

# St Catherine's Newsletter

14<sup>th</sup> October 2016

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

Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend to PA meeting this afternoon. A new committee have been appointed. Thank you to those who have stepped down from the committee for all their hard work and dedication in support of our school.

### **Celebration certificates**

Reception: Grace Collis, Aliona Higgins and Max Monks  
Year 1 Darcy Gray and Emily James  
Year 2 Samuel Hill and Poppy Sloan  
Year 3 Sophia Jeffery and Beth Sloan  
Year 4 Albert Andrews and Sanjana Char  
Year 5 Benji Allen and Sophie Kernick

### **Hooke Court**

Our Year 6 girls and boys have had a fabulous few days at Hooke Court. Details and a few photographs are on the news section of the website.

### **Plymouth CAST**

Our school is a member of Plymouth CAST, a multi-academy trust comprising of 36 Schools situated within the Catholic Diocese of Plymouth. All of our schools seek to provide excellent education, pastoral care and spiritual formation for all the children and adults who make up the communities of our schools.

Plymouth CAST is committed to our Catholic mission while contributing to support education in the South West, working with other schools and learning networks to serve the Common Good.

### **Prayer Space**

Over the summer, as a leaving gift to the school, Mrs Harris converted our school library into a calm and tranquil place in which children can come and pray. This month, Mrs Hince has been praying the rosary with a group of children during the lunchtime on Mondays. More than 20 pupils have attended, willingly sacrificing their playtime to spend time in prayer with each other. An example of how committed our children are to developing their prayer life. We wish to capitalise on this and are looking for volunteers who may be able to commit to half an hour per week to spend time with the children in prayer. We are committed to ensuring our children are safe so this voluntary role will be subject to a DBS check. Please contact Mrs Hince for more details.

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## **Sports Updates**

### **Sainsburys Silver Award**

We are very pleased to announce that our school has been awarded the silver School Games Mark for 2015-2016. This is a national award and recognises our continued commitment to the development of sport and competition within our school, and the wider community.

### **Archery Taster Sessions & After School Club**

This week Years 2 – 6 all had the exciting opportunity to participate in a soft archery session, led by Premier Sports. This involved learning the skills of archery, but didn't involve any sharp points! Premier Sport will be returning after half-term to run an After School Club on a Tuesday for KS2. Unfortunately, numbers will be limited, so places will be given to those returning their booking form first.

### **Tag Rugby**

A huge well done to all the children in KS2 who took part in a friendly away Tag Rugby match against St. Michael's last Tuesday. It was very action packed with some spectacular tries scored by both teams. A very big thank you to Mrs. Deary for organising it and to all the parents supporting, who were cheering our children on.

### **Road Safety**

With the tragic road traffic incident outside a school in Poole this week, please take great care when driving, parking and walking to school, following the rules of the road that exist to keep us all safe. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family who lost a child this week.

### **Volunteers**

We are very fortunate that we have a band of volunteers who read with our children regularly but we are hoping to increase our numbers to ensure every class has a few volunteers to support the children. We are committed to ensuring our children are safe so this voluntary role will be subject to a DBS check.

### **Football update**

Last Saturday we played 2 matches at home against a strong Sturminster Marshall team. We had 2 great games, the Reception, Year 1 & 2 match was a ding-dong affair with us losing 6-3. Our team was brilliant and our scorers were Archie Hadaway and Matthew Campbell. It was great to see Darcy playing her first match. Well done to all who played with great energy. Our Year 4 had a really close match, we were leading 1-0 at half-time scored by Oliver Newell and losing out 2-1 with two great strikes from the opposition. Well done to everyone, particularly Lily who played her first match. For those who missed the session or are new to us, we organise and train players of all abilities, age and sex and will provide training and matches against other like minded schools, for all age groups under F.A. Guidelines.

This Saturday we travel to Pamphill for 3 matches, so we will field teams for all age groups. Please all come, support and play. Please arrive at school for 9:15am start, we will then organise teams and go to Pamphill. Please be prompt as we will need to sort out teams, kit and get ready for these away matches. Please come in football kit, boots, shin pads and with a drink. If any parent is interested in helping please contact Mike Newell or Alan Christopher on 07857 614316.

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## Dates

Art Week	17th - 20th October
INSET day school closed	21st October
Half Term holiday	24th - 28th October
Year 5 trip to Portsmouth Naval Dockyard	1st November
Parent Council meeting	4th November 8:45am
School Photographer	4th November
Welcome Mass at St Catherine's Church	7th November 7:30pm
Parents Evening	10th November 4-7pm
Parents evening	15th November 3:30 – 5:30pm

***Dear young people,  
Do not bury your talents, the gifts that God has given you!  
Do not be afraid to dream of great things!  
Pope Francis***

Have a lovely weekend with your families.  
Yours sincerely

Mrs Sarah Sparks  
Headteacher