



Newsletter



Issue 3, 16th September

St Catherine's Catholic Primary School, S4 7BX

Together We Can

The Parent Forum of St Catherine's

This week at coffee morning, the Parent Forum will be meeting for a catch-up! Everyone is welcome to join the Coffee morning for refreshments and a chat, just turn up, there is no need to book! ☺
Second hand school uniform will be on sale this week.



Parents Evening

We would be delighted if you could join us for Parents Evening, to meet your child's teacher and find out how they have settled into their new class!

If your child is in Year 1 to Year 6, the date is Thursday 26th September.

If your child is in Nursery or Reception, the date is Thursday 3rd October.

You will have an appointment with the teacher for 10 minutes, and you need to arrange it in advance. Please complete the slip attached and return it to school, and we will try to offer an appointment at the time you have selected.

If you have any questions about booking an appointment for Parents Evening, please speak to staff in the school office!

Dates for your Diary THIS WEEK ... week 03

Monday

* Dinner Menu Week One

* After School Clubs

Tuesday

* After School Clubs

Wednesday

* 9:00 Parent Forum Coffee Morning

* Year 4 Swimming

Thursday

* After School Clubs

Friday

* Year 4 Bun Day

Aldi

If you shop at Aldi and spend £30, they will offer you a Team GB sticker! We are collecting them in school towards sports kit, and for a chance to win one of 20 prizes of £20,000 to build a health legacy at our school!

Please bring in your stickers if you can ☺

Contact Details

Please make sure that if you send another adult to collect your child from school, you have registered the adult as an Emergency Contact.

We have to be really careful to make sure that responsibility for a child is handed over carefully at the end of the day.

If another adult is going to collect your child from school, please mention it when you drop off your child, so that the teacher knows about the arrangement.

We're not being difficult; we just want to keep the children safe ☺

Dates for your Diary 2019 to 2020 Autumn 1 2nd September to 25th October

NEW DATES ARE IN **BOLD**

WEEK 04 ----- 23rd September

Monday

* Dinner Menu Week Two

* After School Clubs

Tuesday

* After School Clubs

Wednesday

* 9:00 Parent Forum Coffee Morning

* **Year 6 Executive Committee Manifestos**

* Year 4 Swimming

Thursday

* **Parents Evening Year 1 to Year 6**

* After School Clubs

Friday

* Year 3 Bun Day

* **World's Biggest Coffee Morning**

WEEK 05 ----- 30th September

Monday

* Dinner Menu Week Three

* After School Clubs

Tuesday

* After School Clubs

Wednesday

* 9:00 Parent Forum Coffee Morning

* **Individual School Photographs**

* Year 4 Swimming

Thursday

* Year 1 to Conisbrough Castle

* **Parents Evening Foundation Stage**

* After School Clubs

Friday

* Year 2 Bun Day

WEEK 06 ----- 7th October

Monday

* Dinner Menu Week One

* After School Clubs

Tuesday

* After School Clubs

Wednesday

* 9:00 Firefighters Rags Collection

* 9:00 Parent Forum Coffee Morning

* Year 4 Swimming

Thursday

* After School Clubs

Friday

* Year 1 Bun Day

WEEK 07 ----- 14th October

Monday

* Dinner Menu Week Two

* After School Clubs

Tuesday

* After School Clubs

Wednesday

* 9:00 Parent Forum Coffee Morning

* Year 4 Swimming

Thursday

* After School Clubs

Friday

* Reception Bun Day

WEEK 08 ----- 21st October

Monday

* Dinner Menu Week Three

* After School Clubs

Tuesday

* After School Clubs

Wednesday

* 9:00 Parent Forum Coffee Morning

* Year 4 Swimming

Thursday

* After School Clubs

Friday

* Staff Bun Day

* Last Day of Autumn 1 Half Term

Medication

After an episode of illness, you may feel that your child is well enough to return to school, but that they need medication to help them through the day. If this is the case:

- Antibiotics (which have been prescribed to be taken 4 times a day) can be given at 11:30am;
- Paracetamol or ibuprofen can be given at 11:30am.

In all cases, you will need to complete and sign a form to explain what the medication is for, and in all cases the medication must have a dispensary label with the name of the child.

You do not always need to see a doctor to get medication with a dispensary label; under the 'minor ailments scheme', a pharmacist can supply the medication.

If you have any questions about this, please speak to your local pharmacist.

