



**Class 6S Prayer Service: Happy New Year!**

Thank you to Class 6S for leading our first prayer service of 2019. The main theme of their message was 'New Year Resolutions'. They told us about the different ways New Year is celebrated around the world. The beginning of the year causes people to reflect on their lives and set New Year Resolutions. The children read with such confidence and sang beautifully. It was wonderful to see some of their parents gathering together with the school community to hear their important message. We are very proud of them!



**Message from Pope Francis "Peace be to this house!"**



In sending his disciples forth on mission, Jesus told them: "Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' And if a son of peace is there, your peace shall rest upon him; but if not, it shall return to you" (Luke 10:5-6).

Bringing peace is central to the mission of Christ's disciples. That peace is offered to all those men and women who long for peace amid the tragedies and violence that mark human history. The "house" of which Jesus speaks is every family, community, country and continent, in all their diversity and history. It is first and foremost each individual person, without distinction or discrimination. But it is also our "common home": the world in which God has placed us and which we are called to care for and cultivate. So let this be my greeting at the beginning of the New Year: "Peace be to this house!" Pope Francis New Year Message

There is a display in the library along this theme. Let peace be in our homes, our school and in our community.

**The Week Ahead**

Monday 14th January	Tuesday 15th Jan	Wednesday 16th Jan	Thursday 17th Jan	Friday 18th Jan
	11.30 School Council Meeting		9a.m. Class 2R Prayer Service  Y6 Football tournament (morning)	

### Message from Miss Kelly

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to St Catherine's. A very Happy New Year to all of you. I hope 2019 brings you health and happiness!

The children have come back looking very refreshed and well rested for the busy Spring Term ahead.

Thank you for sending your children back to school so smartly dressed. The weather has certainly got a lot colder. Please ensure that navy or black coats are worn with navy hats, scarves and gloves.

We are looking forward to all the exciting activities we have planned for this term and all the amazing learning opportunities that lie ahead.



### Rights Respecting School

Today the Year 5 & 6 children visited Martin Primary School in Finchley. The children were so excited.

Martin Primary School is aiming to become a Rights Respecting School. As you are aware the Rights Respecting Schools Award programme supports schools to embed the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. We met Mrs Julie Taylor (Community Cohesion Leader), Ms. Shona Glackin and some of the RRS Ambassadors from Martins School. They are on their journey from Silver level accreditation to Gold level accreditation. More information about our visit will follow in next week's newsletter.



### School Council

The School Council representatives met with Miss Groom and the Junior Road Safety Ambassadors on Tuesday. We will be meeting again next week to discuss the responses of all the children to key questions about travelling to and from school. The main emphasis is on our children's safety.



### Wednesday Word

In this Sunday's Gospel we hear these important words-

<sup>15</sup> A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to wonder whether John might be the Christ, <sup>16</sup> so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, who is more powerful than me, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. *Luke 3: 15-16*



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.

### School Travel Plan Competition- 'Cold Weather Images'

Our JTAs from Year 5 have shared a new competition with pupils in Years 1-6 in assemblies this week to promote active travel to and from school as part of our School Travel Plan. *What do you see on your walk to school? Could you take a photo, draw a picture or create an image of something you have seen on your journey? The theme this term is 'Cold Weather'. Either email your photo to school, or hand in the picture to the School office, with the child's full name and class, the title of the image (e.g. an address/location of where the image is). The closing date is Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019. The best images from each year group will be put on display and win a prize.*

Even in this cold weather, we are encouraging everyone to be more active in their travel to and from school. There's lots to see and be inspired by! Remember to wrap up warm when you're out and about and to 'be bright be seen'! If you have any other ideas to help us promote active travel, please let us know.



### Global Learning: Everyone Can Be A Goalkeeper!

At St Catherine's we aim to instil in all our children the belief that everyone has the potential to be a Goalkeeper and to take action for the Sustainable Development Goals (Global Goals). The children identify and appreciate the different skills of all individuals, as well as themselves. They learn to understand and appreciate the perspectives and world views of others and to act for collective well-being and sustainable development. Through the children's RE, PSHE, topics and the wider curriculum the children will be able to explore this further.



### Parenttalk

Dear Parents, the next session (session 3), Communication and Conflict of the Parenttalk course will be taking place on:

**Wednesday 23rd January 2019 at 2pm—3pm** (as Fr John is away next week).

### CPR Training

This week 4 students were lucky enough to be asked to attend an afternoon training session at the Queen Elizabeth Centre in Westminster, this was in the art of giving CPR. The students really enjoyed this experience and gained a great deal of knowledge. These will be a life skill that they will carry on throughout their lives. The students were so excited about this event and they all felt that it had been a worthwhile event and that they all gained variable information in CPR and are eager to pass on their knowledge to their peers. The students were extremely well behaved and the trainers all made comments about how well behaved the students were, they were a credit to our school. It was a real pleasure to have taken these students to this event and their enthusiasm was amazing. Thank you to Connor, Ronnie, Johnny and Theo.



Siobhan O'Sullivan, Welfare Officer

**HOUSE STARS LAST TERM**

**GABRIEL: 2089**

**URIEL: 2286**

**RAPHAEL: 1944**

**MICHAEL: 2031**

**WELL DONE URIEL!**



**House Stars**



*Almighty Father,  
we thank You graciously for a New Year. We ask  
You, Lord, to bless our friends and family, as we  
begin this blessed year with a renewed hope in  
You.  
Lord, we thank You so much for all that You have  
done for us. Your hand on our lives is so much  
more than we could ask for. Your blessings are so  
greatly appreciated.  
We ask you to guide us on our journey through  
the coming year.  
Amen*