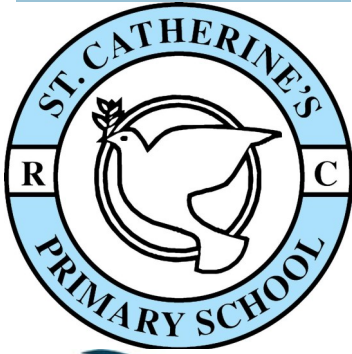


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St Catherine's School

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Dear families,

It was great to see so many of you at Mass this afternoon. The children worshipped beautifully, giving thanks to God with their skills and talents.

We hope you found the Phonics and SATs information sessions useful. For those unable to join us during the day, the presentations are on the class website pages.

Parents evening letters have been sent out today. Please return your slip to the office by 9am on Monday 4th February so we can ensure everyone gets an appointment. Thank you.

This week we welcomed Mr. Britton to the team as our Caretaker.

As the weather is increasingly inclement at this time of year we have sent out a reminder about how we will inform you should we need to close the school. A decision will not be made before 7am and will be posted on the website, Facebook page, Dorset for You website and the local radio stations will make an announcement if we need to close. However, we always endeavor to keep the school open.

Many apologies for the mix up with colours this week. As you noticed we did send out a message to confirm that it was green for St Francis de Sales day. On Tuesday next week we will celebrate the feast of St John Bosco and the children are again invited to come in mufti, wearing something yellow.

*Wishing you a lovely weekend with your families*

*Sarah Sparks*

### **This weeks' reflection**

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What changes can we make to help  
build a fairer world?

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**St Catherine's:**

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

## Maths morning

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You are all invited to join your children in class next Wednesday morning from 8:45—9:45 to experience what Maths is like in school nowadays. If you are unable to join us I will be setting up some typical Maths activities and give a short presentation during parents evenings. More details of which are on the parents evening letter which was sent out today.

## Hot lunches

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Our hot lunches are provided by Chartwells and distributed by our wonderful team of midday supervisors. We have had a few incidents with some children not wanting to eat the food that has been chosen for them. We recommend that you sit with your child to choose their lunch menu and ensure that it is what they will eat. Thank you.

## Winter weather

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As the winter weather has well and truly begun and the mornings are so cold at the moment, please make sure your children come to school wearing a coat. If you send them wrapped up with gloves, hats and scarves don't forget to make sure they are named. Our lost property cupboard has a few lonely items!

In consultation with the Friends of St Catherine's we have sent out information about how we will contact you in the event we need to close the school due to the weather conditions. Please check the book bags!

## Reception

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The children in Reception and Kindy really enjoyed making dens in the woods during their forest school session on Thursday. We are not sure that we could spend a night in them though!! Photographs are attached.

## St Catherine's Parish

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Women's World Day of Prayer coffee morning Friday 1st February 10-12 at the church. Everyone is welcome.

# Communication

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We are always looking for ways to improve communication and having a regularly updated website, Facebook group and comprehensive newsletters each week it was agreed at the Friends of St Catherine's meeting yesterday to close the whole school What's App group as this is not used regularly.

Each class has it's own What's App group, which you are welcome to join, please contact your class rep about how to do this. The What's App groups are run by parents and are not managed in any way by the school. However any concerns about the conduct of parents on the What's App groups do fall under the Code of Conduct for parents. Please be respectful of one another. It is not an appropriate forum for raising concerns; they must be raised with me directly so they can be dealt with appropriately. Thank you.

# Kindergarten

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There are a few available slots in our very popular Kindergarten. Please remember we are now open from 8:30—3 each day during term time. We accept 15 and 30 hours childcare vouchers .

If you would like your child to join now or in the summer or autumn term 2019 please complete an Application for Kindergarten form, which is available either through the school office or Kindergarten staff.

If you know of someone in the local area who is looking for a place, for their children aged 2 years 9 months or over, please encourage them to come and have a look at our provision and meet the team.

