

St Catherine's Newsletter

5th May 2017

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

Dear Parents,

This week we welcomed the RE advisor from Plymouth Diocese into our school, she spent time in every class and commented on the children's excellent behaviour, the knowledge and understanding they showed in their lessons and the progress they are making in their learning.

House points

St John Bosco (Yellow):	111
St Francis de Sales (Green):	107
St Teresa of Lisieux (Blue):	93
St Margaret Clitherow (Red):	140 Congratulations!

Celebration Certificates:

Reception:	Emily Cheese and Georgina Harries-Jones
Year 1:	Darcy Gray and Fraser Coates-Smith
Year 2:	Jasper Beach and Kieran White
Year 3:	Patrick Keeling and Kairo Meyer
Year 4:	Holly Faulkner and Evie Greenwood
Year 5:	William Bangoura and Sophie Kernick
Year 6:	Chelby Allport-Roberts and Millie King

Visit by Fr. Dylan

On Thursday morning, Fr. Dylan visited both Year Five and Year Six pupils to discuss the relationship between Science and Religion. After an informative presentation looking at 'The big bang theory', creation and the balance of forces in the universe, a lively discussion ensued. There were some very thought provoking questions raised by the pupils and an enjoyable time was had by all.

Tri Golf & Multi Sport Day

Year 3 have been invited to take part in a Tri Golf and Multi Sports Day on Wednesday 10th May at St. Michael's School. A separate letter has gone out to Year 3 parents, and we would ask you ensure permission slips are returned to the School Office. Many thanks.

First Holy Communion

Some of our children in Year 3 will make their First Holy Communion on Sunday 14th May at St. Catherine's Catholic Church at 2:30pm. We ask that the children and their families are in your prayers at this very special time.

School Nurse Drop-in

Our School Nurse has arranged a drop in session on Tuesday 16th May from 8:40am, for any parent who would like to discuss/seek advice on a health issue regarding their child.

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Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 have been invited to join the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra once again on Tuesday 23rd May for an exciting schools concert. The concert will be taking place in the Lighthouse Theatre, Poole and the children will be travelling there by coach. We hope they all enjoy this experience! A separate letter to parents has already gone out giving further details. Please can we remind parents of children in Years 3, 4, 5, & 6 to return the permission slip, together with £3.50 per child for the transport?

Names on Uniform

Please could we ask all parents to be extra vigilant in making sure all items of school uniform are named. After the lunch break our lunchtime supervisors very kindly sweep the field collecting cardigans and jumpers only to find we cannot give them back to their rightful owners as they are unnamed!

Adventure Playground

Please could we remind all parents that the Adventure Playground is out of bounds at drop off and pick-up times to all children and toddlers? This is a Health & Safety issue and we would appreciate your help with this. Thank you

End of Day Pick Up

Last year we introduced a one-way system for collecting the children at the end of the school day which proved to be very successful. Please enter via the first narrow blue gate (beside my office) and walk around the outside of the building, collecting the children from the hall and/or early years block then exiting from the narrow blue gate near the key stage two playground. Thank you.

Year 4 Tag Rugby Competition

Some of Year 3 and Year 4 children took part in an inter-schools Tag Rugby competition at Q.E. School, Wimborne, last Friday 28th April. They all did incredibly well! We interviewed four children from Year 3 and Year 4. These are some of the quotes:

"I loved it!" Gabriel, Year 4, "My favourite part was the final!", Oliver Smith Year 4, "I would definitely do it again", Thomas Harris, Year 3, "It was so much fun!", James Storey, Year 3. Everyone seemed to enjoy it and they all had a lot of fun. We would definitely say this tournament was a success.



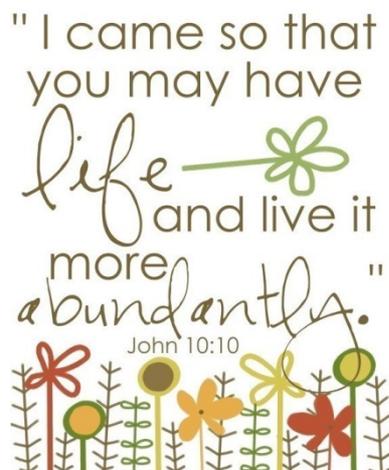
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Orienteering

Last Wednesday, the children from Year 5 went to do some orienteering at 'Bytheway' field. One of the girls, Daisy Hale, said "I loved it so much, it was loads of fun!", and one of the boys, Sam McCabe said "It was really fun!" We had to dib fifteen different stations using our map to guide us. The top of the map always faced north which was how we knew where we were. Loads of us struggled to find number seven as it was in-between two hedges. We had a time limit of half-an-hour and the quickest time to get all of the stations (without double-dibbing) was twenty minutes and five seconds. We give lots of thanks to Mrs. Deary, Mrs. Bennett Thurston, Mrs. Keeling and Mr. Gosling. Mr. Gosling said "It was lots of fun!" The kids worked really hard and learnt lots about map reading". We also give thanks to the organisers of the orienteering because it wouldn't have happened without them. Eliza Gosling and Eleanor Khoo, Student Reporters, Year 5

Sports Week

The week beginning 22nd May is our annual sports week. Mrs Hughes has been very busy organising a range of sporting activities for the children throughout the week. On Monday 22nd we will begin with the children learning some Circus Skills, Wednesday 24th is our annual sports day from 9:30am – 12, we would love to see as many of you as possible to encourage and cheer the children on. Thursday 25th is our reserve sports day with the same timings and on Friday 26th Key Stage 2 children are heading out to Rockley Park for a range of Water Sports activities.



Date	Event
8 -11/5/17	KS2 SATs week
12/5/17	Parent Council
18/5/17	PA Sponsored Bounce
18/5/17	Uniform Sale
22-26/5/17	Sports Week
23/5/17	Key Stage 2 trip to BSO
24/5/17	Sports Day
25/5/17	Sports day (reserve)
25/5/17	M&M Theatre Production
26/5/17	KS2 Water Sports
29/5 – 2/6/17	Half Term

We wish you and your families' a wonderful weekend.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Sparks
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