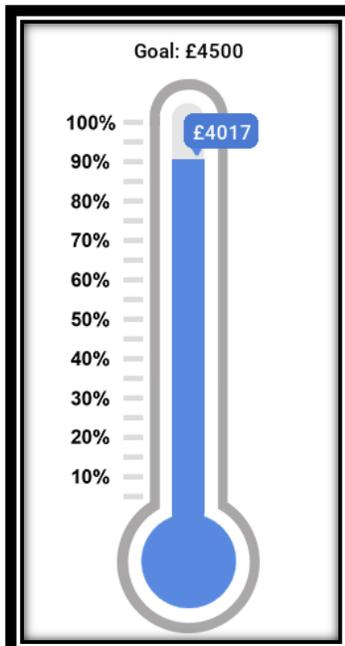
If you have been in Vale Drive this week you will have seen that work to clear the site for the Arts Hub has begun. This is a project that has been in the pipeline for some time and which the PTA raised £90,000 towards. There will be more detailed information coming from the Governors shortly.

PTA Fundraising Update:

Following on from the incredible success of the Captain Tom Superhero fundraising event, where an amazing £4,017 has been raised, there are two further events now coming up:

Cook-along with professional Head Chef Peter Sierant! Saturday 19th June, 4-5pm. See flyer attached to newsletter email for more information.

Fathers and Father Figures Day Sale - £3.50 for a special gift, a card and envelope and a gift bag! Please order via link <https://paypal.me/pools/c/8AbGPBfkmk>. Gifts will be available for collection on Thursday and Friday next week.



Online Safety - Help - My child wants to play games that are too old for them:

For many parents and carers, finding out that your child is playing a game designed for older children can be a worry. You might be concerned about what they are seeing or hearing in the game or about the behaviour of other players. In this blog we will take a closer look at the ratings in games, give you practical ways to respond to your child and signpost places to find alternative games that are more appropriate.

www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/help---my-child-wants-to-play-games-are-too-old-them

Matthew 4:26-34

Sunday 13th June 2021

Jesus went on to say, "The Kingdom of God is like this. A man scatters seed in his field. He sleeps at night, is up and about during the day, and all the while the seeds are sprouting and growing. Yet he does not know how it happens. The soil itself makes the plants grow and bear fruit; first the tender stalk appears, then the ear, and finally the ear full of corn. When the corn is ripe, the man starts cutting it with his sickle, because harvest time has come.

Prayer

God, move me forward in faith. Make me a new person. Fill my heart with love, flood my mind with thoughts of Your holiness and illuminate my soul with Your light. Let Your desires, be my desires. Look to me to do Your will. Sustain me today and forevermore. Amen.

House Stars

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

Gabriel	281
Michael	237
Uriel	287
Raphael	262

The Week Ahead: W/C 14th June 2021

Monday 14 th	Tuesday 15 th	Wednesday 16 th	Thursday 17 th	Friday 18 th
Travelling Book Fair		Year 1 Trip to Tower of London 2H Barnet Countryside Centre	2F Barnet Countryside Centre PTA Father's Day Sale (After school)	PTA Father's Day Sale (After school)

