

St Catherine's Primary School

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Year 1 Superhero Day

We had a great day on Tuesday having our very own Superhero Day! The children came to school dressed as their superhero selves! We spent some time discussing real life superheroes, historical heroes such as Rosa Parks and Florence Nightingale. We talked about the qualities we have that make us everyday superheroes and even got to sample some superhero superfoods. We had fun making our own stick superhero in Forest school and have created our own Fact Files about our superhero selves. You don't always need super powers to be an everyday superhero!

Christmas Cards

As we prepare for Christmas, we know that lots of you take this opportunity for your children to do some purposeful writing by writing Christmas cards. To avoid upset in the classroom, we ask that you encourage your child to write one card for their whole class or write to everyone in their class. The class teacher will be happy to provide you with a class list if you require one. If you choose to write to only a few children within the class, please could you arrange for these to be handed out after the children have been dismissed. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Unite the Uniforms – Friday 3rd December 2021

On Friday 3rd December 2021, schools, colleges, and universities across the UK are being invited to hold a unique non-uniform day in honour of the millions of people who have served in the NHS and emergency services. This is part of a campaign called #UniteTheUniforms for the @999Cenotaph.

The campaign will see students invited to wear the colours of the emergency services (red, blue, green or orange) and donating £1 towards building the UK's first 'Emergency Services Cenotaph' which is supported by His Royal Highness The Duke of Cambridge, the Prime Minister and First Ministers of NI, Scotland and Wales.

How to support:

- Text 'Hero 1' to 70500 to donate £1. If you would like to donate more than £1, visit www.999Cenotaph.org.uk
- All the money donated will go towards making the national monument a reality.

We receive 100% of the money donated. Please do add on GiftAid if you can (it means the Government gives us an extra 25p for every £1 you donate – at no extra cost to you!). You can find the terms and conditions for donating at www.999Cenotaph.org.uk/UTU



St Catherine's Day

Yesterday we commemorated St Catherine's day with Mass for KS2 led by Fr John and Fr David. All the children enjoyed celebrating as it is such a special day for our community in coming together and remembering St Catherine for who she was and what she believed in. A huge thank you to the PTA also for providing the celebration biscuits and the wonderful St Catherine's keyrings!

Epiphany Mass - Thursday 6th January 2022

KS2 will be going to Church for Epiphany Mass on Thursday 6th January. Year 3 and 4 will go to St Peter's Church for 10am Mass. Year 5 and 6 will be going to St Gregory's for 1.45pm Mass. As always, we welcome offers of help to accompany us to Church. Please let us know if you are able to accompany us, by specifying which Mass you're able to attend by Friday 10th December. Please contact Mrs Arnold in the School Office via email or phone.

Appeal for Pre-loved Recorders

A recorder is often the first instrument a child learns and many children move on to other instruments and their recorders then gather dust in a drawer. If this has happened to a recorder in your house, please consider donating it to the school. We have a class set of recorders but a few of them are in poor condition and we'd love to replace them. Thank you.

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.

DVD Form

Last week each family should have received a DVD/Plashdrive order form for the Nativity performances. If you didn't, please download and print by clicking <u>HERE</u>. All forms need to be returned to the office by <u>Wednesday 1st December</u>. On this occasion, we will not process orders that are sent in via email.

PTA News and Events

There will be a **Christmas Jumper Coffee Morning** at St Peters on Fri 10th December, 9.15am. All welcome, see flyer attached to newsletter email for more details.

Last chance to order a **Christmas Tree** via the PTA – deadline 1st Dec for 11th Dec delivery.

Bonus Ball – this will be running on 4th December – please see the PTA flyer for details of how to enter. Don't miss your chance to win £250!

Parent Survey

We sent a link out via text this week for this year's parent survey. Please complete it by Friday 3rd December. Thank you in advance.

Online Safety - Roblox

Roblox is a game that is extremely popular amongst primary school aged children. Whilst it is mostly considered to be safe and has a rating of 7+, there are still a few things to be aware of. Players have different safety settings and experiences based on their age so it is important that your children sign up with their real age. It is also vital that you check the privacy settings in the app to ensure that your child is only able to chat to their friends and not strangers.

Attendance for W/C 15th November

Our target attendance is 97%

This week's winners are:

EYFS: KS1: KS2:

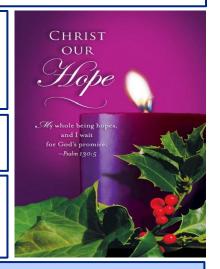
RG	94.64%		
RN	96.28%		
1F	94.56%		
1Y	96.00%		
2F	96.64%		
2W	98.24%		
3B	97.97%		
3G	98.33%		
4B	100.00%		
4N	92.23%		
5C	97.33%		
5MG	99.00%		
6S	98.64%		
6Sy	94.93%		

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Children in Need

Thank you for all of your generous contributions last week to Children in Need. In total, we raised an impressive £495.50.



Loving God, may your love be with us always and bring peace and joy to all people around the world, as we wait in hope for the coming of your Son Jesus.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36

Sunday 21st November 2021

"There will be strange things happening to the sun, the moon, and the stars. On earth whole countries will be in despair, afraid of the roar of the sea and the raging tides. People will faint from fear as they wait for what is coming over the whole earth, for the powers in space will be driven from their courses. Then the Son of Man will appear, coming in a cloud with great power and glory. When these things begin to happen, stand up and raise your heads, because your salvation is near."

"Be on your guard. Don't let yourselves become occupied with too much feasting and drinking and with the worries of this life, or that Day may suddenly catch you like a trap. For it will come upon all people everywhere on earth. Be on the alert and pray always that you will have the strength to go safely through all those things that will happen and to stand before the Son of Man."

House Stars

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

Gabriel	571	
Michael	438	
Uriel	565	
Raphael	491	

The Week Ahead: W/C 29th November 2021

Monday 29 th	Tuesday 30 th	Wednesday 1 st	Thursday 2 nd	Friday 3 rd
Year 4 Swimming	Rec – Year 6 Flu Spray Yrs 5/6 Confessions	Year 6 Carol Service at Westminster 7:30pm PTA Meeting	Yrs 5/6 Confessions	Unite the Uniform Day Yrs 5/6 Confessions