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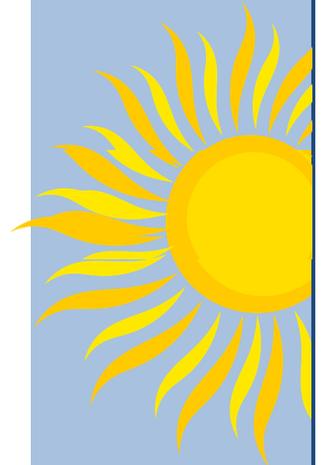
Class 1W Prayer Service

Thank you to Class 1W and Mrs Whyatt for leading a special prayer service on Monday about 'Friendship'. They all spoke clearly and gave a very important message about how to be a good friend. They ended their prayer service with a beautiful song. It was lovely to see so many parents attend this special gathering. We are extremely proud of all the children.

Reception Mass

Thank you to Father Oliver for coming to celebrate Mass. It was wonderful to welcome so many of our Reception parents and younger brothers and sisters on Wednesday. The children were extremely excited. They sang beautifully and read the prayers confidently.

The readings were especially chosen to show how great God's love is for his children. The Gospel reading reminded us of one of God's commandments- "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." The children have had an amazing year in Reception and they are looking forward to continued happiness in their new class "Loving and learning together as Jesus taught us."



The Week Ahead

July 2017

Monday, 10th

- Class 2B Prayer Service

Tuesday, 11th

- Open Day

Wednesday, 12th

- 2pm First Holy Communicants
Celebration Mass with Parents

Thursday, 13th

Friday, 14th

- 11am Nursery Service & Picnic
- Yr3&4 Celebration Assembly

KS1 Sports Day

Last Friday, Year 1 and 2 took part in the KS1 sports day. The children were put into teams in their houses and enjoyed cheering each other on. The carousel of activities allowed children to work as a team and apply the skills they practise in their PE lessons. A special thank you to the Year 5 children who helped on the day and demonstrated excellent leadership skills. Well done to Gabriel for winning, Michael missed out on 1st place with only 2 points less. Thank you to all the staff that helped on the day and the parents that came along and supported.

First Holy Communicants

Congratulations to Adel, Amelie, Lois, Tiago, Isabella T, Luca B, Lucas G, Carlo and Lucas M who made their First Holy Communion on Sunday 2nd July at Mary Immaculate and St. Gregory's. All of the children looked beautiful and once again the atmosphere in the church was one of a true community. It was a truly joyous occasion for all our children and their families and friends! We look forward to the final mass this coming Sunday.

KS2 Sports Day

On Monday, our Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 children walked to The Totteridge Academy for their sports day. The children competed against the other children in their class to earn points for their house. It was a lovely morning and fantastic to see all the children participating in physical activity with such enthusiasm and determination. The morning ended with a girls and boys relay race. The children in each year group met within their house and decided which boy and girl they wanted to represent them in the relay race. The children that were voted to represent their house did extremely well and they had the full support of each house. Thank you to all the staff for helping on the day as well as TTA sports leaders. Scores have been calculated and the winners will be announced in a special assembly.

Notes from the Headteacher – Autumn Term 2017



*Miss Kelly
Headteacher*

Class Prayer Services and Class Masses – Reception to Year 6

We would like to increase the number of prayer services from Reception to Year 6. The prayer services are lovely occasions where the children, staff and parents come together as a class family. The atmosphere at these occasions is so positive and truly reflects the ethos and mission statement of St Catherine's School.

There will now be 3 occasions in the year, **a class mass and 2 prayer services** where parents from each class are invited to come and see their child's class lead us in worship. We have scheduled one of these events per term (for example: Autumn Term: Prayer Service; Spring Term: Class Mass, Summer Term: Prayer Service). A timetable for the whole year will be released in September giving parents maximum notice of the dates. We hope by giving more notice more parents will be able to plan to attend these special events. I would really appreciate your support in our new approach and welcome many more of you to the class events next year.

