

Reminders

PARKING: Please could we remind parents that they should not park over resident's driveways when parking at the start and end of the day. Thank you.

DINNERS: Year 3 to 6 – if you wish to change your dinner pattern after half term please do so by Wednesday 20th at 9am, using code **rnwch** on www.schoolinterviews.co.uk.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS: Years 2 to 6 please book your consultation appointment on www.schoolinterviews.co.uk using code **68pw3** by Monday 18th at 9am.

COVID: Please continue to be vigilant for symptoms of Covid and seek a PCR test if you or your child has any of the main symptoms: Cough, temperature or loss of taste or smell. Thank you

PTA News

Photo Shoot: There are just a few slots left for the photo shoot on Saturday 6th November, please email the PTA address (below) to book.

Christmas Cards: The children have been busy designing their own Christmas cards which will be sent home with them next week to finalise. Please see the flyer attached to the newsletter email for full instructions on how to place an order. Artwork will need to be returned to class teachers and all orders placed by Thursday 4th November. The PTA receives a direct contribution for every order placed. Any queries please email ptastcatherinesschool@gmail.com

Reception and Year 1 Coffee Morning: the coffee morning for Reception and Year 1 parents is on Friday 22nd October, 9-10:30am, at St Peter's Parish Centre, 63 Somerset Road. It would be lovely to see lots of you there!

All Souls Day Mass - Tuesday 2nd November

On the day the children return after half-term, KS2 will be going to Church for 10am Mass. Year 3 and 4 will be going to St Peter's Church. Year 5 and 6 will be going to St Gregory's. The children will be leaving school at 9am. As always, we welcome offers of help to accompany us to Church. Please let us know if you are able to accompany us on **Tuesday 2nd November** by contacting the School Office.

Harvest Festivals

Thank you dear parents and families for your generosity with your Harvest Donations over the past few weeks. Victoria and Sonia, who are volunteers from Chipping Barnet Foodbank, came to collect our offerings. Chipping Barnet Foodbank is part of The Trussell Trust's network of 428 foodbanks, working to tackle food poverty and hunger in our local communities, as well as across the UK. Sonia spoke to our Year 3 children about the work that she does as a volunteer and how she helps in providing emergency food to people in crisis. Year 3 had lots of questions to ask and were eager to learn and understand how this will help local people. Thank you!

KS2 New Year Masses

On Tuesday we welcomed both Fr John and Fr David to St Catherine's as we celebrated our New School Year Mass for Years 3&4 and 5&6. The theme of Tuesday's Mass was "Share the Light." We know how important it is to live our faith and follow Jesus' examples and teachings. Each of us can share the light of Jesus every day! We asked for God's blessing for this school year and reflected on the fact that each of us can make a difference by how we treat each other. Well done to the children in 6S for reading so beautifully and to all the teachers for their contributions and preparations in celebrating Mass at St Catherine's in person again!

Mental Health Day

On Friday 8th October we celebrated 'World Mental Health Day' at St Catherine's. The theme this year was 'Mental Health in an Unequal World' and we all discussed what that meant and why looking after our Mental Health is important. We thought about ways in which we could boost others Mental Health whilst also ensuring that we are monitoring and caring for our own. All of the classes enjoyed revisiting this topic and all the children completed an activity linked to this day.

**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 – Squid Game

Squid Game is a programme found on Netflix and although it has a 15 rating, clips and images from the show have been uploaded on to social media sites such as TikTok. It has been reported that children with access to these social media platforms have inadvertently viewed explicit scenes from the programme. Online challenges based on the show have also been seen, where people take part in seemingly innocent children's games. However, on the show, characters are executed when they lose a game. Videos of people re-enacting this are going viral online. There is also a Squid Game Challenge app, sometimes also known as K-Game challenge. What's particularly notable is that the iTunes story rates this game as 12+ whereas the Android rating is only 3+, meaning young children may be able to download the device even when parental controls are in place. If you hear your child talking about Squid Game, it would be a timely opportunity to remind them that the program is not intended for children and contains many scenes that could be extremely upsetting. Remind your children not to download apps without permission, even when parental controls are set up.

Servant God, show us how we can help others, so that all members of our global family can live free from hunger and poverty.



Attendance for W/C 4th October

Our target attendance is 97%

This week's winners are:

EYFS: RN

KS1: 2F

KS2: 3G

RG	94.52%
RN	98.65%
1F	98.30%
1Y	96.58%
2F	100.00%
2W	96.88%
3B	95.64%
3G	99.33%
4B	98.65%
4N	97.99%
5C	97.97%
5MG	93.96%
6S	97.97%
6Sy	94.83%



Mark 10: 35-45

Sunday 17th October 2021

Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus. "Teacher," they said, "there is something we want you to do for us."

"What is it?" Jesus asked them.

They answered, "When you sit on your throne in your glorious Kingdom, we want you to let us sit with you, one at your right and one at your left."

Jesus said to them, "You don't know what you are asking for. Can you drink the cup of suffering that I must drink? Can you be baptized in the way I must be baptized?"

"We can," they answered.

Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink the cup I must drink and be baptized in the way I must be baptized. But I do not have the right to choose who will sit at my right and my left. It is God who will give these places to those for whom he has prepared them."

When the other ten disciples heard about it, they became angry with James and John. So Jesus called them all together to him and said, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the heathen have power over them, and the leaders have complete authority. This, however, is not the way it is among you. If one of you wants to be great, he must be the servant of the rest; and if one of you wants to be first, he must be the slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served; he came to serve and to give his life to redeem many people.

House Stars

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

Gabriel	533
Michael	408
Uriel	601
Raphael	599

The Week Ahead: W/C 18th October 2021

Monday 18 th	Tuesday 19 th	Wednesday 20 th	Thursday 21 st	Friday 22 nd
Year 4 Swimming 1:45 Prospective Parent Tours	9:30 Parent Partnership Meeting	6pm Reception Curriculum Meeting (Zoom)	KS2 Friendship Workshops	



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