

## 16th March 2018

Wow what a week! Year 2 & 5 visited Streetwise, The Planetarium funded by the PA, an inspirational visit from Mr. Gee and open afternoon.

We hope you all enjoyed the opportunity to come in and see your children's work and experience some of the science experiments the children had organized for you.

On Wednesday we welcomed Ms Penzer to our office team. I know you will all continue to give her a warm welcome to our community.

*Wishing you a lovely weekend with your families*

*Sarah Sparks*

## Weekly Mission

- This week we can follow Jesus' example by saying thank you for the love that we receive in our lives.



**St Catherine's:**

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

# Keeping Children Safe

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Each half term the children have a lesson on e-safety and are reminded in every ICT lesson to use the internet safely. Attached to the newsletter is the online safety newsletter, which can also be accessed on the eSafety page of our website.

Please continue to park with consideration for our neighbours and stick to the Highway Code. Remember that there is no parent parking on site without my prior permission, this includes dropping off for breakfast club or picking up from school clubs at the end of the day.

To ensure everyone can exit the school safely at the end of the day please remember to use the one-way system. Entering by the gate near the school office and exiting through the gate near to the key stage 1 playground.

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.*

## Phonics, Key Stage 1 & 2 Information

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You are all invited to attend information sessions regarding the Year 1 Phonic Screening Check which takes place in June and both the Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Standards Assessment Tasks (SATs) which are scheduled for May.

There will be three sessions on **Wednesday 28th March: 8:30am 2:30pm & 3:15pm**. If you are unable to attend one of the sessions the information will be posted onto the relevant class page of our website.

## Staffing News

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### Caretaker

We are still looking for a caretaker / handyman to help out around the school for 10 hours per week. Full details are on the vacancies page of the school website.

**Congratulations** to Miss Allonby who recently became engaged and is due to marry during the summer holiday.

**Thank you** to Mrs Lindenberg, Miss Deakin and Mrs Preston who have been teaching the children in Year 4 & Year R respectively.

Please continue to keep Mrs Trent & Mrs Montgomery in your prayers.

# Toys in school

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Many children bring items from home into school each day. We expect these objects to be small enough to fit in their pocket. We do not wish to ban items coming into school but may need to consider doing so as we have had a spate of items going missing. Please make sure if your child chooses to bring something to school that it is named. **Thank you**

## Queries & Concerns

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As a community, we work together to provide a high quality education to all our pupils. However there are times when you have queries or concerns, they should be directed in the first instance to the class teacher who is best placed to answer your query. If you are not content with the action taken then you should raise your concern with Mrs. Sparks. If you are not content with my actions then you refer to the Chair of Governors Mrs. Pauline Baldwin. Further details are available on the school website

## Governor News

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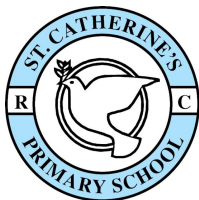
At our last full Governing Body meeting we were notified that Mr. Simon Pope will be resigning from the Governing Body at the end of this term. Mr. Pope has been a loyal servant of the school for 20 years, serving as a member of the PA, PC and Governing Body, standing as Chair during the last academic year. His contribution to the school over many years cannot be over stated and he will be sorely missed by us all.

This does mean however, that we have an opening for a Foundation Governor, so if you or any member of your local parish is interested please contact our Chair of Governors Mrs. Pauline Baldwin on 01202 884349.

## Section 48 RE Inspection

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Next Thursday and Friday we welcome colleagues from Plymouth Diocese into school to assess the quality of religious education and our effectiveness as a Catholic School. Thank you for your questionnaire responses. The inspectors will be visiting every class, talking to the children about their learning and observing acts of worship. We will let you know when the report has been finalized and share the outcomes as soon as we are allowed. Please keep us in your prayers. Thank you.



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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

21/3/18 PA Bags to School  
22/3/18 Year 4 County Finals  
27/3/18 PA Cake Sale & Easter Egg Event  
28/3/18 Phonic, KS1 & KS2 SATs meetings  
29/3/18 1:30pm End of Term

**30/3/18—15/4/18 Easter Holiday**

**16/4/18 INSET—School Closed**

17/4/18 Energy Kidz Breakfast & After  
School Clubs begin

23/4/18 St George's Knights & Princesses Day

14 -18/5/17 KS2 SATs week

21-25/5/18 Sports Week

23/5/18 Sports Day

24/5/18 Sports day (reserve)

**28/5/18—1/6/18 Half Term**

## After School Clubs — Spring Term

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Monday:	Basketball	3 –4:05pm Children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
	Multi Sports	3– 4pm Children in Years 1 - 6
Tuesday:	Multi-skills	3.10–4.10pm Children in Years 1 - 6
Thursday:	Tennis	3 –3:45pm Children in Years 1 - 6
Friday:	Street Dance	3-4:15pm Children in Years 1 - 6
Saturday:	Fun Football	9:15—10:30am