Attendance and Punctuality

Week Ending Friday 13th September 2019

The highest class attendance in school last week was 98.9%, well done to Mrs Tipping's class, you're the highest attenders for the second week running! You'll be getting a little treat this week!

Late attendance last week affected children's learning on 41 occasions, which is an average of 8.2 per day.

Overall school attendance for last week was:

94.8%

Class	Teacher	Lates	% Attendance
F2AW	Mrs Wood & Mrs Atkinson	1	96.9
F2ES	Miss Sefton	2	97.3
Y1JN	Miss Ng	2	94.6
Y1LA	Miss Andrew	3	88.9
Y2LD	Miss Duggleby	4	94.6
Y2PW	Mrs Puchalka and Miss Weir	6	93.9
Y3IF	Miss Frost	5	98.0
Y3NR	Miss Rodgers	3	91.9
Y4CW	Miss Washbourne	1	94.1
Y4IK	Miss Kirk	4	87.4
Y5ES	Miss Sweeney	2	97.0
Y5RG	Miss Goodwin	2	97.3
Y6MT	Mrs Tipping	0	98.9
Y6RC	Miss Conway	6	97.0

After the first 2 weeks of this half term, the number of children who have not missed a day of school is:

317

After the first 2 weeks of this half term, the number of children who have been on time every day is:

382

MERIT WINNERS - well done to all of you!

Y1JN	Jessica	For fantastic work on all her choosing challenges this week!
	Anelia	For showing great determination in her Maths work, and not giving up!
Y1LA	Tyrelle	For always being ready to learn on the carpet, and fantastic listening to teachers!
	Veronica	For being extremely kind and helpful in choosing time. Veronica helped one of her friends to make the right choices!
Y2LD	Amen	For all her hard work so far in Year 2!
	Yonatan	For his positivity and enthusiasm so far in Year 2!
Y2PW	Melah Rose	For beautiful presentation!
	Michael	For excellent effort in Literacy!
Y3IF	Nael	For fabulous handwriting!
	Benedicta	For great reasoning in Maths!
Y3NR	Fola	For always participating in class discussions and giving 100% effort in his learning!
	Hassan	For always following instructions first time and taking great care in the presentation of his work!
Y4CW	Ekene	For enthusiasm during lessons, and contributing excellent ideas!
	Molly	For persevering during work which led to a fantastic piece of writing!
Y4IK	Rio	For showing perseverance with his handwriting, and enthusiasm in Maths!
	Meerab	For interesting ideas in Project work, and a high standard of presentation!
Y5ES	Inaya	For being a fantastic role model and always doing the right thing!
	Alyssa	For doing some great group work in Project with Miss Sweeney!
Y5RG	Amani	For having the right attitude in class, giving valuable contributions, and always smiling!
	Haris	For consistently putting in effort in all subjects and producing high quality work!
Y6MT	Eben	For showing excellent effort in learning and producing a great first paragraph in literacy!
	George	For fantastic work in Maths and putting a lot of effort into his learning!
Y6RC	Nesochi	For an impressive piece of writing that was mature and imaginative!
	Tresor	For an impressive piece of writing that was mature and imaginative!

Lunchtime Awards

WoW

Well done to Nendra (Y5ES) who is a winner in the Royal Navy national art competition. Nendra achieved second place in the 9 year olds age group, on the theme of Shadow and Light.

LT Challenge

Year 5

P4C Award

Dibora, Y5RG

For excellent P4C sessions!

Reader of the Week

Y1JN

Ilijah

For fantastic book reviews in his Reading Record!

Y1LA

Manchene

For amazing homework, well done for choosing to do the reading challenge, we loved your Peppa Pig drawing!

Y2LD

Matheyos

For brilliant reading at home!

Y2PW

Leila

For great contributions in lessons!

Y3IF

Sanjay

For bringing in his Reading Record every day!

Y3NR

Hamda

For reading at home every evening and always remembering to bring her Reading Record in each day!

Y4CW

Maria

For tackling the reading challenge and remembering her Reading Record!

Y4IK

Ivannah

For writing some lovely comments in her Reading Record every day!

Y5ES

Sesen

For bringing in a high quality reading review!

Y5RG

Inke

For having a genuine love for reading, and bring in his Reading Record every day!

Y6MT

Kayleen

For showing fantastic enthusiasm for reading, and sharing her thoughts!

Y6RC

Favour

For detailed comments in her Reading Record!