# Parking

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This week, we have received a number of complaints from our neighbours in Cutlers Place and Jessop Road as they have been blocked in and unable to leave their property to get to work.

Please park safely with consideration for our neighbours and stick to the Highway Code. Parking opposite the school driveway causes congestion so please avoid this, thank you.

# Friends of St Catherine's

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The Friends of St Catherine's includes everyone within the school; parents, governors and staff, present & past, who are committed to improving our school for the good of all our children. We no longer have a separate Parents Association (PA) & Parent Council (PC). Each class has a representative who brings your ideas and suggestions to half termly meetings for discussion.

## **This years class representatives are:**

Kindergarten: Daniella Dennigan  
Reception: Caroline Lennon  
Year 1: Amanda Norman  
Year 2: Julia Weert & Ciara Baker  
Year 3: Candice Lesbirel  
Year 4: Lucy Hedley  
Year 5&6: Nicky McNamara

## **Our committee are:**

Chair: Libby Jakes  
Vice-Chair: Kelly Higgins  
Treasurer: Julia Weert  
Secretary: Lucy Hedley  
Health & Safety: Matthew Britton

The group meet every half term and minutes of the meetings are on the Friends of St Catherine's page of our website. Meeting dates are on the website and included in the weekly newsletter. Everyone is welcome.

# Saturday Football Club

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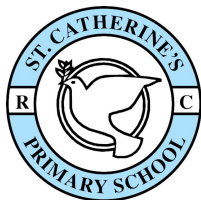
Hi All,

Last Saturday was a very wet affair but we all got stuck in and really trained hard. We as coaches were very impressed. Well done to all who turned up

This Saturday we host Hayeswood at home who have 2 age group teams in year 3 & 4. There will be 2 matches with year 3 kicking off at 9.45am and year 4 at 10:30am. Please arrive at least 15mins before kick off. Please can all players come in football kit ready to play with a warm coat and drink. We would ask parents to help with set up and teas and cakes for all of those invited and to cheer on all of the players involved. Unfortunately we will be unable to train our younger players but please come and cheer along.

For more information please come along, speak to any of our committee or call me on 07857 614316.

Regards  
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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Christmas Holiday 24/12/18-4/1/19

29.1.19	St John Bosco Day—wear yellow
	Reception height & weight measurement
30.1.19	Maths morning 8:45—9:45am
31.1.19	Year 4 class liturgy
4.2.19	Art Week
	Singing workshop with Mrs. Radford
5.2.19	Safer Internet Day
	Young Voices Concert O2 Arena
7.2.19	Year 3 class liturgy
11.2.19	Bikeability week
12.2.19	Parents evening 3-6pm
14.2.19	Parents evening 4-7pm

### Half Term 18/2/19—22/2/19

#### INSET School Closed

25.2.19	Year 2 class liturgy
28.2.19	Pancake Race
5.3.19	Ash Wednesday Liturgy 2pm
6.3.19	World Book Day
7.3.19	Friends of St Catherine's meeting 2pm
8.3.19	Y4 Tag Rugby
14.3.19	Year 1 class liturgy 2:30pm
	Mass 2pm, everyone invited
19.3.19	Year 4 Football tournament
28.3.19	Year R class liturgy
5.4.19	End of term 1:30pm

## After School Clubs Spring Term 2019

Activity	Day	Time	Year Group
Basketball	Monday	3:15 - 4:05	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
Football Club	Monday	3:00 - 4.10	Years 1 - 5
Multi-skills	Tuesday	3:10 - 4:10	All
Arting About	Tuesday	3:00 - 4:25	All
Cloud School	Wednesday	3:00—4:00	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
Tennis	Thursday	3:15 - 3:45	All
French Club	Thursday	3:00 - 4.10	Reception - Y3
Choir	Thursday	3:00 - 4:00	Year 6, 5, 4 & 3
Dance	Friday	3:15 - 4:15	All
Football	Saturday	9:15 - 10:30	All