



# Newsletter

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## Meal Week 2

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From 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016, the price of a school meal increased to £2.00 per day. We have delayed the increase to parents, and so the new price will apply from Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017 when we return to school after Christmas. (The cost of Nursery dinner remains the same at £1.75 per day.)

## Attendance and Punctuality

View our attendance graph at

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Well done to Miss Frost's class for 99.7% attendance, there will be a little treat for you this week ☺

Late attendance affected children's learning on 20 occasions, which is an average of 4 per day.

Overall school attendance for last week was

96.6%

Class	Teacher	Lates	% Attendance
F1	Miss Thompson & Miss Wood	1	88.9
F2ES	Miss Sefton	1	94.9
F2AW	Mrs Wood & Mrs Atkinson	0	96.7
Y1RW	Miss Webb	1	97.3
Y1WM	Miss Marsden & Miss Waller	0	97.3
Y2LD	Miss Duggleby	3	99.0
Y2LA	Miss Andrew	0	97.7
Y3BH	Mr Harper	4	95.7
Y3IF	Miss Frost	2	99.7
Y4GG	Miss Gleeson	2	98.7
Y4RH	Miss Handy	3	94.7
Y5JP	Mr Park	1	96.0
Y5RC	Miss Conway	1	99.0
Y6MT	Miss Tipping	0	96.0
Y6JW	Miss Weir	1	95.5

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## Important Dates

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> to Wed 9<sup>th</sup> November  
Wed 9<sup>th</sup> to Fri 11<sup>th</sup> November  
Whirlow Hall Farm (Y3)

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Parent Forum coffee morning**  
**"Interfaith Fortnight"**

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Year 6 Bun Day**

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Y1RW Cinderella Ball**

**14<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Interfaith Fortnight**

**14<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Anti-Bullying Week**

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November  
Reception to Museum

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November (morning)  
Year 2 to Hindu Temple

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November  
School Photographs

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Interfaith Prayer Day**

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November  
Year 3 to Sikh Temple

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November (afternoon)  
Reception to St Catherine's Church

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November  
Year 5 to Buddhist Temple  
**Year 4 to Islamic Centre**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Flu Jab for Years 1, 2 and 3**

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November  
Crich (Y6)

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017**  
**School Meals price increase**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017**  
**Parents Evening**



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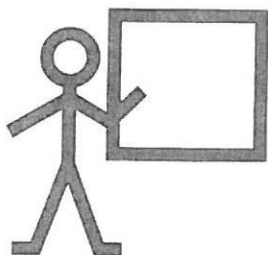
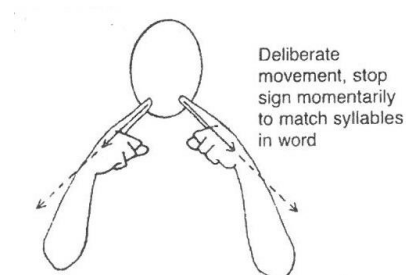
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## Makaton

Mrs Clark has given us the word 'teacher' this week!  
Here is the sign, and the symbol.



## Parent Forum News

This week the Guest Speaker at coffee morning will be talking to you about Interfaith Fortnight, Mrs Wood will join you at 9:20, everyone is very welcome to attend to find out more about the way we celebrate Interfaith Fortnight in school!

As usual, second hand books and nearly new uniform will be available to purchase or swap. ALL parents and carers are welcome, coffee morning starts at 9:00am!



## School Photos

The photographers will be in on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November to take individual photographs of all of the children in school.

We'll give you more information nearer the time about bringing younger siblings for a group photo!



## BUNS

This Friday it is the turn of Year 6 to provide the buns, thank you for your support!



## Family Learning

We have a course starting in January called Be Confident and Feel Good. We have had this course before, and it was really good!

There will be a one-off taster session on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December, please put your name down at the office if you would like to try it before you commit yourself to the full course.



On Friday next week, we're having a real Cinderella's ball in Year 1RW, so the children can come in their best outfits if they want to!

## NITS!!!!

A number of parents have let us know that their child has had nits. Could you please check your child's hair and take action if necessary! Thanks for your support.