'Thinking Thursday'

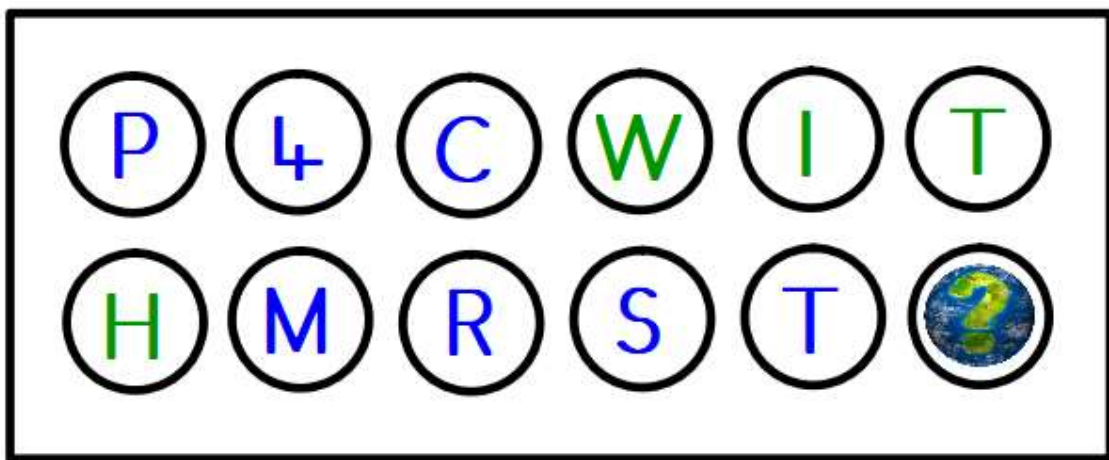
Because of the wonderful responses to Thinking Thursday last year, every pupil will receive a card, so you can collect points for sharing your fantastic philosophical thinking with me. Each letter on the card will be coloured in when you bring a Thinking Thursday into school to your class teacher. When a certain number of children have gained all of their points, I will share possible rewards!



What I am looking for...

- Careful, philosophical thinking about the question
- Responses from you and your family

Keep this card and give it to your teacher with your 'Thinking Thursday' so they can sign it each time.



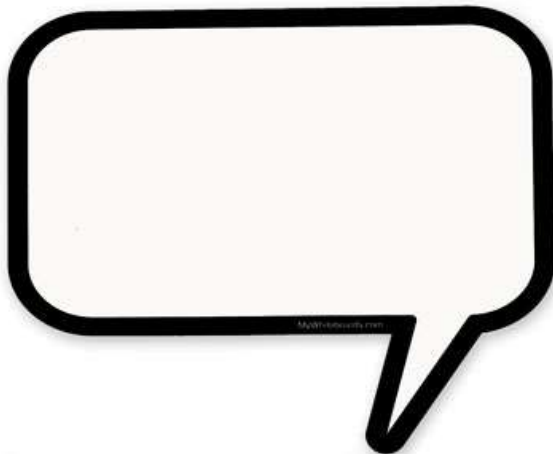
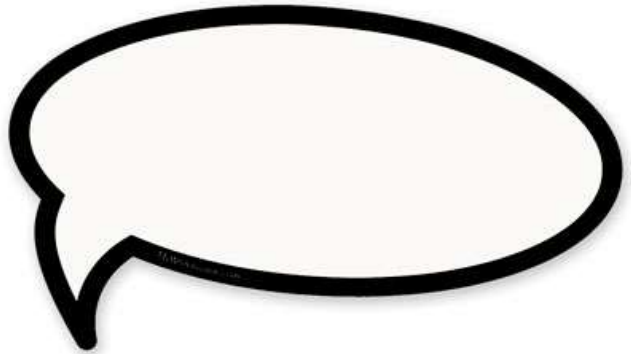
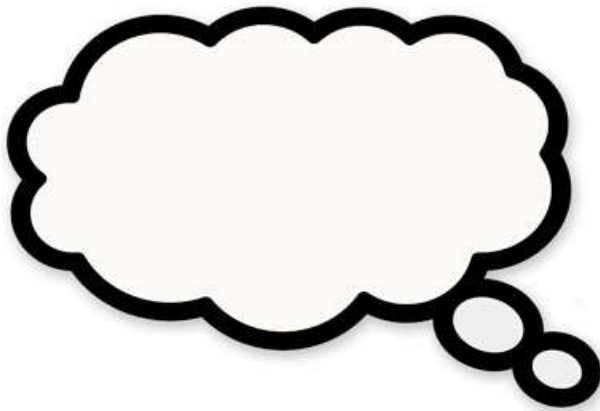
'Thinking Thursday'

Philosophy for Children (P4C) is something we engage in every week where the children can share their thoughts on stimuli and create questions to enquire about.

