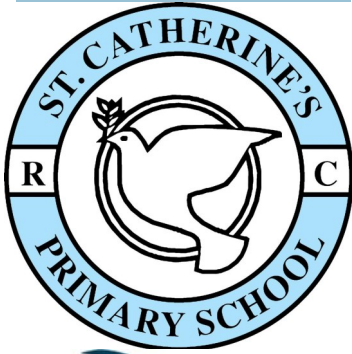


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5th January 2018



St Catherine's School

# Happy New Year

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Welcome back, we hope you all had a peaceful Christmas with your friends and families. The children were straight back into their learning this week and looked very smart in their uniforms. Thank you.

**Hot Lunches** Please make sure you order your child's hot lunch in advance, we have had a few children not on the list this week. Chartwell's website is [www.dorset.mealselector.co.uk](http://www.dorset.mealselector.co.uk)

**Attendance** Our school day starts at 8:30am and ends at 3pm. 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.

*Sarah Sparks*

## 2018 New Year Message from Pope Francis

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“Let us nurture the seeds of peace as they grow and let us transform our cities into workshops of peace. “



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**St Catherine's:**

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

## Religious Education—Christmas

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**Our first RE topic of the Spring Term is Christmas. Below is an overview of what your child will be learning.**

**Reception:** To know that Jesus is special and was born in poor circumstances in Bethlehem. We celebrate his Birth at Christmas.

**Year 1:** To know that people recognised how special the Birth of Jesus

was and that we give thanks and praise for the Birth of Jesus.

**Year 2:** The journeys of the Christmas story tell us about Jesus and help us understand how we should care for others.

**Year 3:** Jesus was born in poor circumstances. He came to call the poor, the dispossessed and the marginalised.

**Year 4:** Angels were messengers of the Good News. We are called to be messengers of that Good News today.

**Year 5:** As followers of Christ, we are called to give witness to the poor at Christmas.

**Year 6:** Jesus is the Son of God, God becoming human. Belief in the Incarnation is central to our faith.

## Health Checks

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Letters have gone out this week for Reception Class Health Checks. The School Nursing Team will be in school on 2nd February. If you are happy for your child to be weighed and measured then you do not need to do anything. If you do not want your child to take part, please complete the opt-out slip and return it to the school so that your child will not be measured. Thank you.

## Reception 2018

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Please could we remind all parents wishing to apply for a place in our Reception class for September 2018 that as well as completing our School Admissions Form, you must ensure you have also applied online to Dorset County Council, on the website:

[www.dorsetforyou.com/schooladmissions](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/schooladmissions)

If you have any difficulty accessing this website please ask for a DCC application form from the School Office.

**The closing date is 15th January 2018**

## Office

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As Mrs Heathcock is the only member of staff in the school office at the moment we would be very grateful if you would ensure that any money coming in to school is in a sealed, named envelope. Thank you.



Mrs Cheese, one of our lunchtime supervisors, is helping in the office from 8-9 each morning, so please be patient as she learns the ropes!

We will be advertising the administrator post so please do look at the details on the vacancies page of our website if you are interested.

## Health, Safety and Security

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Please continue to park safely, with consideration for our neighbours and stick to the Highway Code.

To ensure everyone can exit the school safely at the end of

the day please remember to use the one-way system. Please enter by the gate next to the key stage 1 playground and exit via the gate near the school office.

After dropping your children off at Kindergarten please close the gate behind you and do not let anyone else through.

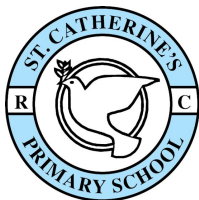
Safeguarding our boys and girls is a collective responsibility.

## Staffing News

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The Governors appointed Mrs. Nicola Pegg as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA) I am sure you will join me in congratulating Mrs Pegg and welcoming her to the team!

Unfortunately our caretaker resigned during the holiday so if you know of anyone who can help out with minor repairs please do let us know.



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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 8/1/18 Year 4 Swim & Dance Festival  
Caring Canines visit Kindergarten  
1/2/18 St Edwards talk to KS2 parents  
5/2/18 NSPCC Speak out stay safe day  
7/2/18 Safer Internet Day  
9/2/18 Sponsored Bounce

### 12—16th February Half Term

- 19/2/18 Song in a day  
20/2/18 Parent Consultations 3:30—5:30  
21/2/18 Parent Consultations 4-7pm  
26/2/18 Year 4 Tag Rugby  
2/3/18 World Book Day  
12/3/18 British Science Week  
16/3/18 Open Afternoon  
20/3/18 PA Bags to School  
27/3/18 PA Cake Sale  
29/3/18 1:30pm End of Term

## Thank you message from Mrs. Stewart

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*Dear Candice and all the parents,  
Thank you so much for all my amazing retirement presents, my Pandora charms, afternoon tea voucher and Debenhams gift card, which I will really enjoy spending. St Catherine's has wonderful parents whom I have enjoyed supporting over the years and I feel very privileged to have worked in such a special place. My last day was extremely emotional for me, but a day I will always treasure—thank you. I miss everyone very much. I wish everyone a very Happy New Year.*

*With love and best wishes  
Carolyn*