

### Welcome to Reception and Nursery children

This week we welcomed our final cohort of Reception and Nursery children to St Catherine's. We hope they have had a lovely start to St Catherine's School. We are incredibly lucky to have such wonderful families join the St Catherine's community.

### Covid Advice and Actions

Since the summer the advice we receive from Public Health, the DfE and the LA has changed. Please ensure the following:

**If your child is unwell:** Do not send a sick child into school. If they have one of the 3 symptoms (cough, temperature, loss of taste or smell), you must book a PCR test and isolate them until the result comes back. If negative, they can return to school.

**If a family member tests positive:** ALL members of the household should take a PCR test and stay at home whilst awaiting the results. If the child's result is negative they can return to school, but please keep a distance from the positive case at home, monitor the child closely for symptoms and take daily lateral flow tests during the person's isolation period.

**If a lateral flow test is positive:** This must be followed up with a PCR test as soon as possible (within 2 days). The person should isolate whilst awaiting the result and if negative can return to school or if positive should isolate.

All positive cases from a PCR test will be contacted by Test and Trace and advised of the end of their isolation period.

We recommend that families take regular lateral flow tests twice a week, which are available free from any pharmacy.

The school is ensuring we are following all the current guidance and is working closely with Public Health England. We are unable to give out information about individual cases to other parents. We are being extremely vigilant and will continue to contact parents with up to date information if and when the number of cases in a class increases.

### Prospective Parent School Tours

We will be holding school tours for prospective parents on the dates listed below. Please call the school office to book a place on your preferred tour (020 8440 4946). Due to COVID we have a limited number of places available for each tour. We also ask for all visitors to wear a mask when on the school premises. We look forward to seeing you!

Friday 1st October at 10am

Monday 18th October at 1:45pm

Monday 15th November at 10am and 6pm

Thursday 7th October at 1:45pm

Monday 8th November at 10am

### Parent Partnership

The first Parent Rep Meeting will be held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 9:30am on Zoom.

In this meeting we will go through the Parent Rep Handbook and discuss the importance of this role in bringing all members of our community together.

We shall then meet again on 23<sup>rd</sup> November by Zoom to discuss ideas for this academic year.

Thank you to those parents who have already put their names forward. The Deputy Heads and I feel very lucky to have such supportive parents who are prepared to take on this commitment!

We look forward to seeing you on 19<sup>th</sup> October!

### Harvest Festival 2021 (Chipping Barnet Foodbank)

Harvest Festival is celebrated throughout the month of October, where farmers and growers give thanks for a successful harvest season. At St Catherine's we want to give to those less fortunate in our local community. This Harvest, we are appealing for donations of dry, tinned, long-life goods such as – tinned food (vegetables, fruit, meat, fish) – spreads (jam, honey etc.)- long-life milk, juice and drinks – dried pasta – cooking sauces – condiments – tea and coffee – rice – cereal- toiletries. We will be donating to the Chipping Barnet Foodbank as our charity this year. Please send in your Harvest donations on your designated day:

**Friday 1st October** - Rec & Yr 6 donations

**Monday 4th October** - Yr 1 & Yr 5 donations

**Tuesday 5th October** - Yr 2 & Yr 4 donations

**Wednesday 6th October** - Nursery & Yr 3 donations

**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.**

## Online Safety – Digital 5-a-day

Since lockdown, children (and adults) have been using devices and the internet more than ever. This is nothing to feel bad about. These devices have provided children with a way to complete school work, catch up with friends and family and have fun! However, it is important that children are reminded of how to make sure they are using devices in a healthy way. The Digital 5-a-day outlines this and helps children stay safe online and protect their mental well-being. The Digital 5-a-day is:

**Connect**

**Be Active**

**Get Creative**

**Go To Others**

**Be Mindful**

To find out more, visit: <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/digital/5-a-day/>

*Generous God, we thank you for creating such a beautiful world. May we do all that we can to protect it for all people today and in the future. Amen.*



## Attendance for W/C 6<sup>th</sup> September

*Our target attendance is 97%*

This week's winners are:

**EYFS: RN**

**KS1: 2W**

**KS2: 3G**

RN	98.57%
RG	96.10%
1Y	96.62%
1F	99.00%
2W	100.00%
2F	96.07%
3B	97.00%
3G	99.00%
4N	94.18%
4B	90.88%
5C	98.51%
5MG	97.32%
6S	95.52%
6Sy	96.07%



## Year Group Mass

Each year group will be hosting Mass this academic year. We are pleased to announce that Parents will be invited to celebrate Mass and join us in the main hall at 9am on a Tuesday morning. Please note your Year Group Mass dates:

Year 6 - Tuesday 16th November 9a.m.

Year 5 - Tuesday 18th January 9a.m.

Year 4 - Tuesday 25th January 9a.m.

Year 3 - Tuesday 1st February 9a.m.

Year 2 - Tuesday 8th February 9a.m.

Year 1 - Tuesday 10th May 9a.m.

Reception - Tuesday 17th May 9a.m.

Nursery - Friday 1st July 11a.m.

## Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48 Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021

John said to him, "Teacher, we saw a man who was driving out demons in your name, and we told him to stop, because he doesn't belong to our group."

"Do not try to stop him," Jesus told them, "because no one who performs a miracle in my name will be able soon afterwards to say evil things about me. For whoever is not against us is for us. I assure you that anyone who gives you a drink of water because you belong to me will certainly receive his reward."

## House Stars

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

<b>Gabriel</b>	<b>131</b>
<b>Michael</b>	<b>180</b>
<b>Uriel</b>	<b>137</b>
<b>Raphael</b>	<b>120</b>

## The Week Ahead: W/C 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>
Yr 4 Swimming	Meditation with Fr John (Yr 6)			10am Parent Tour



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