

St Catherine's Newsletter

25th November 2016

**Let us pray for peace: peace in the world and in each of our hearts
Pope Francis**

Dear Parents,

Celebration certificates

Reception: Aoibheann Baker and Pippa Eels
Year 1: Helena Austin and Darcy Smith
Year 2: Williams Anthony and Charlie Pears
Year 3: Eva Wakefield and Harvey Hunt
Year 4: Luca Priest and Shannon Williams
Year 5: Zachary Bennett Thurston and Grace Davis
Year 6: Freya Allen and Emily Joint
Well done to you all!

House points results this week:

St John Bosco (Yellow)	145	Congratulations!
St Francis de Sales (Green)	125	
St Teresa of Lisieux (Blue)	142	
St Margaret Clitherow (Red)	134	

Parents Association Christmas Fair

We would like to say a big thankyou to the P.A. for putting up the Christmas Tree and decorations, ready for the Christmas Fair.

Everyone is invited to join us for the P.A. Christmas Fair on Saturday 26th November from 12:00 noon to 2:00pm. The school has been decorated, donations of cakes have been gratefully received and excitement is building. The P.A. have worked extremely hard leading up to the fair. We are all very grateful to everybody who helps to make school fair such a huge success.

Hot School Meal Christmas Lunch

We would like to remind parents, the Hot School Meal Christmas Lunch for the children will be Thursday 8th December. The deadline for the online orders for this meal is Sunday 27th November.

While on the subject of hot school meals, please can we request parents pay particular attention when ordering these meals for children, that you order something your child will eat. We are experiencing lots of little ones crying through lunchtime as they don't like what has been ordered and want something different. In this day and age when we have to be mindful of food allergies etc., we can only give the children what has been ordered for them. Many thanks for your co-operation this, we really want to make children's lunchtimes a happy experience.

Inset Day

Just a reminder the school will be closed on Friday 2nd December for staff training.

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

First Communion children at St. Catherine's Church will be taking their first Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday 3rd December at 10:15am.

School Choir

Mrs Jones and Mrs Swierkosz have arranged for the School Choir to visit 'The Acorns' residential home on Thursday 8th December to sing a range of carols, which the children have begun to learn in school. Further details will follow nearer the time.

Advent Carol Service

We would like to invite you all to join us for our Carol Concert on Friday 9th December at 1:30pm, where the children will lead us in singing a range of Carol's old and new.

Football update

Message from Alan Christopher:

Last Saturday we entertained St. James' at home playing three matches which was a great spectacular for all. Year 3 team Rohanna, Alfie, Patrick, Jasper, Matthew, Lily and Albert played a great game, winning 8-3. Alfie and Matthew both scoring goals. Then our Year 1/Year 2 team played an exciting match, winning 5-4. Goals scored by Matthew and Jasper, well done to Darcy and Luke who played in their first match. Our Year 4 match was a very tense affair, everyone showed great team spirit, winning 4-2, goals scored by Oliver Newell. It was a marvellous morning, it shows that everyone is gelling together in their teams, with lots of energy and effort. Well done to all who played. Thank you to all the parent helpers who helped set up, and pack away. Thank you also to the team of mums providing hot drinks to all.

This Saturday (26th) we have away matches at St. John's First School, Wimborne. On the preference of parents the kick-off times are: 9:00am for Year 1 and Year 2, 9:30am for Year 3, and 10:00am for Year 4. Please arrive at St. John's half an hour prior to your players kick-off time. As a school community we should be able to support all of our teams and players, regardless of age or ability. It is also important for us to know who is available to play in the relevant matches. As always we really need as many parents as possible to help set up and clear away at the end of the morning.

Please come in Football kit with football boots shin pads together with a warm coat and a drink, we understand St. John's are 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 have a new email address: kindy@stcatherinescolehill.dorset.sch.uk which kindy parents are invited to use for any communications.

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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

Thank you to all parents who donated to bags to bags scheme, which raised £104 for the Parents' Association.

Wimborne Christmas Lights switch on

Switching on the Christmas Lights in Wimborne will take place on Saturday 26th November, at 4:30pm in The Square.

Dates

PA Christmas Fair	26 th November 12-2pm
INSET day school closed	2 nd December
School Rugby match	6 th December
School Netball match	7 th December
School Choir to 'Mile Oaks'	8 th December
Advent Service	9 th December 1:30pm
KS1 Nativity Play	13 th December 1:30pm
KS1 Nativity Play	14 th December 6:30pm
Christmas Party day	15 th December

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

Yours sincerely



Sarah Sparks
Headteacher