



Class 5SY Mass

Thank you to Father John for coming to celebrate Mass with the children, staff and parents of 5SY. We gathered together and thought about what God is calling us to do each and every day. We should walk in love and respect one another. The children spoke with such reverence and confidence. They sang beautifully and everyone agreed it was such a spiritual way to start our day. Father John spoke to us about 'Inspirational People' in our lives. Our parents, teachers and friends inspire us to believe we can achieve wonderful things and have the ability to change the lives of others through our kind words and actions. Thank you to all the children and staff who prepared this beautiful liturgy.

Class 2H Prayer Service

Thank you to Class 2H and Miss Hunt for leading the prayer service this week. The theme of the prayer service was about national compliments day, a day where we spread joy and positivity. They reminded us that we are all God's children and we can all follow God's will. The beatitudes call us to follow God's word and make our world a better place for all.



The children read clearly and with such confidence and their singing was amazing. They sang 'Joyful' and 'I am Special'. It was wonderful to welcome so many parents and grandparents. Remember to compliment someone— it truly does brighten up our world.

Catholic Children Society

On Monday we welcomed Kimberley from 'The Catholic Children Society'. She spoke to the year 3 & 4 children about Lent. The 2019 Lenten Appeal "Shine your light" focuses on talents. Children will identify their own talents and investigate the lives of people who have used their talents to help others. Children will then reflect on how they can follow Jesus' teachings and use their talents to make the world a brighter place. St Catherine's will be participating in the 2019 Lenten Appeal. We will be sending home the resources after half term.

The Week Ahead

Monday 28th January	Tuesday 29th January	Wednesday 30th January	Thursday 31st January	Friday 1st February
	9a.m. Class 5S Mass Girls football match at Livingstone after school		9a.m. Class 6C Prayer Service Girls football tournament during day	

The Passage

On Monday we welcomed Andrew Hollingsworth to St Catherine's to speak to our year 5&6 children about 'The Passage'. It supports people who are homeless or living in insecure accommodation. They provide a wide range of services to the people who are most at need in our society. Mr Hollingsworth told us that time and money from very caring people has supported their challenging work in transforming the lives of hundreds. For further information visit www.passage.org.uk



Rights Respecting School: Why is it important to be a global citizen?

Global citizens must be aware of the world. They must respect diversity in order to further respect the **global** workings in society, cultures, and the environment. They must contribute positively to the world. Here are some of the words suggested by the children during assembly this week to describe a global citizen— *respectful, responsible, thoughtful, compassionate, different, fair, active,*



If you want to add to this list please with your child, please write them down and send them into the school office for the attention of Mrs Ainger.

School Council

Miss Groom was delighted to receive all the suggestions from the children regarding safety travelling to and from school. Thank you to the children who have sent in their entry to the JTAs competition to promote active travel to and from school as part of our School Travel Plan. The closing date is the 8th February. The best images from each year group will be put on display and win a prize.



Wednesday Word

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

¹⁸ *The spirit of the Lord is on me, for he has anointed me to bring the good news to the afflicted. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives, sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free,* ¹⁹ *to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord.* ²⁰ *He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him.* ²¹ *Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even while you are listening.'*



Luke 1: 18-21

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.

Parent Representative meeting - change of date

Due to a diary clash, Miss Kelly has had to reschedule the next Parent Representative meeting from Wed 30th Jan to Wed 6th February, 8.30am as usual. Please remember that if you wish your class rep to raise any points let them know in good time as items for the agenda must be submitted by Friday 1st February.



Nursery Tours

St Catherine's Nursery - Our nursery application deadline for September 2019 intake is **Friday 22nd March 2019**. Application forms can be found on our website.

Tour dates are **Friday 8th February at 9.15am and Friday 1st March at 9.15am**.

Should you wish to attend please contact the school office to register your interest. Call school office: 020 8440 4946 or email: office@stcatherines.barnetmail.net



Multi Sports Camp

REMINDER OF DATE TO ENSURE YOU GET THE DISCOUNT

This February half term, **Monday 18th – Friday 22nd**, we will be hosting a Multi Sports Camp in partnership with All For Sport.

An exclusive price is available to all pupils' who attend St Catherine's School, of **£60*** for the week. The cost of the camp for all non- St Catherine's pupils is £80.

