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Meal Week 2

View the meal menu online at

stcatherines.academy/school-meals

From 1st 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 4th 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

stcatherines.academy/attendance

Well done to Miss Handy's classes for 99.3% attendance, there will be a little treat for you this week 😊

Late attendance affected children's learning on 54 occasions, which is an average of 10.8 per day.

Overall school attendance for last week was

96.1%

Class	Teacher	Lates	% Attendance
F1	Miss Thompson & Miss Wood	1	85.0
F2ES	Miss Sefton	6	96.6
F2AW	Mrs Wood & Mrs Hope	6	95.3
Y1RW	Miss Webb	1	97.3
Y1WM	Miss Marsden & Miss Waller	2	99.0
Y2LD	Miss Duggleby	3	97.0
Y2LA	Miss Andrew	5	97.3
Y3BH	Mr Harper	6	96.7
Y3IF	Miss Frost	6	95.7
Y4GG	Miss Gleeson	4	96.4
Y4RH	Miss Handy	3	99.3
Y5JP	Mr Park	2	93.7
Y5RC	Miss Conway	4	99.0
Y6MT	Miss Tipping	4	96.7
Y6JW	Miss Weir	1	93.8

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Dates for your Diary

Monday 28th November

Crich Residential for Year 6

Wednesday 30th November 2016

9:00 Parent Forum Coffee Morning

9:15 Y5RC Assembly

First swimming lesson for Y1RW

Year 2 to Hindu Temple

Friday 2nd December

Year 3 Bun Day

Reception classes to the Post Office

Sunday 4th December at 1pm

90th Anniversary of our Parish

Tuesday 6th December

9:15 Y1 Assembly

Wednesday 7th December

9:15 Y3BH Assembly

2:30 Y2 Nativity

Thursday 8th December

9:15 Y4RH Assembly

Friday 9th December

9:15 Y3IF Assembly

Christmas Fair

Monday 12th December

2:30 Year 5 Plague Play

Tuesday 13th December

1:30 School of Rock in school hall

2:00 Piano and Mince Pies in CCC

Wednesday 14th December

10:30 and 2:30 Reception Nativity

Thursday 15th December

9:15 Y4GG Assembly

3:30 School Disco

Monday 19th December

School Council to Houses of Parliament

Wednesday 4th January 2017

School Meals price increase

Wednesday 11th January

First swimming lesson for Y1WM

Wednesday 11th January @ 2:00pm
 Parent Forum AGM
 Tuesday 24th January
 Y3 Road Safety Training
 Thursday 26th January 2017
 Parents Evening
 Tuesday 31st January
 Y3 Road Safety Training
 Tuesday 7th February
 Y3 Road Safety Training
 Tuesday 16th May
 Year 6 Notre Dame Parents Roadshow
 Wednesday 5th July
 Year 6 Induction Day at Notre Dame



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Makaton

Mrs Clark will be giving us lots of Christmas signs next week!



100% Attendance

The winner of the draw for 100% attendance in Autumn 1 is:

Raheem in Y3BH

Congratulations Raheem, and well done to everyone who achieved 100% attendance last half term!

Consultation

Sheffield City Council have a consultation open until Wednesday 30th November about parks, woodland and green space usage and views.

The Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust have been informed that it is important to get as many people as possible to respond to this saying they value their parks, green spaces, countryside and woodlands as Sheffield City Council may be reviewing their services.

It is a very quick survey - less than 5 minutes - so please take a few minutes to respond as an individual if you live in Sheffield or use any of its green spaces, and please encourage others to do so too.

<https://sheffield.citizenspace.com/place-planning-1/2016-parks-countryside-customer-survey/consultation/intro/>



Parent Forum News

This week the Guest Speaker will be Miss Gleeson, she will be talking to you about Maths. Miss Gleeson will start the workshop at 9:20, so you will have time to get settled with a cup of tea or coffee before she joins you!

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!



BUNS

This Friday it is the turn of Year 3 to provide the buns, thank you for your support!



Cliffe House

Year 4, if you haven't yet signed up for the residential visit, and you would like to go, please contact us as soon as you can! There are still places left, you can get more information from the school office.



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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 8th December, please put your name down at the office if you would like to try it before you commit yourself to the full course.

We haven't yet had anyone sign up for the taster session, so we may have to cancel it ... please speak to one of the reception staff in the school office if you are thinking of coming along!



Book Competition

We recently had a competition for a book review, it was really popular, and so Mrs Rigby has agreed to run it again after Christmas! Keep reading great books, and practicing those reviews, and don't forget to enter the next competition ☺



Here are the winners of the Autumn term competition!

Plague Play

Year 5 will be putting on a production on Monday 12th December.

We will be telling the story of The Plague and Eyam through drama, and showcasing all of the amazing work we have done for our topic.

Parents and friends of both Year 5 classes are invited to join us from 2.30pm, the walking play lasts for approximately an hour.

Refreshments will be available and a donation of £1 per person can be paid on the door, to be donated to CAFOD.

Please let us know if you are coming, so we need to save you a space, we look forward to seeing you there!

Plague Play

I will be there, please let Mr Park know!

Name of child: _____

Number of adults attending:



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What Attendance looks like at St Catherine's 2016/17 Our target for the Academic Year 2016-17 is 97%

We think that attendance is extremely important at St Catherine's and work hard to make sure your child has the best opportunity to achieve.

