



**Class 6C Prayer Service**



Thank you to Mrs Carruthers and Class 6C for leading our prayer service this week. They made us reflect on 'what makes up our personal identity? They also informed us of the importance of the British Values- democracy, rule of law, individual liberty, respect and tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs. The children reminded everybody gathered how lucky we all re to be a part of our school community. As Christians we follow God's values and demonstrate this through our words and actions. We are extremely proud of the children. They ended their prayer service by singing 'Count on Me'. It was wonderful to see so many of our parents gather with us to hear this very important message.

**Class 2R Mass**

Thank you to Father John for coming to celebrate our very first class mass with Miss Reilly and Class 2R. We gathered together as a family with mums, dads, aunties, brothers, grandparents and staff. The children sang so joyously and spoke so clearly. They have been finding out about why we are called God's Chosen People. God has a plan for each one of us. We can all make a difference.



**The Week Ahead**

**SEPTEMBER 2018**

Monday 1st October	Tuesday 2nd	Wednesday 3rd	Thursday 4th	Friday 5th October
	9a.m. Class 2H Mass	Year 1 Judaism Workshops	9a.m. Class 6S Prayer Service	CAFOD Harvest Fast Day- 'BRIGHTEN UP! £1 Donation See newsletter for details

### Rights Respecting Schools– Class Charters

Year 4 have also been extremely busy designing their class charters. They have also enjoyed finding out the many different countries our families come from. We celebrate our diversity.



The RRS Steering Group met today to plan the term ahead. We have been joined by representatives from each year group. This will enable us to distribute the workload across the key phases. The minutes of our meeting will be put on the Rights Respecting page of the website.



### Global Learning– GLOBAL GOAL 1– NO POVERTY

This links with our fundraising event next Friday. ***'Eradicating poverty is not a task of charity, it is an act of justice. Still, nearly half of the world's population lives in poverty. Together, we can feed the hungry, wipe out disease and give everyone in the world a chance to prosper and live a productive and rich life.'*** Please support our CAFOD Harvest Fast Day.



### Parent / Carer Drop –In Sessions in Barnet

These are for parents / carers of Barnet children and young people (0-25) to share any concerns or issues, with a relevant professional. It is a stand-alone session, so this means that there is no follow-up. Please see the form attached or visit the website-

<https://www.barnetlocaloffer.org.uk/events>

### E-Safety Blog

Please visit the school website to see the most recent E-Safety updates this week. We would ask everyone to be vigilant of our children's use of online gaming particularly Fortnite.

<https://st-catherines.barnet.sch.uk/category/e-safety/>

### Reception through to year 5

You should have now received a Flu immunisation consent form from your child's class teacher, can you please sign it and return it to the school by Wednesday 10th October indicating whether you wish your child to have the immunisation or not. You will also receive a booklet Protecting your child against flu.

**DON'T GET  
THE FLU.  
DON'T SPREAD  
THE FLU.**

**GET VACCINATED.**

[cdc.gov/flu](http://cdc.gov/flu)



Dear Parents,

We are delighted to have welcomed all our children to St Catherine's for this academic year. The last cohort of our nursery and reception children started with us this week.

Now that the St Catherine's family is complete it's really important that we do our bit so that our community can thrive and our children receive every opportunity to succeed.

On **1<sup>st</sup> November** we will be holding our PTA AGM. I understand from a couple of parents that there was some confusion over the first date that was set. In keeping with the official 21 days' notice I would like to encourage as many parents to come to the **PTA AGM on 1<sup>st</sup> November at 7:30pm** to support our school.

I have been part of a PTA committee for over 20 years, 6 of them as a Deputyhead and 8 as a Headteacher. It never ceases to amaze me how there are so many parents who are committed to giving up their time and energy to support with fundraising events in schools. Most are parents who work full time, run a home and a family! They do all this unpaid work because they are living out what it is to be part of a community. I have only complete admiration for them.

Unfortunately in every PTA, there will always be a small handful of people who criticise the events or the organisation. People are of course entitled to their opinion. But these comments can be hurtful for those who are doing their best and offering their time freely.

Fortunately those who criticise are very low in numbers. The true St Catherine's community are happy to turn up and do their bit. We appreciate that not everyone can make the meetings. This year they will take place during the day as well as in the evening so that we can try and accommodate everyone.