Liturgical Celebrations

The class masses and prayer services are in addition to the following; which will be celebrated with parents/carers:

- Christmas Nativities /Concerts
- Masses on Holy Days of obligation
- Welcome and Leavers Masses
- Holy Communion Celebration Mass
- May procession

Celebration Assemblies and Certificates

From September all the celebration assemblies will take place on Fridays during the school day. They will now be in-house occasions for just the children and the staff.

We are no longer going to be choosing certificates to give to the children as we feel it's unfair for children to have to wait all year to receive one. For the children who don't receive one until late in the year we're giving them a very mixed message especially if they have been fantastically behaved and have been a positive learner all year. Parents have also approached staff to ask when their child will be getting a certificate. With 30 children in a class it takes a while to work our way through a list.

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*Miss Kelly
Headteacher*

Certificates continued

We would like to try a different approach for the next academic year. Each class will be given time every Friday morning to talk with their “Talk Partner” about what they are proud of in their learning and behaviour this week. When each class attends their Key Stage Celebration Assembly names will be selected at random and the children will have the opportunity share this conversation about their learning with everyone, supported by their Talk Partner. Stickers will be given and their name will be in the newsletter for that week. Children could be called up more than once, but we will keep a track of this. The aim is to encourage children to reflect and talk about their learning and achievements with an audience. Anyone who has an external award (e.g. swimming or karate medal) can also bring them to the celebration assembly so their achievements can be recognised too.

Thank you for your Continued Support

I would like to thank all parents for their continued support, but in particular the Parent Partnership team who represent your child’s class, and with whom I have consulted about the changes outlined above. The constructive work the Parent Partnership do is invaluable. Change is challenging, but by continuing to work together St Catherine’s will go from strength to strength.

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 – UNICEF UPDATE

UNICEF works in 190 countries and territories to protect the rights of every child. UNICEF has spent 70 years working to improve the lives of children and their families. Defending children's rights throughout their lives requires a global presence, aiming to produce results and understand their effects.

All children have a right to survive, thrive and fulfil their potential – to the benefit of a better world. At St Catherine's we firmly believe this and do all we can to make a difference.

School Council

The School Council will meet on Friday 14th July to celebrate the amazing year we have had. This is an opportunity to thank each one of them for their enthusiasm and commitment on the School Council 2016/2017. On our return to school in September new School Council representatives will be elected. Some of our present School Council representatives are keen to join the steering group for RRS as we will be losing several of our group as they move on to secondary school.

E-Safety: How to Protect Your Children on their Mobiles

<https://www.tigermobiles.com/2015/05/how-to-protect-your-children-on-their-smartphone/>

Josh David - Computing leader



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St Catherine's Open Day
Tuesday, 11th July

- 11.30am** Gates open for parent signing in (nursery gate only)
- 12pm** Picnic in the playground / field
- 1pm** Open air String Group performance
- 1:15pm** Children to their classrooms for registration
- 1:30pm** Parents to their child's classroom(s) for activities
- 2:40pm** Parents move to playground
- 2:45pm** Children to the playground for the dance finale
- 3pm** Children to return to class (parents remain in playground)
- 3.15/3.20pm** Dismissal as normal
- 4pm** School reopens for parents and children to visit current classroom to see displayed work, next year's classroom and view school. Please enter via main office.
- 6pm** Open Day ends. Please sign out as you leave.

Please ensure that if you are in the school after 4pm your children remain with you at all times, as there will be normal clubs taking place in the school grounds / halls and these must not be disrupted.

****Please note this event is not for prospective parents to tour the school****

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*** YEAR 2 PARENTS FINAL OPPORTUNITY***

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.

See below for school interviews dinner pattern change instructions.

FINAL OPPORTUNITY – School Dinner Pattern Change Request Starting Autumn Term 2017

The office no longer receives verbal or written change requests for school dinner patterns.

Parents with children currently in year 2 to year 5 only can go online www.schoolinterviews.co.uk and use the **event code *pc2gf*** to register for a dinner pattern change, which will start in the Autumn Term.

