

St Catherine's Newsletter

18th November 2016

**For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God through faith
Galatians 3:26**

Dear Parents,

It has been another very busy week here at St Catherine's with parent's evenings and the fun run as well as lots of learning going on! The children all looked fantastic today in their Christmas jumpers. Thank you for supporting our PA.

Handwriting certificates

This morning we awarded our first two handwriting awards to Sophia Malmyha and Anna Harris. Congratulations to them both. I look forward to awarding many more over the next few weeks.

Celebration certificates

Reception: Jacob Bowen and Esme Lennon
Year 1: Lilly Clark and Reece Jones
Year 2: Beatrice Gribbins and Ernesto Nobis-Perren
Year 3: Vanessa Amuno and Kairo Meyer
Year 4: Millie McGinty and Kate Slade
Year 5: Zachary McGowan, Isabel Oliveira-Wheeler, Oliver Rodriguez
Year 6: Harriet Jefferies and Sophie Malmyha

Well done to you all!

House points results this week:

St John Bosco (Yellow)	162	
St Francis de Sales (Green)	180	Congratualtions!
St Teresa of Lisieux (Blue)	178	
St Margaret Clitherow (Red)	165	

Parents Association Christmas Fair

Many thanks for all of your kind donations for the Christmas Fair. You have been extremely generous and Candice Lesbirel has asked me to pass on her thanks to you all for your kind support. The children as always enjoyed coming to school in their Christmas jumpers.

Everyone is invited to join us for the P.A. Christmas Fair on Saturday 26th November starting at 12 noon. If anyone is able to lend a hand on Saturday then please contact Candice Lesbirel (or let the School Office know). A lot of work goes on behind the scenes and we are all very grateful to everybody who helps to make the school fairs such a huge success.

Parents Evening

It was lovely to see so many parents here for our two Parents Evenings. For those parents who were unable to attend, please get in touch with the school office, as we will be able to arrange an appointment which is convenient for you to meet with your child's teacher. If concerns arise throughout the year please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher to discuss and issues.

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Unwelcome Visitors

Unfortunately some of the children have had unwelcome visitors in their hair. Could we please ask that you check your child's hair for head lice or nits and take appropriate action if necessary? Please could we ask you to inform the school if you need to treat your child? Thank you.

Football update

Message from Alan Christopher:

Despite the weather last Saturday we had a very good training session with every one getting stuck in - well done to all. This Saturday we host matches against St. James at home. They are a very strong squad with plenty of players so we need to pull out all the stops to get some good results. As in the previous week we will need to play our Year 3 game first so could all players and helpers arrive at 9.00am at School . There will be at least 3 matches involving all age groups so it would be good to see as many players as possible as we would give everybody some game time. It would also be helpful if some more people could help getting everything ready and clearing away afterwards. Please come in Football kit with football boots shinpads together with a warm coat and a drink, we will hopefully be able to offer Tea and Coffee.

If you are new to us or are hesitant, please come and experience it as passionately as we do as we try to nurture all of the players skills and teamwork. Please note that all players must be registered with us to take part. If you require any further information please either see me on Saturday or call on 07857 614316.

Kindergarten

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.

Bags to Schools

The Parents' Association has given out Bags to Schools clothing collection bags which can be brought into school on Tuesday 22nd November. Please have a good old clear out of wardrobes, drawers etc. Last year this event generated £150 for the P.A. funds.

Dates

PA St Catherine's Bake off & cake donations	25 th November
PA Christmas Fair	26 th November 12-2pm

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INSET day school closed
Advent Service
KS1 Nativity Play
KS1 Nativity Play
Christmas Party day

2nd December
9th December 1:30pm
13th December 1:30pm
14th December 6:30pm
15th December

Parking

Please could all parents think about our neighbours when you park to drop off and pick up every day as our neighbours do live here and you are only here for a short time. Please take the time to think about how their lives are affected if we park inconsiderately? Please can we ask for your co-operation, bearing in mind the safety of our children at all times?

Sports Update



16 children from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 had a fabulous time attending a fun run at St. Ives School this week. Years 3 and 4 first raced in a competitive 1000 metre race where Gabriel Balmforth came 2nd, Thomas Harris came 4th and Oliver Newell came 5th. While Years 5 and 6 first ran in a 1500 metre race, where Benji Allen came 2nd and Sophia Malmyha came 4th. The children then went on to run in a fun run where every lap they had part of a face drawn onto their hand. A great time was had by all. Well done everyone who took part.

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

Yours sincerely

Sarah Sparks

Mrs Sarah Sparks
Headteacher