

Thank you for all your help and support this half term. It has been wonderful to welcome children into the playground in the morning and be able to dismiss classes at the end of the day. Coming together as a school community at these times has contributed to the positive start to the school year. I have particularly enjoyed being able to speak to parents at the beginning and at the end of the day after so many months of separating into bubbles. If you have any questions or queries the Deputies and I are more than happy to answer them during this time. Thank you also for being so vigilant in recognising COVID symptoms. We appreciate that it is a huge inconvenience keeping your child at home and waiting for a negative PCR test but this has been integral in helping our school to remain open. We have had a high number of absenteeism amongst the staff this half term relating to COVID. Despite having between 7 to 10 members of staff absent on any given day we have still been able to keep all classes open. As we approach the colder months please help us to continue to reduce the risks of spreading COVID so that we can provide the children with consistent teaching and learning in school. Have a lovely break next week and I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 2nd November 2021.

Uniform Reminder

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct winter uniform after half term. Girls may wear navy trousers or navy skirt/pinafore. Boys should be in grey trousers. Black school shoes should be worn with the school uniform - not trainers. Your support in making sure our children are smartly dressed in accordance with our uniform policy is greatly appreciated.

Parent Reps 2021-2022

We were delighted to hold our first Parent Rep meeting of the year, last Wednesday, and welcome some new faces. We had a number of parents from EYFS who put themselves forward for the role, some being new parents to the school, and therefore we thought it would be an opportunity to meet and discuss the role in detail with those parents before the representative for each class is chosen. We look forward to welcoming the Reception and Nursery class reps to our next meeting.

As you can see from the table below, we currently have a number of classes/year groups who are currently not represented, we do like to work in partnership with you so if anyone would like to volunteer please let the office know. We usually meet on Wednesday mornings, once a half term and this is currently held via Zoom.

1F	Lynne Holtum (Alexander Chesterton)
2F	Fiona Winters (Saoirse Winters)
3W	<i>Vacant</i>
4B	Donna Holland (Sophie Holland)
5C	Serena Horgan (Darcie Ivers)
6S	<i>Vacant</i>

1Y	Rhian Moore (Ellis Fostel)
2W	Ailish Burke (Saoirse Burke)
3F	<i>Vacant</i>
4N	Hannah Johnson (Olivia Johnson)
5MG	Eve Fox (Toby Fox)
6Sy	Sharon Cooney (Joseph Urtone)

Just One Tree Day

It was amazing to see everyone wearing their green items of clothing to support Just One Tree last week. Each year group in the school also took part in a special activity that highlighted the importance of growing trees to protect our environment. Lots of children have told me how much they enjoyed learning about how they can protect our environment. The total amount raised was £283. Thank you once again for donating such a fantastic amount and for making the day such a success.

School Travel Plan

Thank you for all those who have taken part in our JTA competition so far and who have submitted their 'Be Bright Be Seen' high-vis jacket designs! We are looking forward to seeing what your marvelous imaginations have come up with. We will be meeting to choose the winners from each year group after half term, so get in your submissions as soon as you can! The JTA team: Lyla, Ava-Rose, Daniel, Asha, Erin, Sienna & Amelie.

Twitter

If you're on Twitter please do not forget to follow us using the Twitter handle @StCatherinesEN5. We regularly post what the children have been up to and retweet information we think might of use to you. As a result of our GDPR questionnaire, we are pleased that we are able to include pictures of some of our children – Keep an eye out for your child!

**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.

Message from the PTA

The Christmas Card project: Please see the flyer attached to last week's email for full instructions on how to place an order for your child's artwork to be printed on Christmas cards. Artwork should have come home this week and will need to be returned to class teachers and all orders placed by Thursday 4th November. The school receives a direct contribution for every order placed. If you have any queries please email ptastcatherinesschool@gmail.com.

Online Safety – Net Aware

Net Aware is produced by the NSPCC and offers support and guidance for parents on online safety matters. Here you can search for any apps or games that you would like more information on and look for advice on any specific concerns. You will also find the latest apps and trends listed to help you stay up to date and able to engage in important conversations about online safety with your children.

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

*Christ Jesus, help us to see
what we can do to make a
change, so that our world
may be a fairer place for all.
Amen.*

Attendance for W/C 11th October

Our target attendance is 97%

This week's winners are:

EYFS: RN

KS1: 2F

KS2: 4B and 4N

RG	94.38%
RN	98.30%
1F	96.91%
1Y	97.21%
2F	99.44%
2W	97.67%
3B	98.31%
3G	98.87%
4B	99.44%
4N	99.44%
5C	94.13%
5MG	96.05%
6S	98.29%
6Sy	97.75%



Mark 10: 35-45

Sunday 24th October 2021

They came to Jericho, and as Jesus was leaving with his disciples and a large crowd, a blind beggar named Bartimaeus son of Timaeus was sitting by the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus! Son of David! Take pity on me!"

Many of the people scolded him and told him to be quiet. But he shouted even more loudly, "Son of David, take pity on me!"

Jesus stopped and said, "Call him."

So they called the blind man. "Cheer up!" they said. "Get up, he is calling you."

He threw off his cloak, jumped up, and came to Jesus.

"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him.

"Teacher," the blind man answered, "I want to see again."

"Go," Jesus told him, "your faith has made you well."

At once he was able to see and followed Jesus on the road.

House Stars

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

Gabriel	405
Michael	381
Uriel	400
Raphael	407

The Week Ahead: W/C 1st November 2021

Monday 1 st	Tuesday 2 nd	Wednesday 3 rd	Thursday 4 th	Friday 5 th
INSET Day	8:40am Children return All Souls Day Masses for KS2	Year 4 Gardening Club starts Year 4 Consultations NB Zoom details for meetings will be sent on the day	Diwali Workshops Year 3 Consultations NB Zoom details for meetings will be sent on the day	Diwali Workshops Year 6 Consultations Boys Football v Alma



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