

St Catherine's Newsletter

3rd March 2017

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

Dear Parents,

Ash Wednesday

On Wednesday Canon Noakes and Deacon Michael led a moving liturgy for our key stage 2 boys and girls who had prepared their Lenten promises and shared the ashes with all of the children to mark the beginning of the Lenten season.

Lent

Today Fr Dylan came and spent time in each class talking with the children about the season of Lent, including fasting, prayer and almsgiving.

Year 1

On Wednesday afternoon Mrs Hince came to visit the children, to be with them as they received a visit from Canon Noakes who talked to them about the importance of Lent. Mrs Hince will be back in class from Monday 6th March.

World Book Day

Thank you to everyone who took part in World Book Day by dressing up as a character from a book, film, or poem. The school was buzzing!

Open Afternoon

You are all warmly invited to attend our Spring Open Afternoon, which will take place on Friday 10th March from 2:00pm. This is always an excellent opportunity for the children to celebrate their achievements with their families. We fully understand that work commitments may prevent some parents from attending. In such cases perhaps an alternative arrangement might be made to invite another family relative, e.g.: grandparent, uncle, aunt, older brother or sister who could attend instead. The book fair will be in the hall, and you are welcome to go there with your child. Can we remind all parents that mobile phones should not be used inside the school for any purposes– thank you? Please sign in as you go into the classroom. Thank you.

Staff Vacancies

We require two Lunchtime Supervisory Assistants (Post XS2.4) to work 6.25 hours per week, Monday to Friday, term time only, hourly rate is £8.25, living wage applies, to start as soon as possible. This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful candidates will be required to have an Enhanced DSB (Disclosure & Barring Service).

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Sports Ambassadors

This week our sports ambassadors organised an inter house pancake race on Shrove Tuesday on the playground. It was a very competitive event with St Teresa of Lisieux (blue) house winning. Congratulations to everyone who took part.

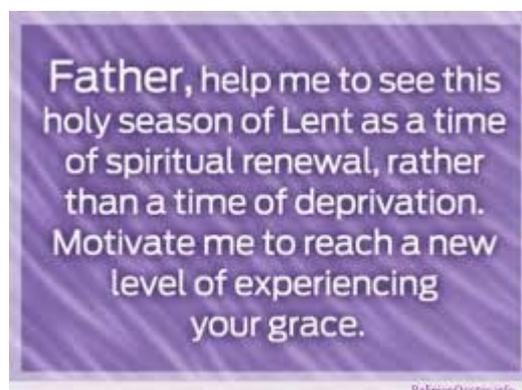
Saturday Football:

Message from Alan Christopher: Last Saturday we travelled to St. James' for our 3 matches, all with renewed vigour. Our first match was a combined Year 2/Year3 match consisting of Rohanna, Patrick and Archie along with 13 St. James' players who played 8 a-side match. Rohanna, Patrick and Archie's side won 4-0, with Archie netting all the goals. Well done to all who played. Our Year 2 match followed, and they played superbly winning 9-0. Scorers were Jasper (5), Archie, James, Matthew and Sam all scoring to provide a convincing victory. Our Year 4 match was a more frantic affair, with us trying to score, and St. James' able to convert their chances with us losing. Our players never gave up and showed great resilience.

This Saturday's fixture has been cancelled, therefore we will be training from 9:15am to 10:30am, please arrive promptly. Please come in football kit with boots, shinpads, a warm coat and drink.

On 29th April the annual 5-a-side tournament will be held at St. James', we therefore need to confirm numbers of players in each age group from Reception, Years 1, 2, 3, 4. A requirement to play in this competition is that the player must be a school pupil having paid all their subscriptions as the cost of the tournament is paid by all the teams entering. More details of this day will follow.

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. For further info please contact Alan Christopher on 07857 614316.



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Dates

Year Tag Rugby
Open Afternoon
Parents Evening
Second Hand Uniform Sale & Coffee
Year 6 retreat to Sway Convent
Parents Evening
Samba concert for Year 4 families
Travelling Tuba
Thanksgiving Mass for parents
Kilburn Cup football tournament

Wednesday 8th March
Friday 10th March 2-3pm
Thursday 16th March 4 -7pm
Friday 17th March 2:20pm
Friday 17th March
Tuesday 21st March 3:30 – 5:30pm
Wednesday 22nd March
Thursday 23rd March
Friday 24th March 1:30pm
Wednesday 5th April

We wish you and your families a happy weekend.

Yours sincerely



Sarah Sparks
Headteacher