

St Catherine's Newsletter

14th July 2017

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

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your best wishes and prayers. Mrs. Sparks is planning to come back to work on Monday. She was really upset to miss the KS2 Summer Production, she missed a treat!

House Points:

St John Bosco (Yellow):	108	
St Francis de Sales (Green):	125	Congratulations!
St Teresa of Lisieux (Blue):	68	
St Margaret Clitherow (Red):	53	

Celebration Certificates:

Reception:	Harry Hudson and Pearl-Lily Turner
Year 1:	Justin Clarke and Isabelle Macrae
Year 2:	George Bell and Beatrice Gribbins
Year 3:	Vanessa Amuno and Jennifer Harries-Jones
Year 4:	Megan Jefferies and Evelyn Mills
Year 5:	Zachary Bennett Thurston, Samuel Bowen and Oliver Moors
Year 6:	Freya Allen, Liam Corbin, Harriet Jeffries, Talia Lesbirel, Charlotte Oliveira Wheeler

Wonderful Results

Following the recent statutory assessments which have taken place this term, we are proud to announce a summary of the results.

Early Years: 82% of our children attained a good level of Development (the expected standard).

Year One: 89% of our children achieved the expected standard in phonics.

Year Two: 85% of our pupils achieved the Year Two standard in Reading, Writing and Maths.

Year Six: 76% of pupils achieved the expected standard in Reading; 82% in Writing and 71% in Maths.

In addition 47% of pupils in Year Six achieved a Greater Depth level in Reading; 18% in Writing and 29% in Maths.

The Year Group expectations are challenging for all year groups, so congratulations to the children, parents and staff who have worked so hard this year. We thank parents for their continued support with home learning.

KS2 Summer Production "Ye-Ha!"

We were treated to the fabulous production of "Ye-ha" this week. Congratulations and well done to all the children who took part. Thank you to Mrs Dare and Mrs Hughes for all their hard work with the production, Mrs. Swierkosz, Mrs Beale and Mrs. Jones for leading Year 3 and Year 4 with the singing, Mrs. Swierkosz for the props and Tom Pope for Lighting, and to all the parents for the costumes. A big thank you to St. Walburgas Catholic School for the loan of the horse's outfit!!

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Year 3 First Holy Communion Celebration

Year 3 celebrated their First Holy Communion with a party this afternoon. The children celebrated wearing the clothes they wore on their special day.

Volunteer Parent Readers

We invited all our wonderful parent helpers/readers for a tea party this afternoon to say thank you to all them for giving up their time to help our children. They are an invaluable resource for our school and are very appreciated.

Sporting News

Sports Ambassadors : Our Year 6 sports ambassadors Edith, Anna, Freya, Jessica, Chelby and Emily have received Level 1 and Level 2 bronze certificates for their hard work helping to set up for PE lessons, teaching KS1 games at lunchtime, helping to run after school clubs, refereeing matches and writing blogs on the school games web site. All of our sports ambassadors have worked extremely hard this year to achieve new sporting and fun activities such as the Pancake Race and inter house Tag Rugby Tournament. Well done! If you would like to read their reports go to your school games and type in St. Catherines.

It is now time to select our new Sports Ambassadors for September. So if you are currently in Year 5 and would like the challenge please let me know.

Dorset County Finals: Last Friday three of our Year 5 participated in the county finals. Izzy King in the 75m, Jack Beckett in the High Jump and Oliver Rodriguez in the 150m. Well done to all three for their fantastic enthusiasm and effort.

' I went back to Kings Park for the county finals and ran in 150m. In my heats I came 3rd, so that is how I qualified. If I had won I would be running for the County, but sadly I came 2nd. I am very pleased I am the 14th fastest runner in 150m for East Dorset' – Oliver Rodriguez.



A Plea from Mrs. Deary

Please could we ask you if you have any spare PE kit which your child has grown out of, please could you send it in to school to use as spare kit. Many thanks

Kindergarten

Kindergarten Graduation and Leavers Party will be held on Monday 17th July, we are sure they will have a lovely time.

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Year 5 Trip to the "SeaCity Museum"

Year 5 will be visiting the "SeaCity Museum", Southampton on Tuesday 18th July. Please could we ask for any outstanding permission slips and monies to be sent in on Monday. It promises to be an enjoyable day.

P.A. Disco

The P.A. are holding a School Disco on Tuesday 18th July, KS1 Reception to Year 2 from 3pm-4pm and KS2, Years 3,4,5, & 6 from 4:15pm-5:15pm. This event is FREE!!! As a thank you to everyone for all the fundraising support during this year.

Year 6 Leavers' Mass

The final celebration for our children in Year 6 will take place on Wednesday 19th July at 1:30pm, when the children in Year 6 celebrate Mass along with their families. The Mass is dedicated to the children, as we give thanks to God our Father for all that they have accomplished here at St. Catherine's and ask God our Father to be with them as they move on to their secondary schools.

Staff Vacancies

We have vacancies for teaching assistants and a lunchtime supervisory assistant to join us in September. The adverts are on our website, the closing date for applications is Monday 17th July at midday.

Kindergarten

Kindergarten had a visit today from the Fire Service. They talked to us about wearing seatbelts in the car, not playing with matches and how to get out of the house if there is a fire. We learnt to "Get out, stay out and call 999". We also had a chance to spray water from the fire hoses and to dress up in Firefighter uniforms. We even heard the sirens and horns on the fire engine!



Please note we break-up for the Summer holiday on Thursday 20th July at **1:30pm**.

Yours sincerely

Melanie Dare
Deputy Headteacher

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Date	Event
17/7/17	Kindergarten Graduation Guitar concert 2:30pm
18/7/17	Year 5 trip to the SeaCity Museum School Disco (PA)
19/7/17	Year 6 Leavers Mass 1:30pm
20/7/17	End of school year 1:30pm
21/7/17	INSET – School closed

DATES FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2017-2018

Autumn Term 2017: Tuesday 5th September to Friday 15th December
Half-Term: Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October

Spring Term 2018: Wednesday 3rd January to Thursday 29th March
Half Term: Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February

Summer Term 2018: Tuesday 17th April to Tuesday 24th July
Half Term: Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June

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Staff Training Days:
(Children not in school)

Monday 4th September 2017
Friday 20th October 2017
Tuesday 2nd January 2018
Monday 16th April 2018
Monday 4th June 2018
Wednesday 25th July 2018