

St Catherine's Weekly Newsletter

16th September 2016

Dear Parents

Governor News

Many congratulations to our new Chair of Governors Simon Pope. Simon has been associated with St Catherine's for many years and is passionate about ensuring our children receive the best possible education. We are very fortunate that Mrs Pauline Baldwin, after many successful years as chair, is remaining on the Governing Body as Vice Chair. We are also welcoming Mrs Alex Harris onto the Governing Body and Mrs Dare is the new staff governor. As you can see there have been changes to the Governing Body recently but our grateful thanks go to Rob Asquith, John Andrews, Fionnuala Hough, for their dedication and service to our school, sharing their time and talents for the good of our whole community.

Attached is a letter from our newly elected Chair of Governors inviting parents to join the governing body. You do not have to be an expert on education to be a school governor, and we value the experience that all governors bring to the role. We are particularly keen to attract governors with knowledge in Information and Communications Technology; Marketing and Human Resources. If you are interested, please read the letters attached which contain more details.

Celebration certificates – Well done everyone!

Year 1	Isabella Cassidy, Ronnie Collins, Isabelle Macrae, Pandora Norman, Fraser Coates-Smith, Chloe Roberts & Harry Thompson
Year 2	Kieran White and Joseph Dickinson
Year 3	Ingsun Nembang and Kairo Meyer
Year 4	Lily Smith, Finley Betteridge-Hanson, Lucy Dickinson, Xavier Norman, Oliver Smith
Year 5	Symara Lesbirel and Oliver Moors
Year 6	Thomas Hunt and Edith Beashel

School Council elections took place this week and our new councillors are:

Year 1	Euan Macfarlane and Emily James
Year 2	Joslin Hawkings and Ernesto Nobis Perren
Year 3	Sophia Jeffery and Owen Clapham
Year 4	Luke Durrant and Millie Coles
Year 5	Symara Lesbirel and Jack Beckett
Year 6	Amelia Andrews and Rubina Rana Magar

Congratulations to them all.

House points have been counted and the results for this week are:

St John Bosco (Yellow)	116	
St Francis de Sales (Green)	124	
St Teresa of Lisieux (Blue)	164	Congratulations!
St Margaret Clitherow (Red)	137	

For their first duty our house captains took an active part in our liturgy on Monday morning and afterwards were congratulated on their election by the school.

Meet the teacher session on Monday 19th September from 8:40 - 9:15am for parents of children in Year 1 – Year 6, you are invited to come in to your child's classroom to meet your child's teacher. I will be out and about after our whole school liturgy, so please do come and say hello.

The Parent Council (PC) is looking for volunteers to join them. If you are willing and able to share your time to support the school community and want to know more about the parent council please visit the school website for more information. Please contact Jai Hill if you are interested. Jai Hill Tel: 07941573724 Email: Ja.hill@sky.com

Football Club Message from Alan Christopher:

It was good to see so many children last Saturday in the rain. Everyone got a bit wet but thoroughly enjoyed the session. For those who missed last week, or are new to the school, we organise and train players of all abilities, age and gender, provide training for matches against other schools under F.A. Guidelines and F.A. Coaching. Training will be held this Saturday (17th) from 9:15am to 10:30am on the school pitch. Please come in football kit, boots, shin pads and with a drink. We welcome all year groups to come along and join in the training, giving everyone the opportunity to play and learn to play both individually and as part of a team. We ask for a half-season subscription of £20.00 per player. We are self-funded and as a club provide football kit to all players who are registered with us when we play matches. We are still missing the new football kit given out last year, if anyone has any of this kit at home, please return it as soon as possible. If any parent is interested in helping please contact Mike Newell or Alan Christopher on 07857 614316.

“Help one another. This is what Jesus teaches us. This is what I do and I do it with my heart.”
Pope Francis

Wishing you a lovely weekend with your families

Yours sincerely

Mrs Sarah Sparks
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