



Newsletter



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ParentPay

Thank you to those of you who have activated your account! We now have 66% of accounts activated, which is marvellous.

There are **trips** on ParentPay for **Year 6**, so we'll be concentrating this week on helping you to get your account activated, if you haven't already done so.

There is **Swimming** on ParentPay for **Year 2**, so we'll be concentrating this week on helping you to get your account activated, if you haven't already done so.

At Parents Evening, there will be staff available in the office to help you to activate your account! From Thursday, you will only be able to pay for UNIFORM on the school website, there won't be any other options.

The Snow White prize will be drawn tonight at a meeting of the Governing Body, and we'll announce the winner on Parents Evening ☺

If there is more than one parent who makes payments to school, you need a second account! If this applies to you, please email the school office and we'll send you the details:

enquiries@stcatherines.academy



This week there is a coffee morning on Wednesday starting at 9:00am.

Second hand school uniform is on sale every week - if you have any to donate, the Parent Forum would be very pleased to receive it!

Dates for your Diary

THIS WEEK ... week 19

Monday 28th January

* **Dinner Menu week 1**

* **After School Clubs**

Tuesday 29th January

* **After School Clubs**

Wednesday 30th January

* **Parent Forum coffee morning 9:00am**

* **Year 4 Swimming**

Thursday 31st January

* **After School Clubs**

* **Parents Evening (Y1 to Y6) 2:00pm to 7:00pm**

Friday 1st February

* **Year 3 Buns**

Parents Evening

Thursday 31st January

Year 1 to 6

Thursday 7th February

Reception

Please return your completed form to the school office to book your appointment, if you haven't already done so ☺

This time at Parents Evening, you will have the opportunity to look at your child's work!

If your appointment is at 3:20 or 3:30pm, we will bring your child to you in the hall. Otherwise, all children must be collected from class at the usual time ... except if they're in an After School Club!



Parents Evening Questionnaire

At Parents Evening, we always have a questionnaire so that we can gather your views on a particular topic. This time, we'll be asking you about dinner money, and ParentPay.

There has been information in the news recently about some schools where lunch is not provided for children if there is no money in their dinner account.

We'll be asking you whether you think that is fair – for the parent, and for the child.

We'll also be asking your views about what schools can do instead.

Here are some St Catherine's facts, as at 10:00am this morning:

Amount owed	Number of children affected	Total amount owed
£0.01 to £9.99	58	£207.86
£10.00 to £24.99	25	£358.88
£25.00 to £49.99	13	£481.85
£50.00 to £99.99	7	£487.04
More than £100.00	3	£337.50
TOTAL	106	£1,873.13

Dates for your Diary SPRING 1

----- week 20

Monday 4th February

* **Dinner Menu week 2**

* **After School Clubs**

Tuesday 5th February

* **After School Clubs**

Wednesday 6th February

* **Parent Forum SRE Workshop 9:00am**

* **Year 4 Swimming**

Thursday 7th February

* **Y6 to National Holocaust Centre – ParentPay**

* **Ten of our pupils are in a Basketball competition at Forge Valley, have a great time!**

* **After School Clubs**

* **Parents Evening (F2 – Reception)**

Friday 8th February

* **Year 2 Buns**

----- week 21

Monday 11th February

* **Dinner Menu week 3**

* **After School Clubs**

* **Sacramental Preparation 6:00 to 7:00pm (Church)**

Tuesday 12th February

* **After School Clubs**

Wednesday 13th February

* **Parent Forum disco preparation 9:00am**

* **Year 3 Swimming starts (18 weeks)**

* **Year 2LD Swimming starts (5 weeks) - ParentPay**

Thursday 14th February

* **NO After School Clubs**

* **Valentine's Disco for Year 1 to Year 6**

Friday 15th February

* **Year 6 to Big Sing at Notre Dame - ParentPay**

* **Year 1 Buns**

* **Last day of Spring 1**

----- week 22

Monday 25th February

* **Training Day – school is closed**

Tuesday 26th February

* **Back to school for Spring 2**

Thursday 28th February

* **School Disco - ParentPay**

----- week 26

Monday to Wednesday 25th to 27th March

* **STEM Curriculum Days**



Attached are February's Maths Challenges.

