

# St Catherine's Weekly

## Newsletter

9<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Dear Parents

I am delighted to be writing to you as Headteacher of St Catherine's Catholic Primary school. I feel extremely honoured and privileged to have been chosen to continue and build upon the success the school has already achieved. I look forward to meeting you all and building strong relationships with our children, staff, parents, parish priests and governors. Thank you for the very warm welcome I have already received.

**Welcome** to our many new children and families. We are sure that your children will be very happy here and we will share with you their physical, academic and spiritual journey. We also welcome Mrs Melanie Dare our new Deputy Headteacher and Year 6 class teacher, Mrs Nicola Bailey, teaching assistant in Year 6 and Gemma Perry into our Kindergarten.

**Thank you.** The children have started the new school year looking very smart and with great enthusiasm. When visiting the classes I have seen the children working hard and enjoying their learning with their friends and new teachers.

**House Captain** hustings took place today. Our year 6 boys and girls prepared a speech and addressed their house teams then the children had the chance to vote. They have chosen:

St John Bosco (Yellow)

Liam Corbin and Talia Lesbirel

St Francis de Sales (Green)

Millie King and Charlotte Oliveira-Wheeler

St Teresa of Lisieux (Blue)

Freya Allen and Anna Harris

St Margaret Clitherow (Red)

Edith Beashel and Thomas Hunt

**Meet the teacher session** on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September from 8:30 - 9:15am you are invited to come in to your child's classroom to meet your child's teacher and teaching assistant. This is a chance for you to familiarise yourself with their learning environment.

**Kindergarten** spaces for this academic year are filling up very quickly and some sessions are already full. If your child attends Kindergarten and you would like to increase their sessions, or if you would like to book a place for your child, please contact Cath Parslow in Kindergarten as soon as possible.

**Traffic and Parking** Please could we ask all parents to be mindful and considerate to our neighbours when parking in Cutlers Place. Please can we ask you not to park over driveways, or double park. We have experienced a number of complaints both from parents and neighbours this week. This is in the interest of safety for all our school community.

**Saturday Football Club** message from Alan Christopher: Hello to everyone, we hope you have had a lovely summer holiday and are ready for the new Football season.

For those new to us we organise and train players of all abilities, age and sex, and will provide training and matches against other schools, with matches for all age groups under F.A. Guidelines and F.A. Coaching. We offer football training and matches on Saturday mornings from 9:15am to 10:30am on the school playing field. We are self-funded and as a club provide football kit to all players who are registered with us. This Saturday is our Registration and Kit Day. This year we welcome all year groups to come along and get involved as we can then arrange matches and training to give everybody an opportunity to play and learn play both individually and as part of a team. We would ask you to come at 9:15am and register. This year, as in previous years, we ask for a half season subscription of £20:00 per player and this money will be used to provide football kit. Some of the kit has not been handed back in from last year, please could we ask you to check at home and bring in any kit you may find, washed and ready to hand out again. Children should come in on Saturday in football kit, boots, shin pads and bring a drink. We are looking for volunteers to help and support run the club. If you are interested please come and speak to either Mike Newell or myself on Saturday. Please note that all players must be registered with us to take part. If you would like any further information please either see us on Saturday, or call me on 07857 614316.

**YOUNG Writers National Writing Competition 'Ancient Adventures':** Last term some of our Year 3 children entered into this competition. We are very proud to let you know that three of our children have been selected and their work will be published in an edition of 'Ancient Adventures – Out of Time', a copy of which will be sent to our school. Their work will also be entered into the final of the competition, results will be published in November. Congratulations go to:

Vera Malmyha for "Lost in a dark forest"  
Millie McGinty for "What's That?"  
Lily-Nicole Smith for "The Mummy Chase"

**Dates for your diary** Attached to the newsletter are a list of dates for the school year, please do check the fortnightly newsletter and/or the school website for any amendments or updates. If you have any ideas or suggestions you wish to share with the school, please liaise with your year group Parent Council representative. Our first meeting is on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September.

**Electronic communication,** over the summer we have revamped our email system. Mrs Stewart will be sending out a letter next week to ascertain which families would prefer to have the newsletter emailed to them. We will continue to publish the newsletter on the school website. [www.stcatherinescolehill.dorset.sch.uk](http://www.stcatherinescolehill.dorset.sch.uk)

***"Spread love everywhere you go.  
Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier."  
St Teresa of Calcutta***

Have a lovely weekend with your families.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Sarah Sparks  
Headteacher