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## Interfaith Fortnight 14<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> November

Interfaith fortnight aims to promote understanding between people of different faiths. We are excited to be able to welcome representatives from 6 world faiths into school on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November to talk to children about what prayer means to them. Prayer is an important part of all faiths. We hope the event will help children to see both similarities and differences between theirs and other's people's faiths. Each year group has also been asked to do some additional learning about one faith in particular. As part of their learning, they will visit a place of worship from the faith they are studying. Each class will also be making things to represent how different people pray to hang on a prayer tree in school. During interfaith fortnight, please do take the opportunity to share your own experiences of prayer and ask your child to tell you about what they have found out about prayer in another faith to your own.

## Reading Group

Do you have an insatiable love of reading? Are you in Year 5 or 6?

Would you love a chance to discuss some amazing books with your fellow pupils? At St. Catherine's we are keen to support and develop a love of reading. A new group is to be run by Miss Waller on a Wednesday during school time for six children. Each child will be given a new book and asked to read a selection of pages in their own time. Every Wednesday we will meet in a small reading group to talk over the book so far. At the end of each book, a review will be written to inform others of the books strengths and weaknesses.

Warning! This is not a guided reading session, it is a chance to read some exciting new books and develop your ability to discuss and debate literature! If you would like to join the Reading Group, please complete the slip below and return it to Miss Waller as soon as you can!

## Reading Group

For the attention of Miss Waller

I would like to join the Reading Group!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_ (Year 5 or Year 6 only)

## November Maths Challenges

Attached to the newsletter are both challenges:

- \* Key Stage 1 – What's in a Name
- \* Key Stage 2 – Flashing Lights

When you have tried them and answered them, please put them in the folder on the displays in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.

Thanks so much to everyone who answered October's challenges. There were so many good answers, and children coming to speak to me about it all. Keep up the hard work.

This month's winners will be announced in Merit Assemblies. Don't forget to put your name on your answers!!!

Thanks and enjoy the challenge,

Mr Mitchell





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## Anti-bullying Week 2016

Week Beginning 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Anti-bullying week is a National event organised by the Anti-bullying Alliance and provides a fantastic opportunity for us to help our pupils join in with some valuable discussions and activities to help them understand what bullying is, how unacceptable it is - and what to do if they are bullied.

Of course, these remain important messages we teach the children throughout the year but it is helpful for us to join in with the National event to stress these important messages.

This year we are all being encouraged to use our 'power for good' to remember to be kind to other people and to show respect to everyone, and to make it clear that you don't like it when people bully others. We will also focus on cyber-bullying and how important it is to be kind to others online, as well as face to face.



## Year 4 Trip to the Islamic Centre

	24 <sup>th</sup> November 2016	Y5JP AM, Y5RC PM
	Sheffield Islamic Centre, Madina Masjid Trust	
	Coach	
	£ 3.50	
	Children will be having lunch in school	
	Volunteers are not needed!	

Year 4 classes will be visiting the Islamic Centre in Sheffield to learn about Islam. The cost of the trip (above) covers the hire of the coach.

## Breakfast Club

Every Wednesday there is a special breakfast, this week it is scrambled eggs or spaghetti on toast!

## Nativity and Assemblies

We have almost finalised the list of dates for assemblies and they will be attached to the newsletter next week!

Some of you are anxious to know the dates of the nativities:

### Year 2 Nativity

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December  
2:30pm

### Foundation Stage Nativity

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December  
Morning and Afternoon,  
times to be confirmed next week

Thank you for your support!