- Key Stage 1 – Coin Values
- Key Stage 2 – Children in a Class

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.

Well done to Maja and Kate as the winners of January's Challenge. Special mentions to Leah, Solyana, Joanna, Haiqa, Fithawit, Winta, Batseba, Adonay and Yonathan for great responses.

Thanks and enjoy the challenge,
Mr. Mitchell

After School Clubs and Punctuality

Most evening after clubs, we have children left at school who have not been collected on time, and it makes them upset. It makes the staff upset too. Last week a member of staff missed a medical appointment, because they were waiting with a child who was collected 15 minutes late.

It has been agreed that with immediate effect, **if you are late to collect your child from an after school club, then you will not be able to sign them up for the next half term.**

Thank you to those who are always on time ☺

Staying Safe

Sometimes, a person is sent by the parent to collect their child from school, and the teacher does not know them.

Please don't think we're being difficult when we say we need to check with the office ... it's because we need to be CERTAIN that we are handing over the child safely.

You can help us:

- If you know in advance, speak to the class teacher and let them know about the different arrangement;
- Let the office know* if someone new is going to collect your child from school that day;
- Make sure that the person is on the list of contacts that you have supplied to us – we need their name and phone number, and relationship to the child.

*The earlier you let us know, the better – so we can pass on the message to the teacher. Please try to avoid, for example, leaving a voicemail at 3:25pm, as we're unlikely to pick up the message until 3:45.

Packed Lunch Policy

Please find attached the school's Packed Lunch Policy, which has been produced through consultation with the School Council and the Parent Forum.

The policy will go on the school website.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact school ☺



Attendance and Punctuality

Week Ending Friday 25th January 2019

The highest class attendance in school last week was 100%, well done to Miss Ng's class. There were also NO LATES for Miss Ng's class, well done, you'll be getting a little treat this week! ☺

Late attendance last week affected children's learning on 42 occasions, which is an average of 8.4 per day.

Overall school attendance for last week was:

97.9%

Class	Teacher	Lates	% Attendance
F2ES	Miss Sefton	3	99.0
F2AW	Mrs Wood & Mrs Atkinson	5	95.3
Y1LA	Miss Andrew	4	98.0
Y1WH	Ms Haigh & Miss Waller	6	95.3
Y2LD	Miss Duggleby	5	99.0
Y2JN	Miss Ng	0	100.0
Y3DH	Mr Hawksworth	2	97.7
Y3IF	Miss Frost	2	96.7
Y4BP	Mrs Puchalka	4	99.4
Y4IK	Miss Kirk	1	97.1
Y5SF	Mr Fowler	0	99.3
Y5ES	Miss Sweeney	3	95.3
Y6MT	Mrs Tipping	3	98.7
Y6RC	Miss Conway	4	99.0