*****Online change requests will close on Monday, 10th July*****

The new dinner patterns will take effect on **Monday, 4th September (start of Autumn Term)**. If you miss this opportunity to change your child's dinner pattern the next window will be in October.

If you are currently in Year 2 and will be in Year 3 in September and do not register your dinner pattern by the deadline then the school will ASSUME you are staying on school lunch 5 days per week at a cost of £10.75 per week.

*****When registering your child's dinner pattern change enter your child's CURRENT year*****

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.

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Early Finish at End of the Term

The school will be finishing at **1.30pm** on **Thursday, 20th July**. ALL children will need to be collected by their parents or carers at 1.30pm. If an adult other than the parent is collecting your child you will need to inform the school office. Independent travellers are required to bring in written permission to walk home at 1.30pm by **Monday, 17th July**. Please note there will be no afterschool club on this day as the school will be closed.

Year 6 Leavers and ParentPay

Please could all year 6 parents and carers ensure that they:

- **CLEAR ALL** outstanding charges, and pay particular attention to charges accrued in our previous school payment system 'Schoolmoney'. If you still have schoolmoney debt this will be listed in your ParentPay account as a **Schoolmoney Debt Transfer** payment item. Families, with this outstanding debt have been contacted by letter.
- Pre-pay dinners and out of hours clubs in full in the next couple of weeks (by 14th July at the latest), to cover the period up to and including the last day of term, Thursday, 20th July.

Clearing debt and making pre-payments for the school services listed above will ensure we are not having to chase for payment on the last day, as your ParentPay account with St Catherine's will close on this date.

Please be assured that any credit left on the account will be refunded or transferred to a sibling on or before the last day. If the credit came from childcare vouchers this will be moved to a sibling or returned back to your voucher provider.

New Reception Children September 2107

Starting the new academic year in September, Reception children will be able to use the breakfast club and afterschool club services provided by the school. These **must** be pre-booked on ParentPay at least 24hrs in advance of using the service. Bookings can be made for up to one term in advance.

Children currently in Nursery who will be moving up to Reception already have a ParentPay account and will have received an activation letter for this account when they started in Nursery.

All ParentPay accounts must be activated by September. Parents who have not activated their account will be contacted again in September and re-issued their username and password. New Reception children will be issued with an activation letter.



Congratulations! Stars of the week are:

Kenny 1K
 Riley 1W
 Dominik 2C
 Kaosi, Fern, Daniel & Milo 5B
 Kar Meng, Ovyva 5C
 Aaliyah, Sammy, Allen & Scarlett 6C
 Henry, Lucia 6V



We have been chosen to follow Jesus.
 Using the gifts given to us by the Holy Spirit
 We commit ourselves to Him and one
 another,
 To work, learn & pray together,
 To do nothing alone that we can do better
 together.
 To serve the needy.
 Amen

Weekly House Stars



173

Gabriel



161

Uriel



152

Raphael



259

Michael

How is your Class Attendance?

Attendance return from 3rd July to 7th
July 2017.

Class	% Attendance
1K	98.00
1W	95.33
2B	93.00
2C	98.00
3H	97.00
3I	99.33
4D	92.67
4D'A	98.67
4Y	98.62
5B	96.13
5C	97.67
6C	95.33
6V	94.67



Our weekly target is
96%
This weeks target
achieved is 96.49%



Congratulations! Playground Awards of the week are:

Daniel, Riley 1W
 William 2B
 Meso, Alex 2C
 Kaosi, Elia 5B
 Enrico 5C
 Layni 6C
 Sara 6V

Attendance: In the year 5 and 6 celebration assembly today the following children were awarded a medal to acknowledge their 100% attendance figure over this academic year: Kevin 5B, Alicia 5B, Finn 5C, Stephanie 5C, Emilia 5C, Emily 5C and Layni 5C. James 5B, Kar Meng 5C and Samuel in 5C have achieved a 100% attendance record 3 years in a row! This is an exceptional achievement. All of the children named have maximised every learning opportunity offered to them this year and we are very proud of them. *Mrs Isaacs*