The camp starts at 10am and concludes at 4pm. There is an option of an early drop off, from 8:30am and late pick up until 5pm, which cost an extra £4 per session.

If you wish to take up this offer and secure a place on the camp, visit www.allforsport.co.uk, where you can register and pay directly online. When you are at the checkout enter the code **StCathsFeb19** to ensure that you receive your £20 discount*.

*The discounted offer is only available until **Friday 1st February** and applies to full week bookings only.

If you require any further information on the camps, please contact David Rock: 07943 743127, or camps@allforsport.co.uk.

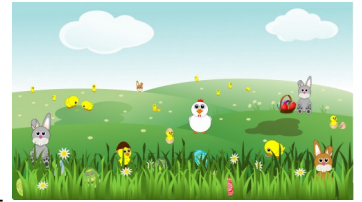
At St Catherine's the teachers always ensure that they provide the best possible learning opportunities for all the children. Sometimes this may mean that as individuals or small groups the children may work with a teaching assistant or teacher to either extend their learning or address any misconceptions that they may have.

This support might happen for a few weeks or simply on an ad hoc basis, as and when needed. We will not inform you of these interventions as they are a core part of our approach to teaching and learning, to ensure that children have every opportunity to meet their targets. Please be reassured that if we have any concerns about your child's progress we will contact you and make an appointment to discuss a way forward.

If you have any questions please do ask a member of the SLT or your child's teacher.

Parkrun

Are your children participating in at least 60 mins of vigorous exercise on a Saturday AND Sunday?



Parkrun host a junior run in Friary Park each Sunday morning at 9am. It is for children aged 4-14 years old and the course is 2km long. If you're interested please register at <http://www.parkrun.org.uk/events/juniorevents/>.

We would love to hear from you if you choose to participate, please send your photos to Mrs Whatley.

Is your child having too much screen time?

Attached to this newsletter is a fact sheet about the health impacts of screen time. The school would like to raise awareness of the impact screen time has on the children's attention and the development of language. Please refer to the second page for ideas of how this can be addressed in your household.

A conference from Barnet Parent Carer Forum, Barnet Clinical Commissioning Group and Health Providers

When? 9:30am - 1pm

Please arrive for refreshments from 9am - this event will begin promptly

Date: Monday 4th February 2019

Where? Stephen's House and Gardens, Finchley

Please see attachment.

Change4Life Make A Swap When You Shop Campaign

Childhood obesity has reached epidemic levels with 22% of children being overweight when they start primary school and this is increasing to 34% by the time they finish primary education. Sugar is a big part of the problem. Children from Nursery through to year 4 are eating and drinking more than twice the amount of sugar that they should. In your child's book bag today they have a pack to help them learn about healthier swaps which will lead to healthier and happier lives. There is also a *free* Change4Life food scanner app for children to play around with to see how much sugar is in their everyday food and drink. We hope that you will support this national campaign, you can sign up to Change4Life for easy tips and meal ideas.



Can you help?

We are on the look out for the following items:

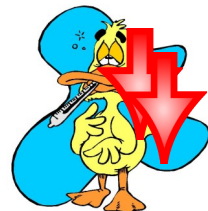
- girls tights and socks
- baby dolls and doll accessories
- cars, trains, aeroplanes
- emergency vehicles
- Loose parts, for example: corks, metal bottle tops and pine cones
- Off cuts of wood
- spare/old wallpaper rolls



If you can help in any way, we would be very grateful. Any questions you might have, please direct to Mrs Whatley, Una or any of the Reception and Year 1 teachers.

Reporting Absences

Can you please ensure that if your child is absent from school that you call into the school by 8:40. There is an answerphone system to leave a message. If your child is off sick for more than one day you must call in every day. At the end of the period of sickness you must send in a written notification of the reason for their absence. This is required for all absences, even if you have called the school.



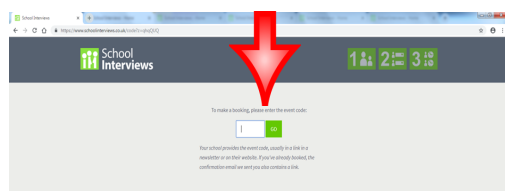
In the event your child is late for school please make sure you sign them into the late book which is in the school office. We have recently had several children arriving late and going straight to class, this has resulted in parents being contacted to ask why the child is absent, as they have reached class after the register has been taken and are not recorded as being in school. Clearly this causes distress and we wish to avoid this.



