

St Catherine's Newsletter

9th December 2016

**Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem.
May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man.
Pope Francis**

Dear Parents,

It has been a busy two weeks here in school, with preparations for Christmas well underway. It was lovely to see so many of you at our Christmas Fair on Saturday 25th November. Thank you to everyone who came and especially to those who willingly donated their time and talent to help raise funds for the school.

Celebration Certificates

Reception: Freya Jeffery and Jake White
Year 1: Martha Gray and Chloe Newell
Year 2: Archie Hadaway and Brandon Hearn
Year 3: Emma Reeves and Max Tuley
Year 4: Millie Coles and Holly Faulkner
Year 5: Eliza Gosling and Sam McCabe
Year 6: Jessica Clark and Millie King
Sports: Anna Harris, Sophie Kernick, Kobi Miller, Izzy King, Luke Slade

House points results this week are:

St John Bosco (Yellow)	239
St Francis de Sales (Green)	239
St Teresa of Lisieux (Blue)	257 Congratulations
St Margaret Clitherow (Red)	238

Parents Association Christmas Fair

Firstly we want to thank the year 6 ambassadors for willingly giving up their time to help the fair run smoothly: Jessica, Harriet, Emily, Freya, Millie, Charlotte, Amelia, Edith, Shelby, Lydia, Gracie, Beth, Sophia, Anna and Talia

The Bake Off cake winners,

1st place Coleen Slade with her carrot cake,
2nd place Tina McGowan with her lemon drizzle cake,
3rd place Samantha Ballingston with her sweet cake
4th place David Taverner with his chocolate cake.

We'd like to say a huge thank you to all the helpers, parents, grandparents and children that made the fair a huge success and we raised **£2,635** on the day which was absolutely fantastic! And we're looking forward to organising the next couple of events coming up soon, one just for the children and another just for the adults so please watch this space

Key Stage 1 Christmas Play

Preparations are well under way within Key Stage 1 for our annual Nativity Play. This year the children will be performing and singing "Lights, Camel, Action", and all of our children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 will be involved. The Matinee Performance will take place on Tuesday 13th December at 1:30pm and the Evening

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Performance will take place at 6:30pm on Wednesday 14th December. The evening performance will be filmed and will be available to order. A letter giving further details has gone out to KS1 parents. The school is looking forward to watching the Dress Rehearsal on Monday!

Sarah Bolter

Mrs Bolter has been preparing a concert with the children to whom she teaches flute, clarinet and saxophone. It will take place on Wednesday, 14th December at 2pm. The parents of children who are taught by Mrs Bolter are welcome to join us.

Reading volunteers

Mrs Dare has invited our reading volunteers into school for coffee and mince pies as a small token of our appreciation for their dedication on Wednesday 14th December at 2pm.

Class Christmas Parties

Thursday 15th December is Christmas Party Day. The arrangements are slightly different for each Key Stage and you will receive letters from your child's class teacher with further details and requests for food.

After School Club Tag Rugby and Netball Matches



Well what a week for our sporting pupils!

Our years 4, 5 & 6 played Festive Tag Rugby matches against St. Michael's on Tuesday. They wore a Christmas hat for the event. This was a great success. All of our children had a fantastic time.

On Wednesday our years 5 & 6 played festive netball matches against St. Michael's, again wearing festive hats. Our girls have set a very high standard with Anna Harris scoring 7 goals. Well done everyone.

On Thursday our years 2 & 3 played their first Christmas matches against Oakhurst First School. This was their first match this year. Our children showed great skills and knowledge of the game. It was a great success and fun was had by all.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the years 4, 5 & 6 Christmas rugby match at on Tuesday, those who participated in the Christmas netball match on Wednesday and the year 2 & 3 tag rugby match on Thursday. Thank you also goes to Mrs Deary who has provided these additional after school clubs with such enthusiasm this term.

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Saturday Football Club

Message from Alan Christopher:

Last Saturday we hosted Colehill First School playing 2 matches. They provided a formidable opposition, however we played well and had a great time. Our Year 2 team of Archie, Luke and Louis, with Oliver Moors stepping in as temporary goalie, won 6-1. Luke and Louis scoring 4, plus 2 own goals. Brilliant with outstanding play and effort by Archie, well done. Our Year 3 match was cancelled as both sides were depleted. Year 4 match was a very competitive game, drawing 2-2, goals by Oliver Moors. Great to watch and well done to all who played with great energy and enthusiasm.

This Saturday will be the last session until next term. We have an away match at Colehill First School. The kick-off times are 9:30am for Year 3, 10:00am for Reception, Year 1 & 2, and 10:30am for Year 4. Please arrive half an hour prior to your players kick-off times, however those players available to play in other age group matches please come at the appropriate times. Players should come in football kit, football boots, shinpads, warm coat and plenty to drink. Colehill will be providing hot drinks. All players must be registered with the club to enable them to play.

We are always looking for new players in all age groups. It is important to know prior to matches who is available to play. I would like to thank all the mums and dads for their sterling work with setting up, clearing away and providing drinks.

For any further information please call me on 07857 614316

Plymouth CAST

In October, Plymouth CAST the multi academy trust (MAT) that we are part of, were reviewed by Ofsted. The outcomes from the review are on our website under Key Information, Plymouth Cast. Along with the review outcomes there is a letter to parents from Bishop Mark outlining our next steps as a MAT. Please do take time to read the documentation. As a school we are working closely with CAST to address the issues raised. In consultation with our Area Adviser Jon Wood, we have reviewed our safeguarding procedures, provision for disadvantaged pupils and enhanced our school website.

Kindergarten

The Kindergarten have a new email address: kindy@stcatherinescolehill.dorset.sch.uk which kindy parents are invited to use for any communications.

The Kindergarten Nativity Play and Christmas Party will be held on Friday 16th December in the school hall. All Kindergarten children are invited to attend. The children will start as usual at 8:30am. Parents and families are invited back at 9:30am. The Nativity will be followed by a party for the children and hopefully a visit from Father Christmas. It will be finished at 11am. Parents may then take their children home. The children who usually stay all day on Fridays are welcome to stay in Kindy until school finishes at 1:30pm.

Just a little reminder Kindergarten starts at 8:30am when all children are registered. Please can we ask parents to ensure their child is taken straight into Kindergarten in the mornings ready to be registered on time?

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End of Term

We break-up for the Christmas holiday on Friday 16th December at 1:30pm.

Dates

KS1 Nativity Play	13 th December 1:30pm
Woodwind Concert	14 th December at 2pm
KS1 Nativity Play	14 th December 6:30pm
Christmas Party day	15 th December

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

Yours sincerely

Sarah Sparks
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