



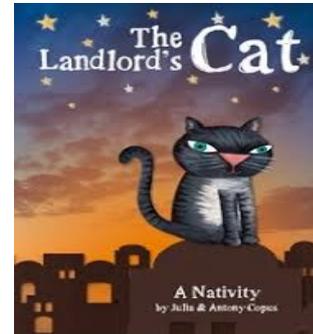
St Catherine's

Catholic Primary School



Year 1 & 2 Christmas Concert

Thank you to all of Year 1 and 2 for their performances of The Landlord's Cat. The story was about a Bethlehem cat who becomes curious about Mary and Joseph's arrival at the inn. The Year 1 children supported with their beautiful singing and the Year 2 children acted the story out well whilst speaking very clearly. We were extremely proud of all the children! Thank you to all the children and staff for all your hard work in putting on a wonderful show.



Reception Christmas Concert

Getting ready for our first Christmas at St Catherine's has been very exciting for all of us in our Reception! RY and RG all played a part in re-telling and singing the story of the Nativity. We are all so proud of the children as they have been learning their lines, songs and actions both at school and at home! It was a joy to see each and every one of them play an active part in this special story. A HUGE 'Thank You' to Ms Gould, Mrs Di Napoli, Mrs Haran and Mr Bell and to all the parents for helping the children to prepare for this very memorable event. We wish you a very happy Christmas making lots of treasured memories!

Miss Yates & Mrs Gill

Pope Francis' message this December

"If you want to share your faith through the word, you have to listen much and carefully. Let us imitate the style of Jesus, who adapted himself to the people He had in front of Him so as to bring God's love to them. Let us pray that people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time, in their dialogue with people's hearts, and above all, by listening much." Visit <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2018-12/pope-francis-videomessage-prayer-aith.html>

The Week Ahead

Monday 17th December	Tuesday 18th December	Wednesday 19th December	Thursday 20th December	Friday 21st December
6.30 p.m. Year 5 & 6 Carol Concert at St Gregory's	9.30a.m. Nursery Concert Children's Christmas Din- ner	Orchestral Concert to Parents. 2pm		1.30p.m. Early Finish 



Rights Respecting School—an email from Frances Bestley



The holiday season can be a tough time for many. From children in Yemen, who Unicef are supporting this winter to those living in places closer to home. We know 2018 has been a difficult year for many schools. Budgets continue to be cut, staff workloads are increasing and it can feel that too often schools are expected to make up the shortfall where other services are unavailable. Against this back

drop we are amazed at the difference you are making for children in the UK. In 2018 we have seen 26 schools reaccredited at Gold, 84 schools reach Gold for the first time, 284 schools reach Silver and 483 schools reach Bronze. And we have seen 574 schools take that all-important first step and register for the Award.

We are inspired by the commitment and dedication we see from ordinary teachers delivering the very best for each and every child, empowering them with knowledge of their rights to grow into active, engaged, confident global citizens.

Thank you for your hard work this year. We look forward to working with you to deliver more change for children in 2019. Best wishes, *Frances Bestley - Programme Director, RRSA*

Thank you to our Rights Respecting Ambassadors for all their hard work this term. We are looking forward to the coming term and the opportunity to visit other Rights Respecting Schools.

School Council



Thank you to Mrs Ward for giving the children the opportunity to suggest new games for the coming term. We look forward to even more fun at play time. It is very important that we look after new equipment in order for everyone to benefit from it.

Global Learning: GLOBAL GOAL 14

Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.

To find out more about Goal 14 and other Sustainable Development Goals visit: <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment>

Did you know?

Two decades ago, a deep sea submersible descended into the Mariana Trench, the deepest part of the ocean. In the middle of the Western Pacific, at a depth of 10,988 metres, it encountered a lone plastic bag. Scientists believe it's the world's deepest known piece of plastic rubbish and it will take 400 to 1,000 years to disintegrate.



Wednesday Word

Please share the 'Wednesday Word' at home.



Reading 2, Philippians 4:4-7

“ Always be joyful, then, in the Lord; I repeat, be joyful. Let your good sense be obvious to everybody. The Lord is near.”

