

# St Catherine's Newsletter

16<sup>th</sup> December 2016

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

Dear Parents,

It has been a very busy end of term, with the music concert, Key Stage 1 performance, the Kindergarten Advent Service and parties, with a very special visitor!

## **Choir visit to Mile Oak**

Our talented boys and girls entertained the residents at Mile Oak Care Home last Thursday. Thank you to Mrs Jones and Mrs Swierkosz for organising this and for the volunteers who gave up their time to walk the children safely there and back.

## **Advent Service**

Thank you to Mrs Kernick and Mrs Swierkosz who organised the Advent Service last Friday afternoon, reminding us all of the true meaning of Christmas. Our talented children read, sang and played their instruments beautifully.

## **Key Stage 1 Christmas Play**

Congratulations to all our boys and girls who performed in "Lights, Camel, Action", both performances were very busy, thank you for coming and supporting the children. Our thanks also go to the staff that made it all happen: Mrs Wickens for the costumes, Mrs McCabe and Mrs Harris for the lighting, Mrs Trent, Mrs Hince and Mrs Montgomery for putting it all together.

## **Music Concert**

Thank you to Mrs Bolter for preparing a wonderful concert with the children to whom she teaches flute, clarinet and saxophone on Wednesday afternoon. It was fabulous to hear our talented musicians. Well done to all of the children!

## **Governors**

Last Thursday night the Governing Body formally welcomed Mrs Heather Palmer as our new Community Governor. Mrs Palmer has a background in HR and is also one of our grandparents.

## **Staffing**

Next term we welcome Mr Ricky Mills as our Caretaker, Mrs Sarah Wilkinson as a lunchtime supervisor and Mrs Sarah Storey as an additional teacher across Key Stage 1. I know you will extend them all a very warm St Catherine's welcome.

## **Keeping Safe**

As I mentioned last week we have been reviewing our safeguarding practices around the school. Whilst we are an open and welcoming school, we have a duty to keep all our children safe. Thank you to everyone who has supported the suggestion made by the Parent Council to drop the children off in the morning and exit the school site to avoid congestion. I have written to our Kindergarten families requesting that they exit the school site by 8:45am. Next term, the gates will also be closed at the end of the school day, after pick up, to ensure the safety of those

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children who attend our after school clubs. From the beginning of term the children attending after school clubs must be collected from the main entrance where the club leader will meet you. Thank you for your cooperation in continuing to keep all our children safe.

## **Saturday Football:**

Message from Alan Christopher: Last Saturday we played away games against Colehill First School, yet again they provided a formidable opposition, but we played well and everyone enjoyed the game. Year 2 played exceptionally well, carving out a great victory 12-0, brilliant with lots of scorers. Year 3 team helped by some of our Year 2 played well and finally going down by a single goal. Our Year 4s had a tussle of a match, at half-time they were 6-0 down, they came back strongly, eventually losing 7-1, a tremendous effort from all who played. Well done everyone. Saturday football will start again on 7<sup>th</sup> January at school from 9:15am training.

## **DT Request**

A request to parents from Mrs. Deary, please could you save empty kitchen rolls and send them into school after Christmas for Design Technology lesson. Many thanks

## **Merit Assembly**

Yesterday morning we held our termly merit assembly where we awarded a whole host of certificates.

**Merit Certificates** are awarded for outstanding achievement.

Reception: Pippa Eels and Zavier Roser  
Year 1: Isabelle Macrae and Misia Moukhine  
Year 2: George Bell and Poppy Sloan  
Year 3: Sebastian Dziwinski and Grace Wilson  
Year 4: Luke Durrant and Megan Jefferies  
Year 5: Eleanor Khoo and Phoebe Storey  
Year 6: Edith Beashel and Gracie Mills  
Sports: Adam Moukhine (Yr 3) and Oliver Smith (Yr 4)

## **100% Attendance**

Regular attendance at school from a young age is proven to increase a child's chances of achieving well in their GCSE's. Congratulations to the following children who have been in school every day of this term:

Reception: Niamh Jefferies, Freya Jeffery, Esme Lennon, Alessandro Pepper, Xavier Roser, Ziva Springer,  
Year 1: Alfie Bridgeman, Lilly Clark, Isabelle Macrae, Gaia Springer  
Year 2: Daniel Davis, Harvey Davis, Oliver Dziwinski, Luke Slade, Lucy Tucker  
Year 3: Sebastian Dziwinski, Harvey Hunt, Casey Kaye, Patrick Keeling, Savannah Lilly, Kairo Meyer, Alfie O'Connell, Eva Wakefield  
Year 4: Gabriel Balmforth, Sanjana Char, Millie McGinty, Kate Slade  
Year 5: Harriet Asquith, Grace Davis, Daisy Hale, Sophie Hunt, Amy Keeling, Sophie Kernick, Isabella King, Symara Lesbirel, Oliver Moors, Osabel Oliveira-Wheeler, Amy Reeves  
Year 6: Freya Allen, Amelia Andrews, Thomas Hunt

## **Lunchtime Supervisor Certificates**

The lunchtime supervisors work closely with our boys and girls and have awarded the following children with certificates for this term:

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Reception: Calvin Clarke and Levi Fernandes  
Year 1: Jacob Langston and Ella McGuigan  
Year 2: Charlie Pears and Bella Sloan  
Year 3: Rohanna Miller and Max Tuley  
Year 4: Jorja Varley and Lucy Dickinson  
Year 5: Izzy King and James Jefferies  
Year 6: Harriet Jeffries and Shelby Allport Roberts

## **Gold Board Certificates** were awarded to:

Reception: Jennifer Dickinson and Alionna Higgins  
Year 1: Isabella Cassidy, Lilly Clark and Sienna Perkins  
Year 2: Williams Antony, Samuel Hill and Ernesto Nobis-Perren  
Year 3: Harvey Hunt and Ria Sastry  
Year 4: Gabriel Balmforth, Millie McGinty, Lily-Nicole Smith, Oliver Smith  
Year 5: Hattie Asquith, Eliza Gosling and Phoebe Storey  
Year 6: Freya Allen, Anna Harris, Lydia Jones and Charlotte Oliveira Wheeler

## **House points** results this week are:

St John Bosco (Yellow)	94
St Francis de Sales (Green)	50
St Teresa of Lisieux (Blue)	88
St Margaret Clitherow (Red)	90

The winning house for this term is: St. Margaret Clitherow (Red) - 1715  
They will have an extended break time during the first week of the spring term.

On a personal note, thank you so much for the warm welcome to St Catherine's for both myself and Mrs Dare. We have both really enjoyed our first term here at St Catherine's. We have really appreciated getting to know you as parents both individually and collectively in parent council and parent association meetings. Working alongside the Governing Body, Staff and of course your fabulous children has been a privilege.

Thank you for your continued support for your children and for the school.

All the staff wish you all a very happy and blessed Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year, starting back on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 at 8:30am

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him,  
so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

**Romans 15:13**

Yours sincerely

Sarah Sparks  
Headteacher

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## Dates

Back to school

Health & Well-Being Week

Esafety day, session for parents

Life Education session for parents

Second Hand Uniform Sale

Image Theatre Production of Jungle Book

INSET day school closed

Parent Council meeting

Half Term

8:30am Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> January

2pm Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January

2:30pm Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January

2:20pm Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January

8:45 am Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February