

Whole School Pantomimes

As we are unable to go ahead with the Searching for Santa (EYFS) and Jack and the Beanstalk (KS1 and KS2) pantomimes this week, the company have kindly offered us recordings of two of their pantomimes from last year for the children to watch. The children will watch these on Wednesday afternoon and we invite the children to wear their party clothes to school on this day and bring a small treat and drink (e.g. a small pack of Haribo / crisps and a small carton of juice) for them to enjoy during it. On this occasion, we are allowing soft sweets, however we ask that you ensure the snack is nut free and drinks aren't fizzy.

We have arranged for the company to visit us in January to show several performances of Sleeping Beauty for the whole school.

Carols on the Playground Update

As communicated in our newsletter on Fri 12th November, we plan to go ahead with our 'Carols in the Playground' from 3pm on Monday 13th December. We welcome parents of all year groups from Nursery to Year 6 on to the playground to come and listen from 3pm to some of the festive songs from the nativities that the children have worked so hard to perfect over the past weeks. We will finish with a whole school Christmas carol. There will also be some warm drinks and mince pies available for a voluntary donation. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as can make it. Please remember to wear face masks on the playground!

Year 1 Trip

Year 1 had a marvelous time on their school outing to the Arts Depot on Tuesday. We saw The Tiger Who Came to Tea live on stage! The children had their first experience on a coach and were very excited. We have since written recounts about our first school trip and are looking forward to some more trips out in the New Year!

Early Finish Reminder

The school will finish at 1.30pm on Fri 17th December. 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.

Christmas Jumper Day – Save the Children

It was lovely to see the festive spirit amongst the children today as they wore their Christmas jumpers. If your child wore something to support Save the Children, please don't forget to log into your ParentPay and make a donation. As at lunchtime on Friday £246 has been raised.

KS2 Parents – We need your help!

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 ASAP. Please contact Mrs Arnold in the School Office via email or phone.

PTA Christmas Raffle

Final chance to win a prize in the PTA Christmas Raffle! There are beautiful festive hampers to be won as well as some luxury beauty products and amazing beauty treatment gift vouchers. The winning tickets will be drawn on Thursday 16th December, just in time to enjoy your gifts over the holidays! Text Silvia to order your tickets 07713 742 036. Good luck!

**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.

Christ Jesus, as Christmas approaches, we look forward joyfully to your coming. Help us to share what we can so all people may have what they need. Amen.



Attendance for W/C 29th November

Our target attendance is 97%

This week's winners are:

EYFS: RN

KS1: 1Y

KS2: 5C

RG	92.36%
RN	93.15%
1F	96.00%
1Y	98.67%
2F	85.03%
2W	95.80%
3B	94.97%
3G	94.52%
4B	97.00%
4N	95.00%
5C	97.08%
5MG	93.33%
6S	94.63%
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Dinner Pattern Change Requests Reminder (Years 3 to 6)

Please use code nrrfy on www.scholinterviews.co.uk if you wish to change your child's dinner pattern for the spring term 2022. This closes at **9am Monday 13th December**.

Online Safety – WhatsApp

WhatsApp is widely used by children to communicate with individual friends and as part of groups. However, a risk for children and young people using WhatsApp is being added to group chats where they don't know the others in the group, which may increase the chance they come across upsetting or disturbing messages. To prevent your child being added to groups by people they don't know, you can change the group chat settings from 'Everyone' to 'My Contacts Except...'. This setting means only your child's phone contacts except those that you select can add them to groups. By selecting all contacts, it means that nobody should be able to add your child to a group chat without first sending them an invitation.

Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36

Sunday 12th December 2021

The people asked [John the Baptist], "What are we to do, then?"

He answered, "Whoever has two shirts must give one to the man who has none, and whoever has food must share it."

Some tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what are we to do?"

"Don't collect more than is legal," he told them.

Some soldiers also asked him, "What about us? What are we to do?"

He said to them, "Don't take money from anyone by force or accuse anyone falsely. Be content with your pay."

People's hopes began to rise, and they began to wonder whether John perhaps might be the Messiah. So John said to all of them, "I baptize you with water, but someone is coming who is much greater than I am. I am not good enough even to untie his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. He has his winnowing shovel with him, to thresh out all the grain and gather the wheat into his barn; but he will burn the chaff in a fire that never goes out."

House Stars

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

Gabriel	385
Michael	310
Uriel	383
Raphael	510

The Week Ahead: W/C 13th December 2021

Monday 13th	Tuesday 14th	Wednesday 15th	Thursday 16th	Friday 17th
3pm Carols in the Playground	Y2 visit to Barnet Museum	Party clothes, snack and virtual Pantomimes		1:30pm Finish



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