

Early Finish on Friday 17th December

As planned, we will be dismissing the children early on Friday 17th December. Nursery dismissal arrangements will be sent to nursery parents in a separate email. If your child is in Years 5 or 6 and is normally an **independent traveler** we will require permission, in writing, via office@stcatherines.barnetmail.net in order to let your child walk home independently. Please ensure this permission has reached us by the end of the day on Thursday 16th December.

After School Clubs and Taster Sessions (code for booking is vz6qd on www.schoolinterviews.co.uk)

On Wednesday you received an email informing you the After School Sports Clubs are now open for booking. You will notice that we have swapped around some of the clubs as well as the year groups the clubs are offered too. Our aim is to expose as many children to the different sports as possible, if your child has enjoyed a particular sport from this term and they don't have the opportunity to do it next term, please get in contact with Mrs Whatley and she will direct to clubs in the local area. The clubs we are offering for the Spring term are:

* Denotes new clubs

Monday: Musical Theatre (R & Y1), Tennis (Y3&Y4), Golf* (Y5&6)

Tuesday: Fencing (KS2), Football (Y2,Y3&Y4), Tennis (Y5&Y6)

Wednesday: Karate (R,Y1&Y2), Fencing (Y3&Y4), Archery* (Y3&Y4)

Thursday: Pilates (KS2), Karate (KS2), Football (R&Y1), Dodgeball* (Y5&Y6)

Friday: Street Dance (Y1,Y2&Y3), Tag Rugby (KS2)

Unite the Uniforms – Friday 3rd December 2021

It was fantastic to see the children dressed in red, blue, green and orange today in support of our emergency services. Please don't forget to make your donation of £1 by texting 'Hero 1' to 70500. If you wish to donate more you can do so by visiting www.999Cenotaph.org.uk. The money collected will go towards building the UK's first 'Emergency Services Cenotaph'.

Year 6 Trip to Westminster

Year 6 had a wonderful afternoon in Victoria on Wednesday. We visited Westminster Cathedral and enjoyed the awe and wonder of our surroundings as well as the Advent Carol Service led by the Catholic Children's Society. It was a beautiful and special occasion to mark the countdown to Christmas. Thank you to Sienna and Tom for representing St Catherine's during the presentation of gifts and a big thank you to all our adult helpers who joined us for the afternoon.

Year 5 Trip to Lea Valley for a Mindfulness and Nature Art Day

Year 5 enjoyed a trip to Waltham Cross for a day outdoors exploring art in nature. Although it was cold, we were wrapped up warm and with blue skies above, we made the most of our day outdoors in beautiful surroundings! Some of our activities included how to make sounds and rhythms with the syllables in our names using sticks and making bookmarks by transferring the colour of leaves onto material. We practiced mindfulness when we played a fun game called 'Meet a Tree' and even used some of our lunch for another task! Did you know that leaves turn yellow and brown because in Autumn and Winter the tree stops food and water getting to the leaf so they die and fall off the tree? We used these leaves to make our own butterfly images and left them for others to admire.

Dinner Pattern Change Requests (Please use code nnrfy on www.schoolinterviews.co.uk)

If your child in year 3 to 6 wishes to change from school dinners to packed lunch or vice versa in January please do so using the above details by Friday 10th December at 4pm. Thank you.

After School Club Pantomime

If you'd like your child to attend the After School Club (ASC) Pantomime (Solar Express) on Thursday 9th December, please book them in to Session 1 and 2 of ASC on ParentPay and once the booking is processed an additional £2 charge will also be added for you to make. Due to the length of the Pantomime, there will be no collection after session 1, however Nursery children are still to be collected at 5:15 and their siblings will be dismissed at this time too.

Birthday Reminder

If your child has a birthday and you wish to send something in for the occasion, please send in fresh fruit for the class or one book for the class to enjoy.

**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.

Reporting Absence

If your child is going to be absent from school you must TELEPHONE the school office. There is an answerphone on the line so please leave a message if we can't take your call. The answerphone is on 24 hours a day. Thank you.

PTA News

Christmas Raffle! The PTA are raising money for the school with a Christmas raffle. Tickets cost £2 each. Prizes include luxury hampers filled with festive food and drink, some exclusive beauty products and vouchers for beauty treatments and a fitness class. Text Silvia on 07713 742 036 for your chance to win one of these great prizes!

If you would like to donate any goodies for the hampers, the PTA will gratefully receive them in the playground at drop-off on 9th and 10th December. We are looking for decent bottles of wine/spirits, good quality chocolates/biscuits/festive treats (long life), fancy tea/coffee and any wicker baskets! Thank you.

Merciful God, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the people for the coming of your Son, Jesus. Help us to get ready as well. Lead us to make positive changes in our lives and the lives of others around the world. Amen.

Christmas Jumper Day Fri 10th December for Save the Children

The children may wear a Christmas Jumper on this day or any normal jumper with some festive decoration added to it. There is no need to buy a jumper just for the day. £1 donations can be made via Parentpay from Monday.

Have you heard of Ollee?

Ollee is an app which is a digital friend for children aged 8 -11.

Ollee helps families have those tricky conversations – and gives children advice and support when they need it. Please see the attachments to this week's email.



Online Safety – New Devices

At this time of year, you may be considering getting your child their first device. Something to always bear in mind, is how you set the device up in terms of security and privacy. Taking time to sit down with your child and do this together may be beneficial as it will help you both get to know how the device works, allow you to implement safe search filters on search engines such as Google, set up in-app purchase restrictions and use the device settings to set up agreed upon restrictions like screen time and app limits.



Attendance for W/C 22nd November

Our target attendance is 97%

This week's winners are:

EYFS: RN

KS1: 1F

KS2: 3G

RG	91.33%
RN	97.65%
1F	99.00%
1Y	96.67%
2F	94.22%
2W	98.93%
3B	97.30%
3G	98.66%
4B	96.67%
4N	93.43%
5C	97.74%
5MG	94.00%
6S	98.00%
6Sy	98.60%



Luke 3: 1-6

Sunday 5th December 2021

It was the fifteenth year of the rule of the Emperor Tiberius; Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip was ruler of the territory of Iturea and Trachonitis; Lysanias was ruler of Abilene, and Annas and Caiaphas were High Priests. At that time the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the desert. So John went throughout the whole territory of the River Jordan, preaching, "Turn away from your sins and be baptized, and God will forgive your sins." As it is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

"Someone is shouting in the desert:
'Get the road ready for the Lord;
make a straight path for him to travel!
Every valley must be filled up,
every hill and mountain levelled off.
The winding roads must be made straight,
and the rough paths made smooth.
The whole human race will see God's salvation!"

House Stars

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

Gabriel	425
Michael	401
Uriel	466
Raphael	432

The Week Ahead: W/C 6th November 2021

Monday 6 th	Tuesday 7 th	Wednesday 8 th	Thursday 9 th	Friday 10 th
Year 4 Swimming	Yr1 Trip (Arts Depot)	Golf Taster sessions (Y5&6) Christmas Dinner		PTA Coffee Morning (St Peter's) 9am Christmas Jumper Day



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