

St Catherine's Newsletter

12th May 2017

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

Dear Parents,

This week has been a very busy week here in school. I am sure you will join me in congratulating our Year Six children who have completed a range of tests covering their learning across the whole of Key Stage Two. The children showed great maturity and resilience during the tests. They have spent the day today working with Mrs Wakefield, playing games, having a party, doing artwork decorating cakes! We are very proud of all our children and the way in which they consistently apply themselves to their learning aiming to be the best that they can be.

We have been blessed with some wonderfully warm weather this week so please make sure your children bring a sunhat and their water bottle to school every day. We kindly request that you do not use gel ice bags in the children's lunchboxes as we have had a few incidents of the gel packs breaking and the children being unable to eat their lunch. Thank you.

Could we also please ask you to keep your child at home if they have been sick. As you all know sickness bugs travel through schools rapidly. A reminder the school policy is – if your child has been sick once, they should be kept at home for 24 hours. If they are sick more than once they should be kept at home for 48 hours. No child should be in school with a sickness bug. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Tri Golf & Multi Sport Day

Our Year 3 class had a wonderful time on Wednesday at St. Michael's attending a Tri Golf Tournament in the morning and Athletics in the afternoon. They participated against several schools throughout the day for both events showing off their wonderful skills they have developed. The class were split into three groups in the morning for the Tri Golf and at lunchtime the results for the tournament were in, with St. Catherine's Squash Bananas (name chosen by the children) coming a fantastic second! In the afternoon the children were put into 15 groups for the Athletics where they completed in several events. Our Year 3's were amazing out of the 15 tasks, they came first in 13 of them! Congratulations Year 3 on your sporting skills and a BIG thank you to Mrs. Jeffries, Mrs. Sastry and Mrs. Wilson for their help.



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First Holy Communion

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

St. Peter's Transport Meeting

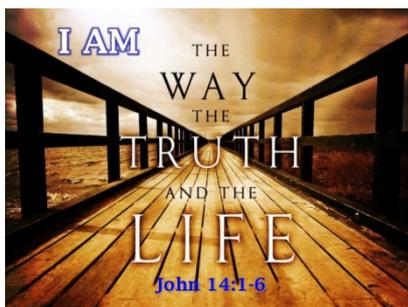
St. Peter's will be holding a meeting to discuss transport on Thursday 18th May at 7pm here at St. Catherine's. Anyone with an interest in the transport to St. Peter's is welcome to attend. This date does clash with the Year 7 Open Evening, but for those of you who would like to attend this meeting St. Peter's has offered the following Tuesday 23rd as an alternative for the Open Evening.

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.

Attendance

It is important to establish regular and prompt attendance at school. We value parents and children's efforts to attend school on time and regularly. The children can be dropped off between 8:20 and 8:30 each morning onto the playground. Any children arriving after that time need to come through the school office, those arriving after 8:40 are registered as late which will be recorded as an unauthorized absence unless this is due to illness or medical appointments. We register the children twice during the school day, in the morning and afternoon. We expect all our children to be in school for both sessions, every day. Children's attendance should reach at least 95% in any academic year. A child with less than 90% attendance rates is classified as 'Persistently Absent'. Further details about attendance can be found on the school website. Thank you.



We wish you and your families' a wonderful weekend.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Sparks

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Headteacher

| Date | Event |
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| 18/5/17 | PA Sponsored Bounce |
| 18/5/17 | Uniform Sale |
| 22-26/5/17 | Spors 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 |