

Maths Week

This week we have celebrated Maths Week which is all about building children's confidence, nurturing a love of maths and sparking an interest in a subject that impacts all of our lives, every day. We all took part in a whole school challenge called 'I'm Eight' where we had to represent the number 8 in a variety of ways. Some children wrote their own addition and subtraction sums whereas other children decided to use multiplication, division and even BIDMAS.

Discussion in talk partners as well as a whole class has been invaluable when sharing responses to some 'I'm Curious' questions as well as discussing 'Where is the Maths?' in some pictures (like the one attached). All in all, we have thoroughly enjoyed being creative problem solvers!

Where is the Maths in that?



Are you having any trees cut down this Winter?

We would love to add some logs to our Forest School area on the field. If you're having any trees cut down, please get in contact with Mrs Whatley via the school office.

Nativities

This Christmas we will be filming the Christmas Nativities in the school hall. Unfortunately we are unable to invite parents into the school to watch the performances due to the number of COVID cases we continue to have in our school community.

So that families can have access to this special event in the school calendar we have commissioned Black Cat Videos to film each of the performances. For families who are not familiar with our Christmas performances we have 5 Christmas nativities/concerts every Advent.

Nursery will perform their own nativity, as will Reception. Years 1 and 2 will perform a nativity together as KS1, Lower KS2 (Years 3 and 4) will come together to perform their nativity and Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 and 6) will perform their Carol Concert to end the school year.

Each of the performances will be available for parents to watch via a link free of charge for 24 hours. For those of you who wish to purchase a DVD or Flash Drive (USB) you will be able to order these in advance of the filming and you will receive the DVDs/Flash Drives before the end of term.

Black Cat will be able to combine a number of performances onto either the DVD or Flashdrive so that you do not need to buy multiple DVDs or Flash Drives if you have more than one child across the school. Please bear in mind there may be a limit to the number of productions on the Flash Drive (if you have more than 2 children) but we will ensure this is clear to you on the order forms that will be distributed.

We had hoped that we would be in a position to welcome you all into school. However we will be unable to keep 120 families safe in the hall where there is limited ventilation and no opportunity for social distancing.

We are grateful we are able to bring year groups together in their phases so that children have the opportunity to sing and perform together.

By having a professional company film each of the performances we hope this will provide you with this special memory in your child's school year which can be viewed again and again and shared with extended family.

Thank you so much for your support and understanding.

Year 3 Trip – Stone Age Day

Year 3 went to Waltham Abbey Gardens to learn all about the life of Stone Age people. They looked at how the Stone Age period covered a vast amount of time on a timeline, tried 'cave painting' under candlelight, started their own fires and practised being hunter gatherers in the park area. They also looked at replicas of Stone Age tools and teeth and claws of Stone Age animals.

Dates for Your Diary:

Monday 22nd November - Class photos

All children must arrived at school in their school uniform, if it's your child's PE day, please put their PE kit in their bag.

Monday 13th December – Carols in the playground

We would like to welcome parents to join our Reception to Year 6 children in the playground at 3pm to sing carols. We hope this will be a joyous occasion where we can come together as a school community.

**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.

Appointments during School Hours

If your child needs to attend a medical appointment during school hours, please ensure you send notification via email to the office in advance, attaching a copy of the appointment confirmation for the records. Thank you.

Year 6 Mass

We are looking forward to celebrating Year 6 Mass on Tuesday 16th November at 9am in the Main Hall. We are inviting one Parent/ Carer per family. Please can we ask you to use hand sanitiser upon entering St Catherine's and wear a face covering when walking to and from the Main Hall.

Lord, the red of the poppy is like the red of the blood shed by so many in the wars of the last century. We remember members of our family who were directly involved in those wars, some in the armed forces, some left behind. We remember the injury, trauma, death, courage, fear - lives changed forever. We give thanks for those who were prepared to pay the highest price of all. Amen.



Online Safety – Snap Chat

Evidence has shown that the Snapchat app is rising in popularity again with new settings like the spotlight feature and extensions like Hoop engaging new or previous audiences again. Snapchat is a picture sharing app, where users can share images with friends they have added and can also post pictures to their story for all their friends to see. While exciting for children, it can still pose many risks. The app is rated as 13+. It is important that if older children are using the app, they are only sharing with their friends, never posting to spotlight, they have location services switched off and they are aware of how to remove or block anyone that upsets them. The spotlight feature poses additional risks as videos from people who are not necessarily in your friend list appear on your feed. It is important to remind children that although these videos are filtered by Snapchat, there could still be some harmful or upsetting content.

Attendance for W/C 1st November

Our target attendance is 97%

This week's winners are:

EYFS: RN

KS1: 2F

KS2: 3B

RG	95.26%
RN	98.31%
1F	96.67%
1Y	97.50%
2F	98.73%
2W	98.25%
3B	100.00%
3G	95.83%
4B	98.74%
4N	99.16%
5C	98.39%
5MG	99.17%
6S	99.33%
6Sy	99.57%



Mark 13: 24-32

Sunday 14th November 2021

"In the days after that time of trouble the sun will grow dark, the moon will no longer shine, the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers in space will be driven from their courses. Then the Son of Man will appear, coming in the clouds with great power and glory. He will send the angels out to the four corners of the earth to gather God's chosen people from one end of the world to the other.

"Let the fig tree teach you a lesson. When its branches become green and tender and it starts putting out leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, you will know that the time is near, ready to begin. Remember that all these things will happen before the people now living have all died. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

"No one knows, however, when that day or hour will come—neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son; only the Father knows."

House Stars

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

Gabriel	442
Michael	489
Uriel	432
Raphael	488

The Week Ahead: W/C 15th November 2021

Monday 15 th	Tuesday 16 th	Wednesday 17 th	Thursday 18 th	Friday 19 th
Odd Socks Day 10am and 6pm Prospective Parents Tour Y4 Swimming 1pm Y2 Music Festival	9am Y6 Mass	Y6 Animal Workshop		Children in Need Y4 Potions Day



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