

St Catherine's Newsletter

10th February 2017

***A family united in God's love,
learning in faith together for a compassionate tomorrow***

Dear Parents,

Celebration Certificates

Reception: Monica Finch and Noah Lavery
Year 1: Justin Clarke and Reece Jones
Year 2: Jasper Beach and Luke Slade
Year 3: Emma Reeves and Riya Sastry
Year 4: Gabriel Balmforth and Luke Durrant
Year 5: Sophie Kernick and Izzy Stanbury
Year 6: Anna Harris and Emily Joint

House points

St John Bosco (Yellow):	145
St Francis de Sales (Green):	154
St Teresa of Lisieux (Blue):	264
St Margaret Clitherow (Red):	264

Pen licences

This morning we awarded pen licences to the following children in Year 6:
Liam Corbin, Lydia Jones, Millie King, Beth McGowan, Chloe Roberts

PA Disco

Thank you to the PA for organising such a smooth running and successful event on Tuesday afternoon. When staff and the chair of governors popped in we saw the children thoroughly enjoying themselves!

Thank you from the Parents' Association

On behalf of the PA committee, we would just like to say a huge thank you to the parents, children and staff of our lovely school that supported the Disco this week. Fun was had by all and we raised a successful amount of just under £430 once expenses were deducted. That's a brilliant profit! The children were so well behaved and we will definitely host another Disco before the academic year is out!

Staff Vacancies

We require two Lunchtime Supervisory Assistants (Post XS2.4) to work 6.25 hours per week, Monday to Friday, term time only, hourly rate is £8.25, living wage applies, to start as soon as possible. This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful candidates will be required to have an Enhanced DSB (Disclosure & Barring Service).

Year 5 Singing Performance

Year 5 would like to invite their parents to join the school on Monday 20th February at 2:30pm, to hear our class sing. We have learnt five songs from around the world over the last half-term. This has been part of Dorset Music's Singing Strategy.

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School Nurse Drop In

Lucy May our school nurse is due to offer a 'drop in' session on Friday 3rd March from 8:45am to 9:15am. If you wish to discuss any issues with her she will be pleased to meet you. You may wish to let the School Office know of your intention and our helpful ladies will pass your requests on to Lucy May.

World Book Day Thursday 2nd March 2017

To celebrate World Book Day the children have requested, through the School Council, that they come to school dressed as a character from a book, film, or poem. Luckily, you now have the half term break to think about which character your child wants to be and their costume. We are looking forward to seeing the imaginative array of characters on that day.

Request from Reception Class

We would be grateful for donations of any spare pants (boys & girls), if anyone can help with this please send them into Reception Class.

Parking

We have received further complaints about unsafe parking outside the school. Please remember to leave the verge opposite the school entrance free in case any emergency vehicles need to get through to local residents or indeed anyone here in the school. Thank you.

Summer Uniform

The School Shop, Station Road, West Moors have requested that those of you needing to buy the summer dress go into the shop to place your order as soon as possible so they can make sure they can provide the right quantity in time for the beginning of the summer term. Thank you.

End of day arrangements

Please remember to use the one way system at the end of the school day to ensure safe movement of all our children and families at that very busy time. Thank you for your understanding about shutting the school gates at the end of the school day. If you wish to watch your child taking part with the club, you are very welcome to but you will need to sign in at the office, wear a visitors badge whilst on the school site and sign out when you leave.

Royal Mail Competition

The Royal Mail is currently running a competition for children aged 4 – 11 to design a stamp for Christmas 2017. The theme is '**What does the Christmas season mean to you?**' and so the children can design an image that best describes what the festive period means to them. Two lucky winners will see their designs made into one of the 1st or 2nd Class Christmas stamps for 2017. The winning designs will be approved by Her Majesty the Queen and used on millions of Christmas cards during the festive season. The children have been sent home today an official entry form for them to complete. If your child would like to enter they need to return them to school by 24th February.

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Saturday Football:

Message from Alan Christopher: We had a good training session last Saturday ready for our matches at home this week. We have matches arranged this Saturday (11th) against Hayeswood First School here in school. We will commence with Year 2/Year 3 match at 9:30am, and a Year 3/Year 4 match straight afterwards. Would all players eligible to play turn up at least half-an-hour prior to kick off times in order for us to see how many children we have to play in the matches? Please come in football kit, boots, shin pads, warm coat and with a drink. It would also be helpful to have as many helpers as possible to set-up and remove nets etc. Helpers should arrive at school by 9:00am. With all the matches coming up, please can we remind all players to make sure their subs have been paid, to enable them to compete in the matches? We welcome all year groups to come along and join in the training. A half-season subscription costs £20.00 per player. A football kit is provided for all players who are registered with us when we play matches. For further info please contact Alan Christopher on 07857 614316.



Dates

Half Term

Year 5 Singing performance

Second Hand Uniform Sale & Coffee

Ash Wednesday

World Book Day

Nurse Drop-in Session

Parents Quiz night

Open Afternoon

Parents Evening

Second Hand Uniform Sale & Coffee

Year 6 retreat to Sway Convent

Parents Evening

Samba concert for Year 4 families

Travelling Tuba

Thanksgiving Mass for parents

Kilburn Cup football tournament

Monday 13th – Friday 17th February

Monday 20th February 2:30pm sharp

Friday 24th February 2:20pm

Wednesday 1st March

Thursday 2nd March

Friday 3rd March, 8:45am

Tuesday 7th March 7:30 – 9:30pm

Friday 10th March 2-3pm

Thursday 16th March 4 -7pm

Friday 17th March 2:20pm

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Tuesday 21st March 3:30 – 5:30pm

Wednesday 22nd March

Thursday 23rd March

Friday 24th March 1:30pm

Wednesday 5th April

We wish you and your families a happy and healthy half term break.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah Sparks".

Sarah Sparks
Headteacher