



St Catherine's

Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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Class 1W Mass

Year 1W celebrated their class Mass this week led by Fr John.

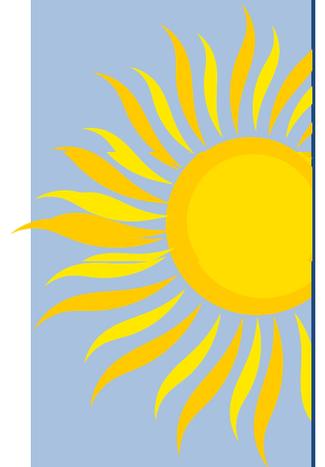
It was a wonderful warm sunny morning both inside and outside the classroom. Many commented on what a wonderful atmosphere it was. The children were beautifully behaved and sang their hymns with great enthusiasm.

Thanks to all the parents who joined us and helped us. Mrs Whyatt did an amazing job of setting up in Mrs Ainger's absence. Thank you to Fr John who kindly made sure everything was perfect for the children.

Goodbye from Mrs Pace

Since beginning my St. Catherine's violin teaching in the early 1990's, I have enjoyed working with many children and watching their progress and growth. Particularly pleasing have been the numerous pupils who have gone on to enjoy their music at secondary school and beyond.

I shall be retiring from St. Catherine's at the end of this term and will miss everyone, both pupils and staff. "BEAT" (Barnet Education Arts Trust), in co-operation with the school, will ensure a smooth transition to a new teacher so that string playing at St Catherine's can continue to thrive in the years to come.



The Week Ahead – After Half Term

June 2017

Monday, 5th

Dick Baily Football Final

Tuesday, 6th

Wednesday, 7th

- Y6 Junior Citizenship Trip
- Cricket Tournament Y5&6

Thursday, 8th

7pm Drama Production

Friday, 9th

7pm Drama Production

Notes from the Headteacher



Welcome Back Year 6!

We welcome back our Year 6 children who have spent a very sunny week in Osmington Bay. They couldn't have asked for better weather. They were certainly blessed this week.

I'm sure the Year 6 parents will join me in thanking all the St Catherine's staff who left behind their families this week to look after the year 6 children. We are lucky to have such a dedicated team of staff at St Catherine's who provide the highest care for all the children.

I'm sure the staff and the Year 6 children will be looking forward to a well earned rest during the half term break.

Holy Communion

Over the last few weeks we have mentioned children who received their first Holy Communion. I would like to congratulate a lovely pupil who made his First Holy Communion in Italy over a weekend, without missing any school! Congratulations to Giulio in 3H. Giulio and his family joined St Catherine's in September. they have been a wonderful addition to our school. We ask Giulio and all the children who have made their First Holy communion, that they carry the Lord's blessings and love with them forever.

School Uniform

Thank you for ensuring that your child is wearing the correct uniform to school. The governors and visitors to the school have commented on how smart the children look in the correct St Catherine's uniform. Please be mindful that we would like all children to follow our hair-style policy. Shaved heads with markings or lines are not permitted, and nor is long gelled hair on top.

Currently girls wear summer dresses and boys wear grey shorts. For upper key stage 2 it is optional to wear shorts. As discussed in Parent Rep Meetings from the Autumn term children in Year 1 and Year 2 will be required to wear grey trousers (boys) and navy skirts (girls).

The jogging bottoms and hoodies will be worn on PE days only. If its warm on PE days both girls and boys can wear shorts. Skorts will no longer be part of the St Catherine's girls uniform as of September 2017.

We may continue to have the sunny warm weather in September - if that is the case we will start the Autumn Term in Summer dresses (KS1 & KS2 girls) and shorts for (EYFS, KS1 and Lower KS2 boys). This is optional for boys in the Upper KS2 boys.

Wishing all of our children and staff a relaxing and peaceful half term break!

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.

Rights Respecting Schools

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, or UNCRC, is the basis of all of *Unicef's* work. It is the most complete statement of children's rights ever produced.

Article 24: *Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, and a clean environment and education on health and well-being so that children can stay healthy.*

Article 34: *Governments must protect children from all forms of abuse and exploitation. These articles are closely linked to the visit of the **NSPCC** in June after half term.*

Finally, thank you to everyone who supported the Day for Change by sending in their loose change to make a difference. As stated last week the money that we raise will be matched pound for pound by The Power of Nutrition, a charitable foundation – meaning the impact of your fundraising will be even greater. We raised in excess of £100!

Thy Kingdom Come – Global Prayer Movement 25th May-4th June 2017

If you have not made a 'Pledge to Pray' during this period log on to the 'Thy Kingdom Come' website. With each pledge a dot is lit on a world-wide map. Please visit the website below and join in this global prayer movement.

<http://rcdow.org.uk/faith-thy-kingdom-come-2017/>

NSPCCs Speak Out – Stay Safe Programme

We have invited The NSPCC to St Catherine's to deliver the **NSPCC's Speak out. Stay Safe Programme** on **Monday 12th June**. We will be working once again with the NSPCC, the UK's leading children's charity. This is a nationwide programme for every primary-school-aged child in the UK and Channel Islands. With the help of their friendly mascot Buddy, they'll be presenting an assembly to the children in our school. They will give our children information about how to keep themselves safe from harm and how to get help if they have any worries. . By the end of their visit, we are convinced children will feel empowered – knowing how they can speak out and stay safe. They will also be leading workshops with year 5 & 6 only.

