

A Fond Farewell

As we reach the end of the school year we give thanks for all members of the St Catherine's community. We also say farewell to two teachers who are leaving.

Mr Bell will be moving to work in a school in Islington. Mr Bell started St Catherine's as a peripatetic teacher and then later qualified with us as a class teacher. He has led music throughout his time here and was integral in St Catherine's becoming a singing school. We wish Mr Bell the very best of luck for the future. Plans are already in place to recruit a new music leader for the Autumn Term 2021.

We also say farewell to Miss Pavlou. Miss Pavlou will continue her career in Early Years at a school in Haringey. Ms Pavlou has been a lovely Assistant Head at St Catherine's. Her professionalism and care for the children and families she has worked with has been hugely appreciated.

We welcome Miss Bonfield as new teacher to St Catherine's School. Our Year 1 children and parents may recognise the name due to Miss Bonfield carrying out her teacher training with us this year. She is extremely familiar with our teaching and learning policies and procedures at St Catherine's and is very excited to be working in Year 4 starting in September.

A Message from the Barnet Public Health Team

As we enter the final month of the school year, we would like to ask schools to urge all parents to make sure they have had both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine to protect themselves and their families from COVID-19. Vaccinating people will help drive rates of infection down, particularly a more infectious strain. The coronavirus vaccine can reduce your risk of developing coronavirus and make your symptoms milder if you do get it.

As school children are not able to have the vaccine, it's really important that those around them, especially their parents/carers receive the vaccine so that they are less likely to pass the virus onto children and young people. This will reduce the chance that pupils will test positive and mean that fewer classes will have to close while pupils isolate at home. Having the vaccine will keep them safe and help keep their child at school.

Year 6 Activity Week

Year 6 had an enjoyable and well deserved fun week of activities. We started the week off by visiting the RAF Museum where the children were able to take part in an engaging Air Raid Workshop and see lots of different aircraft up close. The children have really enjoyed our sports afternoons in Barnet fields this week where we have played rounders, cricket, basketball and football. We are grateful to the PTA for funding our pizza afternoon and our visit to the Everyman Cinema where we enjoyed having the entire screen to ourselves to watch Raya and the Last Dragon. The children enjoyed being creative in our paper mache activity and they are looking forward to finishing these next week. We ended our week with a picnic and a visit to Oakleigh Swimming Pool where the children had the opportunity to play Water Polo. Thank you to all of the parents who offered and those who accompanied us on the trips, it is greatly appreciated. We hope that you all have an enjoyable and restful weekend!

Breakfast Club

We are very fortunate to have some lovely members of staff working with the children in our breakfast club provision, and one of them is developing their skills further and moving to another position within the school. This leaves us with a vacancy at the club, so if there is a parent who may be interested in joining the breakfast club team please contact the school office via the email address: office@stcatherines.barnetmail.net.

**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.

St Catherine's Summer Reading Challenge

Last week, children had the opportunity to reflect on the Bronze, Silver, Gold book challenge this year with their class teachers, who then passed their comments on to me. It is evident that the reading challenge has had a positive impact, spurred so many pupils on to read a range of books, and the children have felt a huge sense of achievement with every certificate they received.

We are keen to continue the momentum over the summer with an optional reading challenge!

How to participate

1. Print off the pdf 'summer reading challenge' attachment sent with this newsletter.
2. Put it somewhere visible in the house
3. Cross off each of the 16 circles as they are achieved and write down the name of the book on the back or on a separate piece of paper
4. Return the sheet/list of books read to the new class teacher in September with the child's name on
5. Each completed entry will be put into a raffle - a reception/KS1 raffle and a KS2 raffle.
6. If your entry is pulled out, you will win a £5 Waterstones voucher!

Lost Scooters

It has come to our attention that there are 8 scooters in our storage rack that have been there for the majority of this term. If you have misplaced a scooter, please email the school office with a description of it and we will ensure it is returned to you.

Dinner Pattern Changes for Autumn Term – Reminder

Parents with children currently in year 2 to year 5 can go online to www.schoolinterviews.co.uk and use the event code **gee7b** to register a change of dinner pattern, which will start in September. **Online change requests will close on Thursday, 15th July at 4pm.** If you miss this opportunity to change your child's dinner pattern the next window will be in October to start after half term in November.

Mark 6: 7-13

Sunday 11th July 2021

Jesus called the twelve disciples together and sent them out two by two. He gave them authority over the evil spirits and ordered them, "Don't take anything with you on your journey except a stick—no bread, no beggar's bag, no money in your pockets. Wear sandals, but don't carry an extra shirt." He also said, "Wherever you are welcomed, stay in the same house until you leave that place. If you come to a town where people do not welcome you or will not listen to you, leave it and shake the dust off your feet. That will be a warning to them!"

So they went out and preached that people should turn away from their sins. They drove out many demons, and rubbed olive oil on many sick people and healed them.

Prayer:

*God of love, help us to share your love with others. Open our hearts so that we might welcome all who are in need and do our best to make sure that all people have enough.
Amen.*

House Stars

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

Gabriel	406
Michael	379
Uriel	399
Raphael	364

The Week Ahead: W/C 12th July 2021

Monday 12 th	Tuesday 13 th	Wednesday 14 th	Thursday 15 th	Friday 16 th
10am Y6 Leavers Mass 3:30 New Reception Visits		3:30 New Reception Visits 3:15 – 4:30 Years 4 and 5 Girls Football Trials 3F Environmental Centre Trip	3W Environmental Centre Trip	