# Merit Winners

F2ES	<b>Alex</b>	for	always showing that he is ready, and having a positive attitude towards his own learning, well done Alex!
	<b>Haris</b>	for	being an amazing mathematician! He has blown Miss Sefton's socks off with his counting, well done Haris!
F2AW	<b>Nzubechi</b>	for	being a kind and caring member of the class, thank you Nzubechi!
	<b>Patrick</b>	for	being a superstar in his new Read Write Inc group, well done!
YEAR 1WM	<b>Nasir</b>	for	a fantastic attitude to learning after the holidays, and brilliant behaviour all week, well done Nasir!
	<b>Areeba</b>	for	an amazing effort to re-tell the Cinderella story using Talk4Writing, her memory is fantastic, well done Areeba!
YEAR 1RW	<b>Kienna</b>	for	trying really hard with her work, especially handwriting, it's beautiful!
	<b>Chantel</b>	for	trying really hard to practice our Cinderella story, remembering every work, and for writing story after story in choosing time!
YEAR 2LD	<b>Sahil</b>	for	working hard independently in Maths, well done!
	<b>Dmitriy</b>	for	working hard independently in Maths, well done!
YEAR 2LA	<b>Dibora</b>	for	improved listening and focus in lessons, and being so helpful in the classroom!
	<b>Harrison</b>	for	fantastic confidence! Harrison very kindly introduced our class to a new lunchtime prayer, and he was brave enough to sing it in front of the class!
YEAR 3BH	<b>Tresor</b>	for	being thoughtful and kind to our new class mate, thank you!
	<b>Alicia</b>	for	being welcoming, friendly and extremely helpful to a new person, thank you!
	<b>Emelia</b>	for	being welcoming, friendly and extremely helpful to a new person, thank you!
YEAR 3IF	<b>Emmanuel</b>	for	fantastic work in Maths, well done!
	<b>Mufaro</b>	for	super contribution in class, well done!
YEAR 4RH	<b>Vernon</b>	for	behaviour in class, it has been amazing! Well done Vernon, keep it up ☺
	<b>Martha</b>	for	being a trooper – even with her arm in pot, she has written all her own work and not moaned at all, just got on with it. Well done Martha!
YEAR 4GG	<b>Wane</b>	for	being a great school representative on a school trip, thank you Wane!
	<b>Jaedon</b>	for	being a great school representative on a school trip, thank you Jaedon!
YEAR 5JP	<b>Kelsey</b>	for	improving literacy using critique, well done!
	<b>Bethny</b>	for	working so hard and improving in Maths, well done!
YEAR 5RC	<b>Sara</b>	for	persevering with maths challenges, well done Sara!
	<b>Abdul-Raqeeb</b>	for	showing a mature attitude, and resilience, well done Abdul-Raqeeb!
YEAR 6JW	<b>Harvy</b>	for	great focus in his learning, well done!
	<b>Charlie</b>	for	always getting on with everyone in our class, thank you Charlie!
YEAR 6MT	<b>Elijah</b>	for	an incredible determined attitude towards all learning, and for being a mature role model for Year 6, well done!
	<b>Lybah</b>	for	always following instructions, getting on with every task, and being a pleasure to teach in Year 6, well done!
<b>WOW</b>	Hiba (Year 2) for improving her pace of eating, and for eating more independently, well done! Kelvin (Year 4) for being a sheer delight, and enjoying an amazing game of basketball with his friends!		
<b>MUGA</b>	<b>Year 3</b>	There is no Beat It this week ☹	

# Would you like to win a **£50** **Waterstones** **voucher?** What **about a signed book by an author?**



**All you need to do is tell us about the book you are reading at the minute and hand this into your class teacher by 11.11.16. School council will make the final decision. Good luck!**

**NAME.....CLASS.....**

What is your book called?

Who is the author?

What happens in the story?

Who is your favourite character and why?

Convince Mrs Rigby to read your book!

You need to read this book because....

## What's in a Name?

Jim and Jan were having a chat about their names.

Jim said his name began with J and Jan said hers did too.

Jim said his name had three letters and Jan said hers did too.

Jim said his name had one vowel and Jan said hers did too.

Jim said his was 1 9 4

Jan said hers was 1 1 5

Can you see why?

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R
S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	

What about your name?

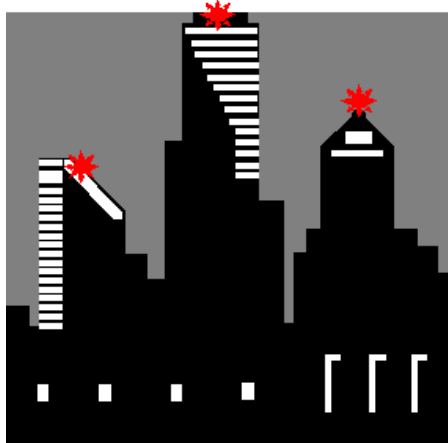
If you used Jim and Jan's code, what would your name be in letters?

Can you do any other names in this code?

## Flashing Lights

Norrie is watching the aircraft warning lights on the tops of some tall buildings in the city. He sees two lights flash at the same time, then one of them flashes every 4th second, and the other flashes every 5th second.

How many times do they flash together during a whole minute?



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