

# St Catherine's Newsletter

6<sup>th</sup> January 2017

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

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! On behalf of all the staff, thank you so much for the cards and gifts we received at the end of last term, your generosity was greatly appreciated.

## **Staffing**

This week we welcomed Mr Ricky Mills as our Caretaker, Mrs Sarah Wilkinson as a lunchtime supervisor, and Mrs Sarah Storey and Mrs Fran Nevin as additional teachers in the afternoon. I know you will extend them all a very warm St Catherine's welcome.

## **Governor News**

Sadly, at the end of last term Canon Noakes resigned from the Governing Body having been a governor at St Catherine's for 12 years. His commitment and dedication to the school has been greatly appreciated by his fellow governors, staff and children. He will be sorely missed as a governor but he has assured me that he will continue to be a regular visitor to the school and celebrate Mass with us each term.

Canon Noakes has been a Governor of various schools consecutively since 1976. Since coming to Wimborne he has been a Governor at two schools within the Parish, serving St. Catherine's for many years. I would like to add my personal thanks for Canon Noakes support, knowledge and wisdom that we have all benefitted from over the years and we warmly welcome his continued presence in school.

*Simon Pope Chair of Governors*

## **Extreme Reading Challenge**

Don't forget there will be a prize for the most 'extreme' reader in each year group **and** one for the winning parent. The good news is – you can enter as many times as you like! The closing date is Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January. Thank you for the entries we have received so far.

## **Keeping Safe**

Please remember that the gates will also be closed at the end of the school day, after pick up, to ensure the safety of those children who attend our after school clubs. Those children attending after school clubs must be collected from the main entrance where the club leader will meet you. Thank you for your cooperation in continuing to keep all our children safe.

## **Health & Well-Being Week**

Next week is our first health and well-being week. We would like to invite you to join us on Wednesday afternoon at 2pm for a talk on esafety from the Safe Schools Community Team who will have spent time with each class throughout the day showing our children how to keep safe online.

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On Thursday and Friday the life education van is visiting the school. A separate letter has been sent out to you inviting you to a dedicated session for parents from 2:30 – 3pm on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January.

## **Parking**

It has been brought to my attention that parents are concerned about people parking on the school site at the end of the day. I would like to take this opportunity to clarify that anyone who parks on the school site does so with my permission having met with me to discuss their current circumstances. This permission is reviewed regularly.

## **Saturday Football:**

Message from Alan Christopher: Training will be held this Saturday (7<sup>th</sup>) from 9:15am to 10:30am on the school pitch. Please come in football kit, boots, shin pads, warm coat and with a drink. 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.

## **St John Ambulance**

Our boys and girls aged 7 -10years have been invited to join the Ferndown Badger Unit which is for younger members of St John Ambulance First Aid organisation. If you are interested in taking up this opportunity please contact Paula Penny via email: [paula.penny@sja.org.uk](mailto:paula.penny@sja.org.uk) or telephone 07521 431228

## **Celebration Certificates.**

Reception: Joey Robson and Louise Weert  
Year 1: Euan Macfarlane and Harry Thomson  
Year 2: Harvey Davis and Jaymee-Leigh Robson  
Year 3: Phoebe Doyle and Adam Moukhine  
Year 4: Carys Macfarlane and Jorja Varley  
Year 5: Izzy King and Symara Lesbirel  
Year 6: Chelby Allport Roberts and Charlotte Oliveira Wheeler

## **House points** results this week are:

St John Bosco (Yellow)	116	Congratulations
St Francis de Sales (Green)	94	
St Teresa of Lisieux (Blue)	100	
St Margaret Clitherow (Red)	107	

*We have seen his star in the east and have come to worship him  
Matthew 2:2*

Yours sincerely



Sarah Sparks  
Headteacher

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## Dates

Health & Well-Being Week

PA meeting

Esafety day, session for parents

Life Education session for parents

Second Hand Uniform Sale

Image Theatre Production of Jungle Book

INSET day school closed

Parent Council meeting

Half Term

9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> January

1pm Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January

2pm Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January

2:30pm Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January

2:20pm Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January

8:45 am Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February