We celebrate success in Attendance in a number of way:

Half Termly Draw for a £10 Meadowhall Voucher for 100% Attendance

Half termly draw for a £10 Meadowhall voucher for 100% Punctuality before and after school

Early Bird Week to celebrate whole class punctuality with a chosen treat

End of Year 100% Attendance Trip to Pizza Hut

We are going to keep celebrating this and well done to all the children who have fantastic attendance.

If your child is absent due to illness, please inform school as soon as possible. If we don't hear from you, you will receive a phone call or text from school asking for reasons for absence.

When issues arise around the attendance of your child/ren, you will be notified in the following ways:

Firstly, you will receive a letter if your child's attendance is under 95% for that half term. This is an information letter making you aware of the issue. There may be reasons for this which will be taken into account.

If your child/ren's attendance does not improve in the following half term, you may be invited into school to have a discussion with the Attendance Team about how we can support you to improve the attendance of your child. On occasion, you may be asked to provide medical evidence for your child/ren's absences.

All holidays requested in school time will not be authorised, unless there are exceptional circumstances. Please be aware that taking unauthorised absence during term time may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Punctuality is also monitored by our Attendance Team. Any child who has more than 3 times, in a half term will receive a letter as a reminder for this to improve. If there are no improvements, you may be invited into school to explain the problems that are arising.

St Catherine's Attendance Team

If you have any concerns regarding your child/ren's absences, please get in contact with the Attendance Team.



Mr Mitchell



Ms Winterbottom

Merit Winners

F2ES	Nathan	for	tidying up outside as soon as an adult asks, well done!
	Senet	for	amazing writing in RE and during choosing time, well done!
F2AW	Halli	for	being a good friend to all the children in our class, and being kind and thoughtful ♥
	Aisha	for	being a good friend to all the children in our class, and caring about how they feel ♥
YEAR 1WM	Menase	for	turning a corner with his learning and becoming much more independent and sensible, which has enabled him to complete super star work, well done!
	Maria	for	always being a chirpy, positive person who brightens up everyone’s day and is everyone’s friend, that’s so good Maria!
YEAR 1RW	Hafsa	for	their beautiful writing, and their effort in writing, well done!
	Rayan		
YEAR 2LD	Alison	for	being an enthusiastic and conscientious learner, well done Alison!
	Sandile	for	trying hard and writing great words and sentences, well done!
YEAR 2LA	Inke	for	improved focus in his own writing, and helping others with their spelling, well done!
	Inaya	for	excellent independent work in her literacy lesson, well done Inaya!
YEAR 3BH	Favour	for	enthusiastically contributing to lessons, well done!
	Raheem	for	always being helpful and friendly, that’s so good Raheem!
YEAR 3IF	Siyena	for	super research in literacy, well done!
	Ibrahim	for	fantastic contributions in class, well done!
YEAR 4RH	Harley	for	EXCELLENT behaviour this week, and making good choices, well done Harley!
	Latisha	for	independent maths learning, well done Latisha!
YEAR 4GG	Isabella	for	trying her hardest at everything, thank you Isabella!
	Benji	for	great editing in his literacy work, well done Benji!
	Zeah	for	being great ambassadors on the trip to the Islamic Centre, they were great role models all morning, well done!
	Haseebah		
YEAR 5JP	Fred	for	their fantastic support, help and answers to the class and to visitors, well done!
	Lexie		
YEAR 5RC	Mia	for	brilliant explanation in Maths, and using lots of different methods to check her work!
	Tadhg	for	mature and thoughtful questions during our Interfaith trip, well done!
YEAR 6JW	Segen	for	trying hard to work independently, keep it up Segen, well done!
	Abayomi	for	getting on with a task by himself, well done Abayomi!
YEAR 6MT	Alyssa	for	both being fantastic ambassadors for our school and putting a lot of effort into their topic work, well done, keep it up!
	Chancelina		
WOW	Lucas and Jibrael (Reception) for making great choices at lunchtime, well done! Xavier (Y2) – for becoming much more independent at lunchtimes, well done! Josef (Y3) – for catching someone out at cricket and being so excited about it ☺ Dwayne (Y4) – for being amazing on the yard and listening to adult instructions, well done!		
MUGA	Year 2	Beat It – Philemon (Y1) - for shooting 5 hoops in a row! Beat It – Haris (Y2)	

Merit Winners



Firth Park Academy

Christmas Fair 2016

Sat 3rd December

11am—3pm

Stalls

Slide

Food

Grotto

Performers

And much
more

Firth Park Academy

Bellhouse Road Entrance, Sheffield, S5 0SD

Tel 01142574027 to book a stall or for more details



To the parents and carers of children in

[class]

Our class will be having an Open Morning on Friday this week (2nd December), we hope you can come and have a look!

The classroom doors will be open at the usual time (8:45 to 8:55am) so the children will come into class and get settled. We will do the register, and then the doors will open at 9:00am for you to join us. You are welcome to stay with us until 9:30am, you will be able to leave through the classroom door to the playground, and exit through the 2 gates that will be open – one by the Nursery and Reception playground, and the other leading to Roe Lane.

If you have children in different classes, you will be able to move through school to spend a few minutes with each of them. The dates for future Open Mornings are: 10th February, 31st March and 30th June. We look forward to seeing you on Friday morning!