

St Catherine's Weekly

Newsletter

23rd September 2016

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

Dear Parents,

We've had another busy week here at St Catherine's. Our reception class are now with us full time and although tired, they have all had a fantastic week.

Communication challenge

Thank you all for your patience as we worked with BT to fix our telephone line. I am happy to tell you that the line is working properly again.

Celebration certificates – Well done everyone!

Year 1	Lucy Plowman and Siena Perkins
Year 2	Oliver Dziwinski and Luke Slade
Year 3	Casey Kaye and Riya Sastry
Year 4	Megan Jeffries and Xavier Norman
Year 5	Theresa Allard, Amy Keeling and Amy Reeves
Year 6	Talia Lesbirel and Rubina Rana Magar

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

St John Bosco (Yellow)	166
St Francis de Sales (Green)	160
St Teresa of Lisieux (Blue)	160
St Margaret Clitherow (Red)	288

Harvest Mass is on Tuesday 4th October at 1:30pm. The children are invited to come to school dressed in muffi (no uniform) on Monday 3rd October. In response to being able to wear their own clothes we ask that the children bring in a donation of food: fresh produce or tins and packet food to make up our Harvest collection. Some parents also include a coin contribution along with their gift of food. At the end of the Mass Year 6 will sell the produce. All funds raised will be sent to CAFOD to support to help them realise their vision for a fairer world – a world where all our brothers and sisters can rejoice in the abundance of God's creation.

Fun Run It was wonderful to see and hear our children cheering each other on and supporting one another during the fun run on Wednesday afternoon. St. John Bosco (Yellow house) were the winners, congratulations. Thank you to Mrs Hughes for all her hard work organising it.

Parent Council met this morning and amongst many items we discussed the morning drop-off. The outcome from this robust discussion that to encourage our children's independence and reduce the congestion in the mornings, was the suggestion that parents drop their children at the gate and go, leaving space for all our children to

enter the school site safely and calmly under the close supervision of our staff. The council felt that during this first half term priority should be given to our youngest children as large crowds of people can be overwhelming and unsettling for them. We appreciate your cooperation with this, ensuring that the community of St Catherine's puts the safety of our children first.

Parents Association (PA) All parents are automatically members of our PA. Please do come along to the coffee afternoon on Friday 14th October at 1:30pm in the school hall to share your ideas and meet the committee.

After School Clubs We have increased our range of clubs this year but are always keen to expand our provision. If you have any suggestions please do pass it to your Parent Council representative for our next meeting on Friday 4th November.

Football update It was good to see new and old players return on Saturday as usual everyone thoroughly enjoyed the session. Training will be held this Saturday (1st) 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. 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. If any parent is interested in helping please contact Mike Newell or Alan Christopher on 07857 614316. We are pleased to announce that we have a new sponsor for a new kit for Years Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 kit. They are The Dorset Destroyers Wheel Chair Rugby Club – we are extremely grateful to Mr & Mrs Monks for their generous help.

ASC Netball: Please note the After School Netball Club has been moved from Tuesday to Wednesday, still at school from 3:15pm to 4:15pm.

ASC Rugby: Next week Yrs 4, 5, & 6 have their first friendly match against St. Michael's on Tuesday, 3:30pm to 4:30pm. This means no tag rugby on Wednesday.

October Month of Rosary Every Monday lunchtime during the month of October Mrs. Hince will be leading a Rosary prayer group from 12:30 to 12:45pm. The school does have rosaries for the children to use, however if your child has their own they are welcome to bring them into school with them.

Dates

Harvest Mass	1:30pm	Tuesday 4th October
Yr 3 Farm to Fork Tesco Visit	1:00pm	Wednesday 12 th October
Year 6 Residential		Wednesday 12th - Friday 14th October
Coffee Afternoon	1:30pm	Friday 14th October
Arts Week		Monday 17th - Thursday 20th October
INSET day school closed		Friday 21st October
Half Term holiday		Monday 24th -Friday 28th October

Have a lovely weekend with your families.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher