

St Catherine's Newsletter

26th May 2017

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

Dear Parents,

This week the children had great fun learning circus skills, competing in our annual sports day and our older boys and girls took part in a range of water sports today. Photos can be found on the P.E. page of our website. Thank you to Mrs Hughes for organising our Sports Week. Our older children spent Tuesday afternoon with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra; thanks go to Mrs Kernick for making all the arrangements. Yesterday afternoon everyone enjoyed the visit from M&M Productions for a retelling of 'The Railway Children'. I am sure you will agree it has been an incredibly action packed week!

Sports Day results

St John Bosco (Yellow): 120
St Francis de Sales (Green): 116
St Teresa of Lisieux (Blue): 113
St Margaret Clitherow (Red): **138 Congratulations**

Staffing News

At the end of the summer term we will be saying goodbye to some valued friends and colleagues; Mrs Hince has made the decision to retire early, Mrs Jones has decided to go travelling with her young family and Mrs Law has chosen to stay at home with her son Max. We wish our colleagues all the very best for the future and thank them for giving so much of their time, talents and treasures to St Catherine's over the years, they will be sorely missed by us all.

Fortunately, governors have been able to make appointments to replace the staff leaving, Mrs Beale is staying with us and we will be joined in September by Miss Allonby and Mrs Williams. All our new staff are highly experienced and committed to providing high quality, catholic education.

Sponsored Bounce

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in the sponsored bounce last week. The P.A. would like to announce that we raised a grand total of £632.50 so far.

Kindergarten Gardening

Cath Parslow and her family spent Saturday working on the Prayer Garden in order to improve it so that the children can now use it. They weeded, laid play-safe bark to the paths and created flower beds which the Kindergarten children have now planted with summer bedding plants. Kindergarten would like to thank Paul Miller of Dorset Soils & Aggregates for his generous provision of 3 cubic metres of play bark at cost price and his donation of 1.5 tonnes of free top soil. Thanks also go to Charlie McCabe for arranging and delivering the goods. The children are already benefitting from this natural play area, thanks to the beautiful weather we've had this week.



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Handball

On Tuesday our years 4-5&6 had a taster session for handball. It was a thoroughly enjoyable session enjoyed by all of the children and staff. If your child is interested in joining a handball team please have a look at. www.poolephoenix.com for more information.

Half Term Rugby Camp

Bath Rugby Club are running an opportunity for boys and girls aged 6 upwards on the Tuesday and Wednesday of half term week. This will be a great opportunity for anybody who wants to develop their skills under the direction of Bath Rugby coaches who are trained to make it both interesting and enjoyable. There are some places available so you can still book up. Bookings are done direct with Bath Rugby - go online to <http://www.bathrugby.com/community/we-deliver/bath-rugby-camps-clinics/>

Parents' Association

Please could we remind Year 3 and Year 4 parents that all outstanding payments for Summer Camp are due in. Please send into the School Office the week after half-term for those who haven't already done so.

A prayer for Manchester

God of compassion, you hear the cries of all who are in trouble or distress; accept our prayers for those whose lives are affected by the bombing in Manchester;

We pray especially for those suddenly facing a future without a child, parent or loved one, young ones who are in deep distress those who are injured, traumatised or awaiting news strengthen them in their hour of need, grant them perseverance and courage to face the future and be to them a firm foundation on which to build their lives; this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

A prayer for the Bangoura family

Dear Lord,

We don't always understand your ways but we trust you. We ask that you look with mercy and grace toward our friends. Nourish their spirit and soul in this challenging time and comfort them with your presence. Let our friends know you are there with them through this difficulty. Give them strength.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

We wish you and your families' a wonderful half term break. We will see you all on Monday 5th June at 8:30am

Yours sincerely



Sarah Sparks
Headteacher

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Date	Event
8/6/17	St Peter's talk to Year 5 parents
12 – 16/6/17	Phonic Screening for Year 1 children
17/6/17	Summer Sizzler (PA)
20/6/17	Kindergarten trip to the Oceanarium
23/6/17	Information session for Reception 2017 9am
26/6/17	Year 6 Record of Achievement 7pm
27/6/17	Welcome meeting for new families 7pm
28/6/17	Year 3 & 4 trip to Harry Potter World
29/6/17	Key Stage 1 trip to the Sealife Centre
30/6/17	INSET – School closed
30/6–2/7/17	Year 3 & 4 Summer Camp (PA)
7/7/17	Thank you tea for volunteers 2pm Year 6 Leavers Party 7-9pm (Year 6 parents)
11/7/17	Key Stage 2 Play 1:30pm
12/7/17	Key Stage 2 Play 6:30pm
13/7/17	Key Stage 2 Play 6:30pm
17/7/17	Kindergarten Graduation Guitar concert 2:30pm
18/7/17	Year 5 trip to the Titanic Museum School Disco (PA)
19/7/17	Leavers Mass 1:30pm
20/7/17	End of school year 1:30pm
21/7/17	INSET – School closed