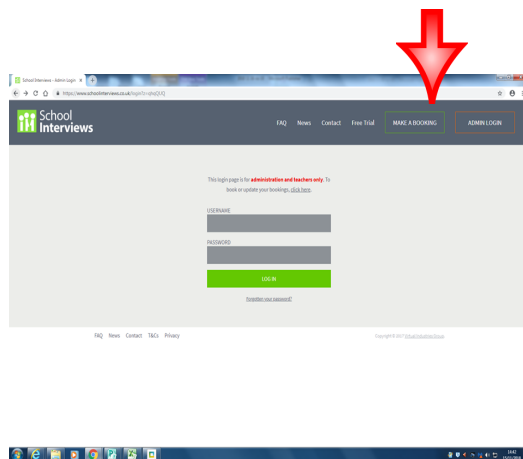
If your child has a tummy bug or sickness they must stay away from school for 48 hours.

School Interviews Bookings Guidance

To make any bookings for the Afterschool Activity Clubs, Music lessons, Nativity performances or anything that asks you to use School Interviews, you need to go onto your internet browser and search for Schoolinterviews.co.uk. On their home page on the right hand side you will see a green-edged box 'Make a Booking'. Click this.



Put your code in here



This screen will then appear you should enter the code provided by the school for the event/item you are booking and follow the instructions. Please note all events have their own unique code.

School Interviews – School Dinner Pattern Change Request for February 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 wyyee** to register for a dinner pattern change, which will start after February half-term.

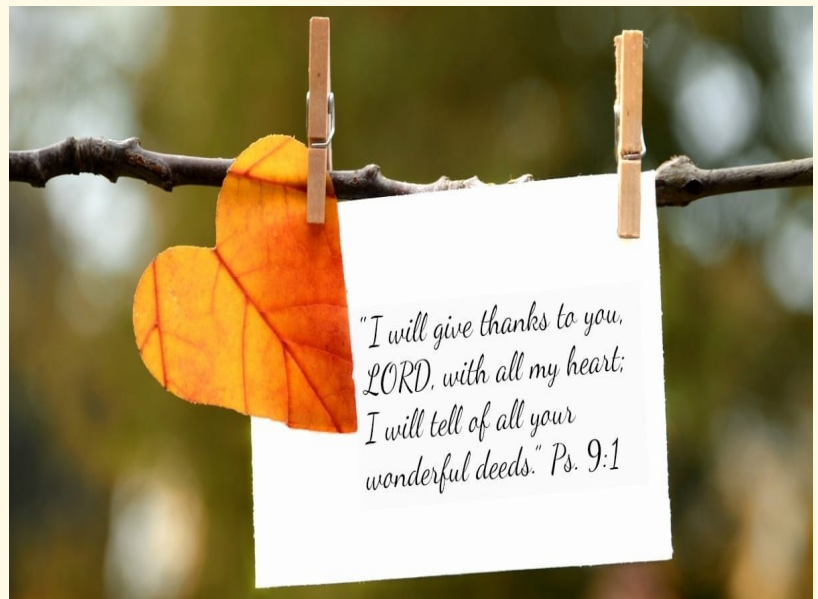
*****Online change requests will close on Monday, 11th February at 9am*****

The new dinner patterns will take effect on **Monday 25th February**. If you miss this opportunity to change your child's dinner pattern the next window will be in March to start after the Easter break.



How is your Class Attendance?

Class	% Attendance
1G	97.67
1P	95.17
2H	96.67
2R	99.33
3M	94.33
3W	98.97
4A	99.66
4B	95.33
5S	97.67
5Sy	96.33
6C	91.33
6S	94.52
6V	98.94



House Stars



Gabriel



Uriel



Raphael



Michael

Dear God,

We praise you for your love and faithfulness. We thank you for your protection and care over our families. Thank you that you give us the power to love well; the wisdom to lead and teach our children.

We ask that you would make us more like you, more aware of your constant Presence in our lives. Please fill our families with your truth and cover us with your favour. Amen