School Council

The School Council and Steering Group will be meeting after half term to draw up an action plan based on the ideas put forward by our children. Mrs Ainger has planned a visit to Argyle Primary School in June to look at the Global Curriculum they have implemented throughout their school.



One of the parents in our Parent Partnership Meetings suggested we have a contact list for parents to look through to see who they need to contact regarding any queries they have. We have compiled the list below which I hope you will find helpful. Please do not hesitate in contacting us if you have any questions, queries or concerns. We are happy to help you.

Contact List

If you have any questions or queries relating to any of the areas below please contact the following members of staff via email, marking it for the attention of (name) on office@stcatherines.barnetmail.net where they will be happy to help you.

- School Dinners & Catering – Mrs Ward Welfare Assistant
- Issues with payment of all school charges (not technical), debt letter responses – Mrs McKenzie School Business Manager
- Club bookings (After school, breakfast, activities), inc late bookings, childcare voucher bookings, music lesson bookings, ParentPay issues (technical or other), School Interview questions (online registration for clubs, school dinners or other) – Mrs Lewis School Administrator
- Admissions enquiries (school and nursery) – Mrs Deegan, Admissions Officer
- Music Lessons – Mr Bell (Music Leader) via music@stcatherines.barnetmail.net
- Prayer Services, Masses and links with parishes, Residential Trips – Mrs Ainger (Deputy Head)
- Special Educational Needs or Pupil Premium – Miss Matteoni Inclusion Leader
- Sports and Sports Premium – Mrs Mirza PE Leader
- Attendance & Holiday requests, Behaviour & relationships – Mrs Isaacs Pastoral Leader
- Safeguarding – Miss Kelly, Mrs Ainger, Miss Matteoni and Mrs Isaacs The Safeguarding Team
- Medical – Mrs O’Sullivan Senior Medical & First Aid Officer
- Classroom & Learning – Your child’s class teacher
- EYFS systems & procedures – Mrs Aldridge Assistant head & EYFS Leader
- KS1 systems & procedures– Miss Carrick KS1 Leader
- KS2 systems & procedures – Mrs Van de Abbeele KS2 Leader
- Whole School Procedures – Miss Kelly Headteacher & Mrs Ainger Deputy Head

SCHOOL OFFICE BULLETIN BOARD

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - YEAR 2 PARENTS MUST READ THIS

Current Year 2 Lunch Arrangements for September 2017

As we come to the end of the year it is necessary for Year 2 parents to now consider whether you wish your child to continue with school dinners next term or move to packed lunch. The Universal Infant Free School Meal scheme has covered the costs of your dinners up until the end of July but when your child starts Year 3 in September school lunches will be charged at £10.75 per week or £2.15 per day. There are 3 options:

1. bring in pack lunch 5 days per week
2. have school lunch 5 days per week
3. have school lunch 1 day a week on a Friday.

The school will ASSUME you are staying on school lunch 5 days per week at a cost of £10.75 per week unless you change your dinner pattern using our online system School Interviews where you will be presented with dinner pattern choices and will need to select ONE. Details of how to log on to this system will be provided after half term.

Peripatetic Lessons Years 3-6

St Catherine's provides termly, in blocks of 10, individual tuition for a variety of musical instruments. Tutors are supplied by the Barnet Education Arts Trust (BEAT), and run in conjunction with all the additional ensembles and music centres across the Borough.

We have changed our process for booking instrumental lessons, which takes effect immediately after half term. All new and existing students who wish to book music lessons will now be able to do this using the online booking system School Interviews. Parents will be notified in advance when online booking is 'open and closed' and will be sent an 'event code' to allow them to make their booking, view prices and see terms & conditions.

Please go to St Catherine's website using this link for further information:

<http://st-catherines.barnet.sch.uk/curriculum/music1/peripatetic-information/>

Playground Equipment

Gentle reminder – please can all parents be aware that children playing on the playground equipment prior to the start of the school day and after handover at the end of the school day do so at their own risk.



Congratulations! Stars of the week are:

Imogen 1K
 Freddie 1W
 Kila & Jessie 2B
 Gracie-May 2C
 JLloyd 3H
 Joseph 4D'A
 Martyna 4D
 Holly 4Y
 Ella 5C

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
 Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
 where there is injury, pardon;
 where there is doubt, faith;
 where there is despair, hope;
 where there is darkness, light;
 and where there is sadness, joy.



O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
 to be consoled as to console;
 to be understood as to understand;
 to be loved as to love.
 For it is in giving that we receive;
 it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
 and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen



Weekly House Stars



210

Gabriel



361

Uriel



272

Raphael



299

Michael

How is your Class Attendance?

Attendance return from 22nd May to
 26th May 2017.

Class	% Attendance
1K	95.33
1W	98.67
2B	95.33
2C	96.00
3H	96.67
3I	98.00
4D	96.00
4D'A	100.00
4Y	90.34
5B	96.45
5C	96.67
6C	On Trip
6V	On Trip



Our weekly target is
 96%
 This weeks target
 achieved is 96.33%



Congratulations! Playground Awards of the week are:

Freddie, Emily 1W
 Lorena 2B
 Murya & Daniel 2C
 Dalia 4D'A
 Alessandro & Wesley 4D
 Sadie & Michele 4M