

### A message from Miss Kelly

Well done everyone on making it to the end of this term. Thank you so much for being so cooperative in helping to minimise the spread of COVID in our school community. We appreciate that at times our procedures and guidelines have been a huge inconvenience to many of you but please know we are incredibly grateful for all your help. On behalf of all the staff at St Catherine's we wish you a very safe, healthy and happy Christmas. May the Christmas message of peace and hope shine brightly in your homes. Have a wonderful start to 2022 and we look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 5th January 2022!

### Carols on the Playground

Thank you to all of you who joined us on Monday to listen to the Christmas carols in the playground. It was lovely to all come together in a safe way to enjoy the songs the children have been learning for their Christmas performances. We were delighted that we were able to raise £394 which will go into the school fund and will contribute to the purchasing of resources for the children.

### PTA – Raffle Winners

PTA Christmas raffle winners announced! We are delighted to congratulate the following winners who have won some lovely festive hampers and other treats to enjoy over the Christmas break:  
Alannah (nursery), Kiaan (reception), Jeremiah (Y1), Sofia (Y1), Lily (Y1), Luke & Georgia (Y2), Jan (Y2), Michaela (Y4), Adam (Y5), Betty (Y6), Betsy (Y6), Mirren (Y6), Georgia (Y6), Sam (Y6).  
We raised a total of £616 for the school! Thanks to everyone who bought tickets and a special thank you to the parents, staff and St Kiernans Gaelic Football Club who generously donated items for the hampers. We really appreciate your amazing support in raising funds for the school!

### After School Clubs

You should by now have received an email letting you know whether or not a place has been secured for your child in each of the clubs for which you applied (except choir – Mrs Draper will be in touch in January for this). If you have not heard, please email the school office. We still have spaces available in some of the key stage 2 clubs (years 3 and above) and have reopened the bookings on [www.schoolinterviews.co.uk](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk) using code **yejra**. This will be open until 9am Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January and we will let you know that week if you have secured a place. Unfortunately all the clubs for Reception, year 1 and year 2 are now full.  
Payment for the clubs is being loaded onto Parentpay and should be available shortly, please ensure payment is made by w/c 10<sup>th</sup> January. Thank you.

### Forest School

For the Spring Term, Years 2, 3 and 4 will be doing Forest School with Mrs Grace. This has been a huge success this term with the other year groups as the children have loved taking their learning outdoors. It can get muddy down in the forest, so please do feel free to send your child in with their wellies on the day they are doing Forest school.

*Tuesdays: 2F, 4B and 4N  
Wednesdays: 2W, 3B and 3G*

**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.**

### Online Safety - London Grid for Learning (LGfL) DigiSafe

There will be a Live drop-in for parents on Monday 20th December 7pm on the @LGfLDigiSafe channel talking about staying safe online and offline too – what to worry about and what not, and how to have tricky conversations at home. You can sign up by heading to facebook.com/LGfLDigiSafe/posts where you can click 'interested'/'going' on the post to receive a reminder when it is about to go live. During this event, they can support you in what you need to know about any new devices you may be buying for Christmas both in terms of risks and opportunities.

May this Christmas day be full of peace within your heart. May you be reminded of new birth, and of redeeming love. May you dwell within each moment and savour all you have. May you find hope and power to pray for things that make you sad. May your heart be ever thankful and your faith rise up high in praise. May you know you're loved and treasured on this very special day.

### Luke 1: 39-45

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

Soon afterwards Mary got ready and hurried off to a town in the hill country of Judea. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby moved within her. Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and said in a loud voice,  
"You are the most blessed of all women, and blessed is the child you will bear! Why should this great thing happen to me, that my Lord's mother comes to visit me? For as soon as I heard your greeting, the baby within me jumped with gladness. How happy you are to believe that the Lord's message to you will come true!"

### Attendance for W/C 6<sup>th</sup> December

*Our target attendance is 97%*

This week's winners are:

**EYFS: RG**

**KS1: 1F**

**KS2: 4B**

RG	92.57%
RN	91.47%
1F	98.30%
1Y	94.83%
2F	87.77%
2W	87.60%
3B	95.12%
3G	92.48%
4B	99.33%
4N	97.20%
5C	96.50%
5MG	98.18%
6S	81.72%
6Sy	86.96%



### House Stars

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

<b>Gabriel</b>	<b>389</b>
<b>Michael</b>	<b>374</b>
<b>Uriel</b>	<b>333</b>
<b>Raphael</b>	<b>682</b>

### The Week Ahead: W/C 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2022

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>
Bank Holiday	INSET Day	Children return ASC Pantomime	Sleep Beauty Performance (Whole School) 10am Y3&4 Epiphany Mass (St Peter's) 1:45pm Y5&6 Epiphany Mass (St Gregory's)	



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