



ST. CATHERINE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

We've had another busy week here at St Catherine's!

Celebration certificates – Well done everyone!

Year 1	Misia Moukhine and Gaia Springer
Year 2	George Bell and Lucy Tucker
Year 3	Savannah Lilly and Alfie O'Connell
Year 4	Evelyn Mills and Jorja Varley
Year 5	Cameron Campbell and James Jefferies
Year 6	Charlotte Oliveira Wheeler and Holly Turner

House points have been counted and the results for this week are:

St John Bosco (Yellow)	152
St Francis de Sales (Green)	132
St Teresa of Lisieux (Blue)	163
St Margaret Clitherow (Red)	124

RE learning - 'God Matters' Topic - Creation

'Then God said, "Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us." Then God blessed them....' (Genesis 1:26-28) This topic will focus on scripture, including the Creation story from the book of Genesis. The children will also identify God's creation in the world around us and explore our responsibilities. We will also learn how the Church works to value and respect differences in human beings.

Curriculum information leaflets

These have been sent home today. Please have a good look at what your children will be learning this term.

Attendance

We do understand that there are times when your child is unwell and unable to attend school - but we must ask you to keep absence to a minimum at all other times, and send your child back as soon as possible after an illness. We really appreciate your support with this. Thank you.

Parking

Our local Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) came in to school yesterday to discuss the recent parking issues. In response to our requests the local police have increased their school patrols in the area at the beginning and the end of the school day. If you have concerns about parking they recommend contacting the police directly on 101 or report through the Dorset police website www.dorset.police.uk/do-it-online

We know that the majority of our families work hard to ensure they are parked safely and sensibly. Please follow the rules for the safety of our children, our neighbours, other road users and for the reputation of our school. Thank you.

Parents Association (PA)

All parents are automatically members of our PA. One of the aims of the PA is to fundraise for all the wonderful extras in the school year, money raised last year went to provide benches, Christmas party supplies, Bibles and T-shirts for the Year 6 leavers, storage, a visit from the travelling tuba company and new rugs for the classrooms. Each year we arrange three main events, one per term: the Christmas Fayre the Sponsored Bounce and the Summer Sizzler. The PA works best when all our families help out in some small way, so please do come along to the coffee afternoon at 1:30pm in the school hall on Friday 14th October share your ideas and meet the committee.

The Parent Council's first meeting is on Friday 30th September from 8:45 – 9:30am. We hope every class will be represented.

Harvest Mass

This year's harvest Mass has been arranged for Tuesday 4th October at 1:30pm and Canon Noakes has kindly agreed to be our celebrant. You are welcome to join us. Further details will follow.

Year 6 Residential to Hooke Court takes place for Wednesday 12th until Friday 14th October. Year 6 parents should all have received the letters by now. Please contact the office if this is not the case.

Football update

It was good to see new and old players return on Saturday. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the session. For those who missed last week, or are new to the school, we organise and train players of all abilities, age and gender, provide training for matches against other schools under F.A. Guidelines and F.A. Coaching. Training will be held this Saturday (24th) from 9:15am to 10:30am on the school pitch. Please come in football kit, boots, shin pads and with a drink. We welcome all year groups to come along and join in the training, giving everyone the opportunity to play and learn to play both individually and as part of a team. We ask for a half-season subscription of £20.00 per player. We are self-funded and as a club provide football kit to all players who are registered with us when we play matches. We are still missing the new football kit given out last year, if anyone has any of this kit at home, please return it as soon as possible. If any parent is interested in helping please contact Mike Newell or Alan Christopher on 07857 614316.

St. Anthony's First Communion

If your child is in Year 3 or above and you would like them to be prepared to receive First Holy Communion at St. Anthony's West Moors, please speak to Father Dylan after Mass.

St. Catherine's Church Table Top Sale

A date for your diaries: St. Catherine's Church Hall is holding a Table Top Sale on Saturday 22nd October from 10am to 3pm. Monies from this event is going to "Autism". For further information please contact Andy Curtis on 07880 642696.

Mrs Law

Next week is Mrs Law's final week here at school before beginning her maternity leave. We would like to take this opportunity to wish Mrs Law and her husband all the very best as they embark on the exciting journey of parenthood.

Our vision

The staff and Governors have been working together to create a phrase that encapsulates our school. We have all agreed that St Catherine's is:

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

Wishing you a lovely weekend with your families.

Yours sincerely

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

Mrs Sarah Sparks
Headteacher