



12th October 2018

Parent teacher consultations are next week, The appointment times have been sent out through your children - so do check their book bags. There will be a drop-in session with a representative from CAST- Helen Brown, who will be available from 4 - 5pm on both evenings. On the Thursday evening we will also have a representative from St Edwards if you have any questions about applying to secondary schools - the deadline for applications is 31st October.

Our next Friends of St Catherine's (PC) meeting is scheduled for 2pm on Thursday 18th October. The agenda is on the website, as are the minutes from last month's meeting.

Brighten up for CAFOD—we will be having an assembly on Friday 19th October to hear more about the work of CAFOD. We would like the children to come to school dressed in brightly coloured muffi (non-uniform). As we have already had a collection for family fast day we are not asking for any more donations but if you do wish to make a donation, we will ensure it is sent through to CAFOD.

Thank you to everyone who has returned their parental questionnaires and signed the code of conduct. The deadline is Thursday 18th October.

Don't forget if you mislay a letter, or it has gone missing from the book bag, all letters are posted on the 'letters to parents' page on the 'Parents' section of our website.

Wishing you a lovely weekend with your families.

Sarah Sparks

This week we can follow Jesus by:
sharing our gifts with one another.

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

Our learning

We are extremely fortunate to have such amazing children in our school, who come each day, ready to learn and full of enthusiasm; thank you! We asked the children about their learning and here are just a few of their responses.

- R "I know 's' is in my name"—Oscar. Ted said "we always do funky fingers"
- 1 Amy told me that she has been a kind friend this week. Edward helped his friend make a slide in the playground project.
- 2 Paige said, "I have really enjoyed learning all about famous nurses and how they were brave and changed hospitals." Aoibheann said, "I loved making a lamp just like Florence Nightingale used when she walked around the wards making the soldiers feel better!"
- 3 "We have composed a poem" said Jacob. Lazzaton said "In science we have been learning about body parts - muscles and bones"
- 4 Jaymee-Leigh "we have been designing a machine to catch a mouse for little wolf, in our cracking contractions" "I have been learning my times tables" said Francesca
- 5 Rohanna "You are making me think hard!"
- 6 "We finished reading War Horse by Michael Morpurgo. It is exciting and has lots of plot twists at the end of the chapters" Wyatt

Awards

Year R: Jack, Jessica

Year 1: Edward, Cassius

Year 2: Paige, Narin

Year 3: Ella, Harry

Year 4: Kieran W, Louie

Year 5: Rohanna

Year 6: Lucy

House Points

St John Bosco : 54

St Francis de Sales: 54

St Teresa of Lisieux : 47

St Margaret Clitherow : 48



Read for Good

Please remember that during October, St. Catherine's School is taking part in 'Read for Good's' sponsored read. Pupils choose what they want to read, and the money they raise provides them with fantastic motivation as well as enabling 'Read for Good' to provide a regular supply of brand new books and storyteller visits to children in hospital all over the UK. Go to www.readforgood.org/sponsor to find our school and how you or family members can sponsor them. Many thanks for your support.

Starting School September 2019

For those families with children born between **01/09/2014 and 31/08/2015** it is time to start thinking about school places. We will be hosting an open afternoon on Wednesday 7th November from 1:30pm which will include a short presentation from Mrs. Sparks and a tour of the school led by some of our pupils.

The deadline for applications is **15th January 2019**.

Parents should apply on-line – creating an account is a very simple process and you will be able to view the outcome online on the offer date. All parents will receive full information of the outcome in a letter posted on National Offer Day, 16th April. If parents require a paper application form, please call Dorset Admissions on 01305 221060.

Health & Well-Being

On Wednesday 17th October we have a Health & Well-being Day

It is a fun and exciting way to measure pupil's abilities and creates a solid foundation for monitoring skills development throughout their time at school. On our Health & Well-Being Day, we will be visited by specialised coaches who will host a series of dynamic challenges.

As a staff we will also be working on the programme's four core themes:

- Physical Activity
- Healthy Eating
- PSHE
- Emotional Health and Wellbeing



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

16.10.18	Parents evening 3-5pm Bronze Sports ambassadors training
17.10.18	Health & Well-Being Day
18.10.18	Friends of St Catherine's (PC) meeting 2pm Parents evening 4-7pm
19.10.18	Brighten up for CAFOD muffin day 22/10/18—26/10/18 Half Term
29.10.18	INSET DAY School closed
31.10.18	Phonics information session 8.30am
1.11.18	Year 4 class liturgy (change of date)
6.11.18	Year 4 trip to Tutankhamun museum
6&7.11.18	Year 5 & 6 Residential Trip
7.11.18	Open Afternoon for new families
8.11.18	Year 3 class liturgy 2:30pm
9.11.18	Mass of Remembrance (this is a change from 1.11.18)
19.11.18	Design Technology Week
22.11.18	Year 2 class liturgy
23.11.18	Design Technology showcase
26.11.18	St Catherine's Feast Day
29.11.18	Year 1 class liturgy
3.12.18	Prayer buddy day—beginning of Advent
6.12.18	Friends of St Catherine's (PC) meeting 2pm
11.12.18	EYFS & KS1 nativity 9am
12.12.18	EYFS & KS1 nativity 1.30pm
13.12.18	EYFS & KS1 nativity 6pm
19.12.18	KS2 Carol Service 6pm at St Catherine's parish church
20.12.18	YR class liturgy 2:30pm
21.12.18	End of term 1:30pm

Saturday Football

Last Saturday we had a bumper time at Football with our younger players who came and trained at School and then travelled to watch our Year 2/3s play Hayeswood in a real tussle with us winning 3 goals to 2. Brilliant! Our Year 4s then played but succumbed losing 7-2. Great effort and enthusiasm shown by everyone, well done to all. Whilst it was great we do need more players so please join us as this is for members of the School regardless of age ability and gender.

We will confirm details on each Saturday. I need to know now how many of you are available to play as we have to enter the numbers of players to be involved so if you could please confirm to me or Lee via our Whats App group on Saturday. We can then start to organize teams etc. All players must be registered with us on Saturday to be included in the teams for the season.

This Saturday we will start Training at School at 9.15am -10.30am. We can allow any pupil so please come along and get involved. Please come kitted out in Football kit, boots, shinpads, warm coat and a drink. We are always looking for both old and new players and would be pleased for you to come along and join in.

For further info please call me on 07857 614316. See you all on Saturday or speak to Lee at School.

Alan Christopher