



St Catherine's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

November 2019

Live, Love and Learn Together with God

**Important dates
for your diary....
BUT PLEASE LOOK AT
OUR WEBSITE FOR
UPDATES**

**4th December Bucky
Doo - Christmas Cheer**

PTFA events

**Christmas fair Friday 29th
November 3pm-5pm
KS1 party and entertainer
afternoon 17th December.
KS2 Christmas Craft
afternoon 19th December.**

Advent and Christmas events

**Advent Service at the
Church Tuesday 17th
December 9.30 am - all
welcome.
KS1 Nativity Dates 10th -
12th December
Tuesday and Thursday
afternoon and
Wednesday evening**

Communications dates

**IAB drop in 4th December
Half term Celebration
assembly TBD
Parent forum 2.15pm
TBD**

**And quite far ahead
...parents are reminded of
the deadline for applying
for a place in Reception
for September 2020 -
which is January 15th .**

Administration and living out our values.

Our end of half term Celebration Assembly

The children collectively earned lots of house points for effort this last half term. St David's house achieved the most and had a non-uniform day at the end of the half term. Well done to everyone. Which house will get the highest total at the end of this term?

School Council. I will hold the second meeting of the Council **at 8.00am on Wednesday 20th November.** Please bring your child to the front entrance of the school where I will meet them. Thank you.

Communication apologies

Please accept apologies for the last minute information on PTFA non uniform day. This one slipped through the net.

IAB drop in on the 4th December Wednesday 8.40 – 9.10

This is an opportunity for you to talk to the Chair of the school's Interim Academic Board on the progress the school is making and ask any questions.

Car Parking

We are still receiving complaints from local residents about dangerous parking. Please think carefully about where you leave your car. Thank you.

Attendance reminder

Following the information that went out last week please be aware that time taken off for holidays in school term which is unauthorised will be referred to Dorset County Council who can issue fines per parent per child.

Parents evening.

This is a timely reminder to ensure we have your correct email address and other contact details. –but please always check out the website for news. Many thanks to parents who came along to one of the two evenings set up before half term. Teachers have been contacting you if you missed them.

NEWS



Our Gospel Values

Kindness

Courage

Peace

Integrity

Humility

Justice

Forgiveness

Compassion

The children and staff at

St Catherine's
strive to live
values these
every day through
their actions.



News from the Classes

Year 6 Nothe Forte

Year 6's autumn term topic is WWII. On the 18th October, Y6 took part in an experience day at the Nothe Fort in Weymouth. The children experienced what life would have been like during WWII. They dressed up as an evacuee and only brought a lunch that would have been available during the War; they even wrapped their lunch in brown paper.

They learnt about the local area and how it was affected during the war. They visited a 1930s shop, experienced how it would have felt being in an Anderson shelter (they really enjoyed this part), learnt what it would have been like as a warden and enjoyed putting out fires (pretend of course)! This was a fabulous day and the children were a credit to our school.



Reception Class

On the coldest day of the year so far, all our Reception children and adults had an amazing time when we were visited by the Harbour Master and the Coastguards. As you can see from the photos, they loved getting into the boat, they experienced how to save somebody in trouble at sea, how to call the coastguards and how to keep safe on the beach. There were a lot of loud noises and plenty of concentration and laughter! They really know that these are people who help us. Check out the many photos on the website.



Remembrance Liturgy

All children and staff assembled for a liturgy non Monday 11th at 10.45 am . Two members of Year 6 read out a poem . Everyone observed the two minutes silence.

In the hall is a moving display by Year 6 with the theme of Remembrance day.

Please ask to come in and have a look if you have not seen it.



THANKS VERY MUCH

TO PARENTS FOR SUPPORTING EVENTS PUT ON BY THE HARD WORKING AND ENTHUSIASTIC PTFA.

RECENTLY THEY HAVE BEEN ABLE PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE PETER AND THE WOLF TRIP AND ALSO FOR THE NEW EQUIPMENT FOR EARLY YEARS!

Year 1

As part of Year 1's Topic on Toys, they will be taking a trip to the local Library on Tuesday 26th November, from 9am-11:30am, where they will be immersed in their topic through Toy related books and will participate in an activity organised by the library. We are asking any parent helpers to assist us with this visit. Could you please make Miss Macey or Mrs Ciorra aware of your availability either at the beginning or end of the day prior to the trip so that they can sort ratios, thank you.

In addition to this, they will learning about the differences between old and new toys and would love to invite in a guest speaker, maybe an old friend or relative, who could talk to the children about some of their toys from their time. Again, please could you let either Miss Macey or Mrs Ciorra if you can help with this.

Year 4

Original scans from beautiful work by year 4! Have a look at the gorgeous display in the hall to see more.



The Last Words

Year 4 used poems from the book: *The Last Words* as models to write their own about local wildlife.

They learnt how to use watercolours with the help of a local artist (and parent) Mrs Stephens.

Mr Harris kindly provided the photography of local kingfishers for them to use also.

Kingfisher

King - seven King showers
Fish - Langier, Chip - ...

I speak with azure and jabbet with gold,
The secrets of nature shall never be told.

Nestle deep, still at birch branch. Pillen still at birch
branch. Skyscraper still at birch branch.
Yeld... pisher master rises from the branch.

Gathering speed, spandy... his way
into water. With rapishes, ripples and wet wings,
bird dove away with his pisher caught thing.

By: *Steph...*

And finally –some help please if you can.

- ✚ Please collect cardboard tubes and bring them in to school – we will microwave them to remove germs if you haven't done so. These will be used for the PTFA craft event in December.
 - ✚ New equipment for outdoor learning area. This has arrived and now needs assembling. If you are able to support Mrs Blake and Mrs Middleton with some please speak to them after school.
 - ✚ Another call - felting a shed roof. Can anyone with knowledge/ experience come and give us an idea of the scope of a job for re-felting one of our sheds. This is **not** asking for a job to be done – just some advice. Many thanks.
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