



# St Catherine's Weekly Newsletter

8<sup>th</sup> July 2016

Dear Parents,

The weeks are speeding by and with just one more to go until we break up for the summer holidays, there is still lots to be done! Rehearsals for Scheherazade are almost finished and we are sure everyone will be so proud of the children when they see their performances next week! We have welcomed a number of visitors during the week including David Wells, the Bishop's representative working in our Cast Academy, who loved meeting the children and staff. We also enjoyed a wonderful woodwind concert on Thursday afternoon. Mr Todd, Mr Spackman and Mrs Johnson, senior staff from St Peter's, came to talk to parents on Thursday evening about the admissions process and everyone found it very informative. Our lovely Parent Readers were treated to an afternoon of tea and scones on Wednesday served by the children as a 'thank you' for all their dedication week after week. Year 6 will be enjoying their end of year BBQ this evening after school. Grateful thanks go to David Hale & Julie Khoo for helping with this event!

Have a great weekend,  
Amanda Burt and Alex Harris

## Celebration Certificates - well done to everyone!

<b>Reception:</b>	Emily James and Lucy Plowman
<b>Year 1:</b>	Jasper Beach and Luke Slade
<b>Year 2:</b>	Savannah Lilly and Rohanna Miller
<b>Year 3:</b>	Gabriel Balmforth and Joseph Taylor
<b>Year 4:</b>	Benji Allen and Sam McCabe
<b>Year 5:</b>	Freya Allen and Lydia Jones
<b>Year 6:</b>	Emma Corbin, Poppy Hale and Rhiannon O'Neill



### 1. School Choir

Please note there will be no School Choir after school on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July.

### 2. Guitar & Woodwind Concerts

The children who have been having guitar lessons with Kevin Stockley will perform in a concert to the whole school on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 10:00am. The parents of the children who are taught by Mr. Stockley are welcome to attend.

We were all entertained beautifully this week by the children who are learning to play woodwind instruments. Well done to all who played so well.

Lessons will commence again in September for Year 4 to Year 6 children. Both Sarah Bolter (woodwind) and Kevin Stockley (guitar) will be sending letters out at the beginning of the new school year.

### 3. P.A. Summer Camp

Summer Camp this year was once again a great success, the children all had a marvellous weekend. Thank you to the Parents' Association and to all the parent helpers who made this such a fun time for the children.

### 4. KS2 Summer Production "Scheherazade"

Rehearsals are in full swing for our Summer musical "Scheherazade", which involves all of our children in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6. The performances will take place on:

*Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July: Matinee Performance 1:30pm*  
*Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July: Evening Performance 7pm*  
*Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July: Evening Performance 7pm*

The children in Key Stage 2 have had a letter regarding tickets for one of the performances. **We can provide 3 tickets for one performance for each of our families.** Additional tickets will need to be requested. Whilst we try very hard to accommodate all requests we cannot at this stage confirm their availability.

Please may we ask for the children from Year 5 and Year 6 to be back in school on Wednesday (13<sup>th</sup>) and Thursday (14<sup>th</sup>) evenings for 6:15pm. The children from Year 3 and Year 4 should be back in school for 6:45pm.

### 5. Year 6 Leavers' Mass

The final celebration for our children in Year 6 will take place on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 1:30pm, when the children in Year 6 celebrate Mass along with their families. The Mass is dedicated to the children, as we give thanks to God our Father for all that they have accomplished here at St. Catherine's and ask God our Father to be with them as they move on to their secondary schools. It will also be the last time Canon Chrystal celebrates with the school before his retirement.

### 6. Dorset Library Summer Reading Challenge

A member of the Dorset Library Service has been into school to launch this year's Summer reading challenge, 'The Big Friendly Read'. This summer, libraries everywhere are celebrating 100 years of Roald Dahl, the world's favourite storyteller. The reading

challenge begins tomorrow 2<sup>nd</sup> July until 10<sup>th</sup> September, our children have always responded extremely well to this challenge in the past.

### 7. 'Race for Life' - Kindergarten/Reception Class

Kindergarten and Reception Class would like to thank everyone for the generous donations to their "Race for Life" which raised £672.50. Please see photo below showing all the children holding the cheque raised. On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July, Kindergarten children, parents and staff met for an ice-cream afternoon at Barford Farm. A lovely time was had by all, especially as due to the school being closed, older siblings were able to join in the fun too!