Merit Winners



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F2ES	Natalie	For growing in confidence in RWI, and being a great reading partner, well done!
	Manchene	For asking and answering questions in full sentences all the time now, well done!
F2WA	Hannah	For being a good friend and choosing to play with different people, well done!
	Ibraheem	For amazing effort in his writing and maths work this week, well done!
Y1WH	Bilal	For independently settling down, and trying his best in all subject areas, well done!
	Annam	For increased confidence in answering questions in class, and for her great story telling and actions related to our Pirate Story, well done!
Y1LA	Amen	For doing fantastic choosing time! Amen and Luwam were using suffixes to order objects – Small! Smaller! Smallest! Well done for practicing your learning in choosing time!
	Luwam	
Y2LD	Haleema	For working hard in Maths all week, well done!
	Nathan	For great participation in whole class reading, well done!
Y2JN	Patrick	For fantastic progress in writing. Patrick is becoming much more confident with his writing and we are all so impressed, well done!
	Eisa	For always being so incredibly polite to everyone in school, and always brightening Miss Ng's day, always keep that smile on your face Eisa, well done!
Y3DH	Chantel	For excellent reflection when writing a prayer during collective worship, well done!
	Antoniaiah	For showing great perseverance in Maths last week, well done!
Y3IF	Jessica	For kind and thoughtful actions, and being a good friend, well done!
	David	For making excellent choices about where to sit, and who to work with in Maths, well done!
Y4BP	Madjid	For excellent independence in lessons, well done!
	Yosan	For great 1:1 work, well done!
Y4IK	Xavier	For being able to recognise when people are upset or need help and going to support them, and making lots of progress in his Maths, well done!
	Maryam	For doing lots of jobs around the classroom without making a fuss, and doing great editing in both Maths and Literacy to improve the accuracy of the outcome, well done!
Y5ES	Ibrahim	For making ALL the right choices and being a great role model for good behaviour, well done!
	Joel	For making a real effort to put everything he has into his work, well done!
Y5SF	Josef	For being really resilient all week with his arm injury, well done!
	Precious	For finishing her work in Lexia and showing real determination towards all her work in class, well done!
Y6RC	Isha	For an excellent attitude to learning and producing great writing in Literacy this week, well done!
	Tunmise	For being a helpful and positive member of the class and always showing good partner work, well done!
Y6MT	Thabo	For making a significant improvement in making good choices, well done, keep it up!
	Aman	For doing some great independent writing, well done!

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P4C Award

Awet	For becoming more confident in the Caring skill. Awet has made some thoughtful contributions to our P4C this half term, listening carefully and encouraging others to take part, well done!
Amelia	For using her Critical skills when reflecting on the concepts of 'home' and 'loss' linked to Holocaust Memorial Day, well done!

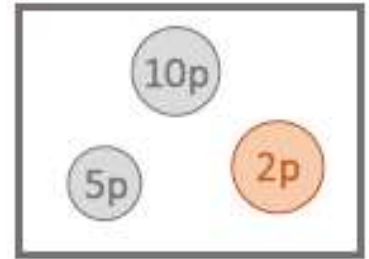
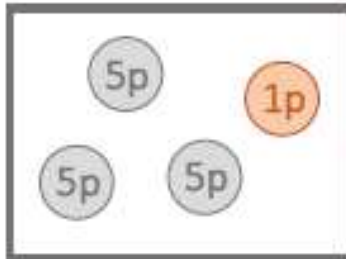
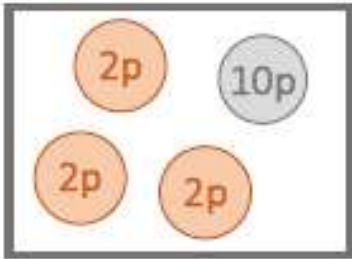
Reader of the Week

F2ES	Aatif Veronica	For collecting 50 reading points and achieving their Bronze award, well done!
F2AW	Lidya Yared	For doing lots of reading at home and getting their Bronze award, well done!
Y1WH	Isaac	For reading well, and patiently working so hard to gain his Bronze award, well done!
Y1LA	Mardia	For choosing to do extra reading after her morning work, well done!
Y2LD	Danyal	For impressing Miss Vella with his reading this week, well done!
Y2JN	Hamda	For linking her silent reading with our riddle writing this week to make it even better, well done!
Y3DH	Meerab	For bringing in her Reading Record every day this week, well done!
Y3IF	Jessica	For brilliant reading this week, well done!
Y4BP	Yosan	For nearly reaching Bronze award, well done!
Y4IK	Nathaniel	For improving the amount of time he brings in his Reading Record, well done!
Y5ES	Sarah	For taking her time with reading, getting loads of enjoyment out of it, well done!
Y5SF	Tania	For always using her Reading Record, well done!
Y6RC	Jack	For consistently bringing in his Reading Record and doing reading around our topics, well done!
Y6MT	Cole	For fantastic Literacy and great reading, well done!