Each week we will be sending out a question for you to discuss at home. If you would like to share what you have been talking about, you can send your response into school on this sheet or in your homework book.



If you could change one thing about the world, what would it be?



Keep an eye out for our P4C display that will be in the reception area. You and the children will be able to add your thoughts to this weekly.

Parkwood Springs Lantern Procession

Saturday 12th October 2019 at 5:45pm

Starting from the car park on Cooks Wood Road / Shirecliffe Road, the procession will walk through Parkwood Springs to high ground, where you have spectacular views of the city!

Patrick Amber is leading some lantern making sessions, and children can create a lantern to carry on the procession. Here are the details of the sessions:

Burngreave Chapel on Sundays from 1:00 to 4:00pm

22nd September

29th September

6th October

Pitsmoor Adventure Playground on Thursdays from 3:15 to 6:00pm

19th September

26th September

3rd October

Everyone is welcome to go along to the lantern making sessions,
and to the procession on Saturday 12th October!





Blood and Transplant

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Attitudes in the UK are changing positively towards organ donation in the adult population but we have a long way to go in improving organ donation rates from children and young people, and in doing so help save the lives of thousands of people waiting for an organ transplant.

In the UK, consent rates for children's organ donation are well below the national average for the adult population, with less than 50% of families agreeing to their child becoming an organ donor when approached at the end of their child's life.

In 2017/18 when there were over 1500 organ donors, only 39 organ donors were aged 16 years or younger. This is having a huge negative impact upon children in the UK waiting for a life saving organ transplant where the wait for a new heart for example, means waiting 2-3 times longer than an adult.

Legislative changes for organ donation in the UK will most likely have the greatest impact on donation from adults but in March 2019, NHS Blood & Transplant launched it's first ever children's strategy to try and help bridge the gap between the successes seen in adult organ donation in comparison to children.

By taking part in this anonymous survey, your answers will help our understanding of the challenges towards children donating their organs at the end of their lives, and help us to identify possible changes that we can make to improve this situation.

To take part in the survey, please use the following link -

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/D8FS36C>

Thank you again

Dr Simon Steel

Paediatric Intensive Care Consultant, Sheffield Children's Hospital
Member of the Paediatric National Organ Donation Committee, NHS Blood & Transplant

School Council 2019



Year 6 Homework:

Do you want to be part of a team?

Do you have what it takes?

How can our school be improved?

Are you a great leader?

Good at typing?

Excellent at maths?

Then there may be a space for you on the Executive Committee! The Executive Committee is made up of four Year 6 pupils; you will work together and be in charge of the school council.

If you want to be part of the Executive Committee then read through the job descriptions and see if any jump out at you.

Rules:

- Your manifesto should be no longer than 2 minutes.
- You cannot use any technology (USB 's etc).
- You may use some paper to help you.
- You will be presenting on Wednesday 25th September.

Thursday 26th September 2019

If you print your email address below, we will send you a reminder nearer the time!

I understand that I need to complete an extra form if I have a child in Reception.

6.30 to 7.00

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Parents' Evening

Nursery and Reception

Thursday 3rd October 2019

Please return this form for the attention of the office staff.

We will send the form back to you, with the time of your appointment!

If you print your email address below, we will send you a reminder nearer the time!

I would like an appointment to see my child's class teacher.

I have listed all of my Nursery and Reception children below.

I understand that I need to complete an extra form if I have a child in Year 1 to Year 6.

I can attend at any of the following times, for a ten minute appointment for each child.

- ☐ 2.00 to 2.30
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- ☐ 4.30 to 5.00
- ☐ 5.00 to 5.30
- ☐ 5.30 to 6.00
- ☐ 6.00 to 6.30
- ☐ 6.30 to 7.00

Name of child	Class or teacher	Appointment time (for office use)

If you are unable to attend Parents' Evening but would like to see the class teacher to discuss your child's progress, please tick here and we will contact you

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Email address for reminder:

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