Christmas Jumper Day & Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraising event. Everyone looked so colourful in their 'Christmas Jumper'. A special thank you to Mrs Queenan for setting up and running the coffee morning and for your generous contributions of cakes. We raised a total of £331 for 'Save the Children'.



Early Finishing

A reminder that the school closes at **1:30pm** on **Friday 21st December**. All children must be collected at this time. There are **NO AFTER-SCHOOL** clubs or activities on this day. Independent travellers will receive a form today which must be returned to the office by Thursday. The school reopens on **Tuesday 8th January** (Inset day on Monday 7th).



Gates

Please can we ask for everyone's patience with the gates when entering the school grounds, they are automated and have safety mechanisms, so if they are pushed or pulled at all they will stop and then not move further. Once this has happened a member of staff needs to release them, and this may not happen immediately. This is equally important when leaving the grounds, as it may leave the school unsecured. We appreciate the vigilance of those parents who report stuck gates to us.

Dear 3 and 4 parents- Helping us to keep your children safe



Teaching our children about keeping themselves safe is central to all we do here at St Catherines. They have been taught about road safety, online safety, have received anti bullying awareness and have had circle times about the value of respect at various different times of the year. In addition to this, this week the children were shown the NSPCCs Pantosaurus video. Following this, the children have had a circle time about the PANTS rule and how to keep themselves safe from



abuse. Parents can reinforce this message at home with their children by accessing the video on the NSPCC website or Youtube. Thank you very much for supporting us with empowering the children with the vital knowledge about how to keep themselves safe.

Jo Isaacs



Healthy Snacks

Please can parents ensure that if you are sending in any snacks for your children to consume in school for example while they are going to afterschool activities, can you ensure that they are healthy, eg fruit or fruit based snacks. Crisps or chocolate snacks should not be provided.



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.

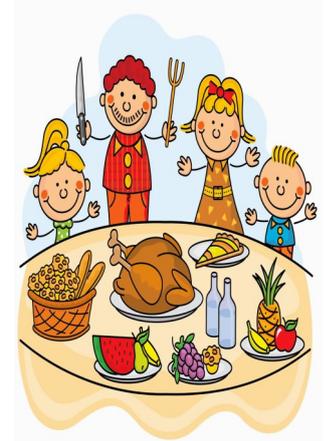
REMINDER**School Interviews – School Dinner Pattern Change Request for January 2019**

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

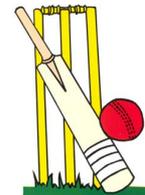
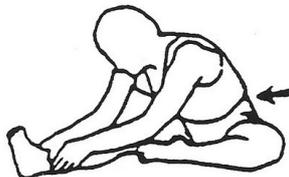
Parents with children **currently in year 3 to year 6 only** can go online www.schoolinterviews.co.uk and use the **event code 75kju** to register for a dinner pattern change, which will start after Christmas .

*****Online change requests will close ON Monday, 17th December at 9am*****

The new dinner patterns will take effect on **Tuesday, 8th January**. If you miss this opportunity to change your child's dinner pattern the next window will be in February to start after February half term.

**Afterschool Club**

If you have requested a place for your child to do an afterschool activity there will be a communication in the next week to let you know if they have been given a place. Thank you for your patience.

**Music Lessons**

Your fees for your child's music lessons will be put on Parent Pay next week for payment.



How is your Class Attendance?

Class	% Attendance
1G	99.33
1P	98.00
2H	95.33
2R	95.00
3M	93.67
3W	92.76
4A	96.90
4B	94.33
5S	93.67
5Sy	90.00
6C	97.33
6S	92.58
6V	100.00



Week 3

Please show us ways that we too, can spread the joy of our Lord to all those we meet.

Inspire us to make gestures of kindness that can help others feel God's love.

Help us have more room in our heart for joy as we light the pink candle.

Let us greet each day with a heart overflowing with joy and gratitude.

Amen

House Stars



Gabriel



Uriel



Raphael



Michael