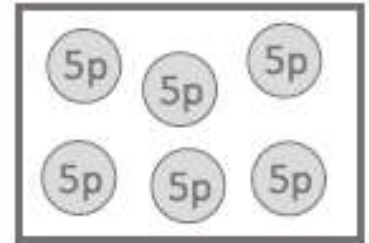
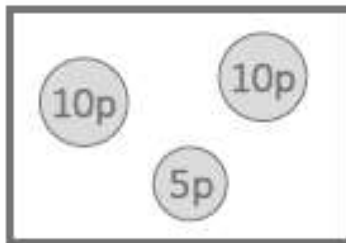
Key Stage 1 Maths Challenge – February 2019

Coin Values

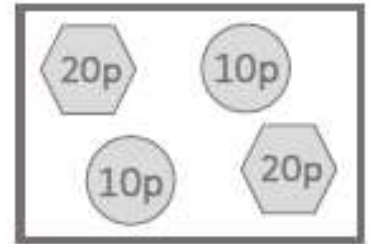
Is it 16p? ✓ x



Is it 30p? ✓ x



Is it 60p? ✓ x



Key Stage 2 Maths Challenge – February 2019

Children in a Class

Here is information about pupils in a class.

- The total number of pupils is 30
- 26 of the pupils do not wear glasses.
- A quarter of the pupils who do wear glasses are boys.
- There are 2 more boys than girls.

Use the information to fill in the missing numbers in the table below.

	Number who do wear glasses	Number who do not wear glasses	Total
Number of boys			
Number of girls			
Total			30

Policy for Packed Lunches (brought in from home)

This policy has been created by a number of multi-agency partners involved in reducing childhood obesity, promoting health and wellbeing of young people and the provision of catering services in schools.

Additional guidance on providing children with healthy packed lunches can be found from a number of sources:

<http://www.childrensfoodtrust.org.uk/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/about-change4life#y1Y6sf42c8F6AdIX.97>

<http://www.schoolfoodplan.com/>

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/551813/School food in England.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/551813/School_food_in_England.pdf)

As part of the Governments approach to help reduce childhood obesity, this strategy outlines expectations on all schools. Schools will be expected to:

- Develop healthy packed lunch policies, so that children not yet taking up school lunches are also eating healthier

Aims

- To promote healthy eating in school
- Ensure contents of lunchboxes reflect the requirements of schools to meet minimum food and nutrition standards for school meals
- Encourage healthy eating from Early Years to improve health and wellbeing of pupils

Implementation

Packed lunches should include items from the 5 main food groups;

1. Bread, Rice, Potatoes or Pasta – these items will keep your child fuller for longer;
2. Fruit and Vegetables – these provide vitamins and minerals. Include at least 1 portion of fruit and 1 portion of vegetables. E.g. a piece of fruit, carrot/cucumber sticks, cherry tomatoes;

3. Milk and Dairy - these items provide calcium for healthy bones and teeth. Include 1 portion at lunch e.g. yoghurt, fromage frais;
4. Meat, Fish, Eggs, Beans – protein will help your child grow. 1 portion of these e.g. chicken as a sandwich filling;
5. Drinks – keep your child hydrated. Only water, low sugar squash or low sugar smoothies allowed

Please support us by NOT including these items in a packed lunch:

- Fizzy Drinks
- Chocolate bars
- Sweets
- Toffee Popcorn

Storage of packed lunches

The school will provide storage areas for packed lunches in an appropriate area in the classrooms.

Dining Facilities

The school will provide an appropriate area for where pupils can eat their packed lunches.

Monitoring and Evaluation

The school will monitor packed lunch provision – if there is concern over a child's food, nutrition intake and/or content of packed lunches, this can be dealt with sensitively by a member of the senior leadership team.

Children with Special Diets

The food and drinks included in the policy guidance will be suitable for most therapeutic diets. However, any pupils following a special diet devised by a health professional must adhere to it.

For these reasons, **pupils are not permitted to swap or share food items.**

If any issues arise, staff will consult parents/carers or relevant health care professions for advice.