

Book Fair

Our Travelling Book Fair is open for business and the children have been taking a look at what's on offer in their library visits. If you wish to place an order, please use the order form and payment instructions which we emailed out on 9 June. To help you choose any stationery on offer, there are some pics below:



Year 2's trip to Barnet Environmental Centre

Year 2 had a wonderful trip to the Barnet Environmental Centre this week. The children had a chance to become woodland explorers and learnt all about minibeasts, plants, pond animals, habitats and nature. Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed pond dipping, bug hunting, walking through nature, playing bug games and making lots of wonderful memories together as a class in the sunshine.

Year 1's trip to the Tower of London

Wednesday was a wonderful day for a School Trip! Year 1 had a great time exploring the Tower of London in the sunshine. First we made our way through the Fortress Trail, taking in all the sounds and sights of the City from up high! We spoke to the friendly Beefeaters and asked questions about the Ravens and the Guards. After lunch we headed for the Crown Jewels. This was a highlight for many of our children who recounted this as their favourite part of the trip! Inside we saw so many fascinating items, Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation gown and Crown were a spectacular sight. The children didn't want to leave and have asked for another visit next week! It was quite simply "the best day ever!" Thank you to all our kind parents who volunteered their help on the day!

Teachers 2 Parents School Communications

We have had several families recently who have requested that texts and emails are sent to both parents instead of just one. Unfortunately we are unable to do this and thought it would be worth clarifying this for everyone. The system we purchase has an allowance of 600 contacts, which is enough for one contact for each child in the school plus staff members and governors. We would recommend that emails be set up with an auto-forward rule so that anything received is automatically sent to a partner if you need both parents to receive emails. We realize this cannot be done for texts, but if you wish to switch the person to whom the texts and emails are sent please email the office to let us know. The same person has to receive both emails and texts. Many thanks.

**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.

PTA Fundraising Update:

Thank you to everyone who ordered a gift in our Fathers and Father Figures Day Sale. You have raised a total of £366.52 from this event and the amount will be added in to the total raised for the IT equipment for school. More updates next week!

Settled Status Deadline

We are aware that the deadline for applying to the government for Settled Status in the UK for EU citizens is the end of June. If you or your children are EU citizens please make sure you have acted by the deadline.

Online Safety - *Instagram Allows Users to 'Hide' Likes*

While Instagram is not a suitable social media app for children of primary age, this blog piece highlights an interesting cultural change in the online world that may affect your child's emotional development in relation to other age appropriate apps. The use of likes across a range of platform is now well-documented to adversely impact the mental health of users and can create feelings of inadequacy and anxiety. Well worth a read.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/instagram-allows-users-%E2%80%99hide%E2%80%99likes>

Matthew 4:35-41

Sunday 20th June 2021

On the evening of that same day Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go across to the other side of the lake." So they left the crowd; the disciples got into the boat in which Jesus was already sitting, and they took him with them. Other boats were there too. Suddenly a strong wind blew up, and the waves began to spill over into the boat, so that it was about to fill with water. Jesus was in the back of the boat, sleeping with his head on a pillow. The disciples woke him up and said, "Teacher, don't you care that we are about to die?"

Jesus stood up and commanded the wind, "Be quiet!" and he said to the waves, "Be still!" The wind died down and there was a great calm. Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Why are you frightened? Have you still no faith?"

But they were terribly afraid and said to one another, "Who is this man? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

Prayer:

God of courage, help us to be brave when things are difficult, and to be there for others who are facing hard times, so they may know that they are not alone.

Amen.

House Stars

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

Gabriel	292
Michael	268
Uriel	292
Raphael	288

The Week Ahead: W/C 21st June 2021

Monday 21 st	Tuesday 22 nd	Wednesday 23 rd	Thursday 24 th	Friday 25 th
Travelling Book Fair (all week)			Drama workshops for Nursery – Year 2	