We have 60 new families in Reception and 45 new families in nursery. In Year 6 we have 90 families whose children will experience their last year at St Catherine's. Many of the above families fought to get into St Catherine's. With the help of the class reps drumming up support in Years 1 to 5 lets come together and be part of St Catherine's community and actively support our PTA and their fundraising events in our words (to each other or on social media) and in our actions.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the AGM on **1<sup>st</sup> November** and at the fundraising events we have already planned for this Autumn term!



### School Council

The children met on Thursday to feedback from their class discussions. It was a very productive meeting. The minutes of our meeting can be found on our School Council page on our website. It was obvious from the feedback that the children have enjoyed the start to the new term and were extremely excited about both their learning and the exciting events to follow this academic year.



### Parent Reps

As Parent Reps will know from the last meeting's agenda and minutes the first Class Parent Rep of the year will take place on Wednesday 17th October from 8:30am to 9:30am. Children are welcome to be dropped off at Breakfast club where they will be supervised.

Please inform the office if there are any changes to the year group reps this year by Friday 12th October. This will also be the deadline for any suggestions for the agenda. As always we will start the meeting with the Class Parent Rep Handbook.

Many thanks for your support.

### Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who supported this event. We raised **£165.71**. Thank you to Mrs Queenan, Ms Madzimore and Mrs Pawluk for organising this. Thank you to everyone who contributed cakes, biscuits and most importantly their company!

“We understand how cancer can affect people’s whole lives – health, money, family, job; everything. And, after more than 100 years of caring, we understand that the most important thing is to treat people as individuals, not patients. So we take the time to understand the support people need to live their lives as fully as they can.” Macmillan Cancer Support.

Winners of the Prizes from this morning’s Coffee Morning are:

MARY BOLAND (Jack’s Mum Yr5 SY) winner of the Harrods Bear

Sitck the Cherry

MIMOSA ISUFI winner of the glasses.



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### Wednesday Word

Please share the 'Wednesday Word' at home. This coming Sunday's we hear about Jesus from the Gospel of Mark.

" Jesus said. "For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, <sup>40</sup> for whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup> Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward. "



"Mark 9: 39-41

### Diocese of Westminster 'Adoremus'

The teachers at St Catherine's will be using the Diocese of Westminster 'Adoremus' pack during the collective worship sessions and assemblies at school . The aim of this pack is to:

-help you and the staff support the children so that they have an understanding of Christ's presence in the Eucharist

- suggest a variety of ways in which we (both at home and at school) can develop their understanding of the Blessed Sacrament in meaningful ways through different areas of the curriculum

Pope Francis is encouraging everyone to go to Adoration regularly:

*"Moreover, I want to encourage everyone to visit – if possible, every day – especially amid life's difficulties, the Blessed Sacrament of the infinite love of Christ and His mercy, preserved in our churches, and often abandoned, to speak filially with Him, to listen to Him in silence, and to peacefully entrust yourself to Him."*

### Date for your diary- Mary Immaculate and St Gregory's would like to invite you to-

An Italian Evening to remember!

**Venue:** United Reformed Church, 48 Wood Street, Barnet, EN5 4BW

**Date:** Saturday 17th November, 7.30 pm to late.

**Tickets:** £20 each available from the Parish Office

**Contact:** 020 8449 3338 – [barnet@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:barnet@rcdow.org.uk)

Please see flyer attached.

### Cafod Harvest Fast Day

Sadly, due to poverty and injustice, this harvest will not be bright for millions of children and young people around the world who will miss out on food, clean water and even on going to school.

St Catherine's is going to help to change this! On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October we are going to 'Brighten Up' and help make the world a brighter place for communities living in extreme poverty.

We want you to come to school in your brightest clothes and in return you contribute **£1 towards CAFOD.**

We want to really make a difference so please support the children's fundraising day. Gaia, Gabby, Ava C and Martyna will be telling the children all about this in our Gospel Assembly on Monday.





## How is your Class Attendance?

Class	% Attendance
1G	98.00
1P	97.98
2H	99.21
2R	98.73
3M	97.54
3W	97.72
4A	98.60
4B	96.84
5S	98.16
5Sy	94.62
6C	94.65
6S	97.88
6V	94.68



*Gabriel*



*Uriel*



*Raphael*



*Michael*



***Westminster Prayer***

***Adoremus***

***Jesus, You are truly present  
in the Most Holy Eucharist.***

***Help me feel Your presence  
every time I visit you.***

***Give me Your strength  
when I receive You***

***in Holy Communion.***

***And, receiving Your love,  
help me take that love to others.***

***I ask this in Your name.***

***Amen***