

St Catherine's Newsletter

3rd February 2017

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

Dear Parents,

Celebration Certificates

Reception: Harry Clarke and Pearl Lily Turner
Year 1: Isabelle Macrae and Ella MGuigan
Year 2: Brodie Cockayne and Francesca Priest
Year 3: Harvey Hunt and Eva Wakefield
Year 4: Kobi Miller and Kate Slade
Year 5: Benji Allen and Patrick McVeigh
Year 6: Edith Beashel and Talia Lesbirel

House points

St John Bosco (Yellow)	164
St Francis de Sales (Green)	156
St Teresa of Lisieux (Blue)	164
St Margaret Clitherow (Red)	141

Staying Safe Survey

At the end of the autumn term we surveyed the children to see how they feel in school. Below is a table of their feedback. We have been working with the staff and children to remind them to look out for each other and approach someone who looks as if they are lonely or sad. We have also introduced charts across Key Stage 2 so our boys and girls can see that their effort and good behaviour are recognised.

	Yes	No
1. I feel happy in my school.	88%	12%
2. I feel safe in school.	87%	13%
3. I know what to do if I feel sad.	88%	12%
4. I tell the teacher or someone in charge if someone hurts me or makes me sad.	91%	9%
5. I like going outside to play.	88%	12%
6. I know where to go for help if I am lonely.	79%	21%
7. I tell someone at home if someone hurts me or makes me sad at school.	84%	16%
8. I try my best at school.	90%	10%
9. When we do well in school we are given stickers/rewards in class or by other teachers and adults	85%	15%
10. When we are kind or helpful we are mentioned in our Celebration assembly.	82%	18%

Parent View

On Monday we circulated leaflets to every family to encourage you to log on to parent view to give us your feedback on how we are doing as a school. Your feedback is very important to us as it helps us to set priorities for the future.

Governor News

Last night at our Full Governing Body meeting we officially welcomed Paul Gosling as our new Parent Governor. Paul has been involved with St Catherine's for almost ten years. Below is a short biography for those of you who do not know Paul yet!

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'My eldest child has now left St Catherine's to attend St Peters and my daughter is still a pupil at the school. During their time here I have witnessed the positive impact the school has on the children who attend it and I am keen to ensure that this continues in my role as Governor. Professionally, I am an experienced Company Director and have recently set up a specialist recruitment company focusing on the Environment and Sustainability sector. Away from work, I am an avid follower of all sports, particularly rugby and am a Lead Coach in Wimborne RFC's Youth section. We have a school to be proud of and I am looking forward to being part of its future.'

Attendance

We expect all children's attendance to be above 95%, in line with government expectations. Thank you to all of those families who have been working hard to make sure their child's attendance is as high as it can be. Thank you for getting these important habits established as it will make a positive difference in their future. There is a real link between attendance and achievement and therefore it is important that your child attends school every day unless there are exceptional circumstances. Those whose attendance drops below 90% are deemed to be Persistently Absent and will be informed by letter and invited in to meet with me to discuss how we can bring about improvements. If you need any help or advice please do get in contact.

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).

Summer Camp

Thank you to all of those who turned out on Wednesday evening to find out about the Summer Camp. Thank you to Mrs Jeffries for all her hard work in preparing the presentation. I am sure lots of you are now keen to sign up.

Unwelcome Visitors

Please could we ask all parents to be vigilant with making sure your child's hair is free from unwelcome visitors? If you need to treat your child's hair please could we ask you to let the school office know? Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Peanut Allergy

You may be aware that St. Catherine's School operates a nut-free policy. Some of our children have a severe allergy to nuts, including peanuts, and any contact with nuts may result in a serious reaction. Please could we ask for your co-operation in not including items of food containing nuts in your child's lunchbox. This includes certain types of cereal bars.

School Nurse Drop In

Lucy May our school nurse is due to offer a 'drop in' session on Friday 3rd March from 8:45am to 9:15am. If you wish to discuss any issues with her she will be pleased to meet you. You may wish to let the School Office know of your intention and our helpful ladies will pass your requests on to Lucy May.

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Netball Festival

Years 5 and 6 netball team enjoyed a netball festival at Allenbourne Middle School yesterday, scoring many goals and gaining many skills. A big thank you to the parents who helped transport the children to the festival and very special thankyou to Mr. Allen for taking on the unexpected task of organising one of the teams.

Saturday Football:

Message from Alan Christopher: We had a good training session last Saturday and this Saturday we will continue in the same vein. Training will be held this Saturday (3rd) from 9:15am to 10:30am on the school pitch. Please come in football kit, boots, shin pads, warm coat and with a drink. With all the matches coming up, please can we remind all players to make sure their subs have been paid, to enable them to compete in the matches? 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.

"Life is a journey. When we stop, things don't go right"
Pope Francis

Dates

Parent Council meeting	Friday 10 th February 8:45 am
Half Term	Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th February
Book Week	Monday 20 th – Friday 24 th February
Second Hand Uniform Sale & Coffee	Friday 24 th February 2:20pm
Ash Wednesday	Wednesday 1 st March
Nurse Drop-in Session	Friday 3 rd March, 8:45am
Open Afternoon	Friday 10 th March 2-3pm
Parents Evening	Thursday 16 th March 4 -7pm
Second Hand Uniform Sale & Coffee	Friday 17 th March 2:20pm
Year 6 retreat to Sway Convent	Friday 17 th March
Parents Evening	Tuesday 21 st March 3:30 – 5pm
Samba concert for Year 4 families	Wednesday 22 nd March
Travelling Tuba	Thursday 23 rd March
Thanksgiving Mass for parents	Friday 24 th March 1:30pm
Kilburn Cup football tournament	Wednesday 5 th April

Yours sincerely



Sarah Sparks
Headteacher