

St. Catherine's
RC Primary School

2020-2021
Edition 4
Friday 13th
October 2020



News from St. Catherine's R.C. Primary School

'Be who God wants you to be and so set the world on fire.'

School Council

Congratulations to the new members of the School Council. The Councillors from last year have been joined by a new member from each class to give continuity. Their first task is to review the suggestions for local, national and international charities. They will also have a leading role in promoting International Children's Day on Friday 20th November.



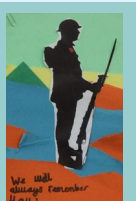
Wrap Up Warm

It is important that we keep the classrooms well ventilated throughout the day and therefore, for the majority of the time, windows and doors are kept open. The heating is on across school but with the windows open the children will get chilly, so it is important that they come to school dressed appropriately—vests and layers will need to become the norm as the weather gets colder! Please make sure your child brings a coat to school every day now also.

A little later this term we will be introducing 'My Happy Mind' to St. Catherine's. This is aimed at developing emotional resilience and well-being for all children, and includes a parent APP. More details will follow as we prepare to launch this new initiative.



On Wednesday we all commemorated Remembrance Day with a two minute silence at 11am. ***"At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them."***



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Healthy Snacks and Lunches

We have seen a wonderful improvement in the snacks that children are bringing into school. Thank you for your support with this.



Ideas for healthy lunches:

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life-beta/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes#YIzv4LIIP6vzswj.97>

The children need water to keep hydrated during the day, but no juice or flavoured water is allowed.

Nursery & Reception Admissions: September 2021

We would like to invite perspective parents to come and look around our Early Years Foundation Stage provision. In light of the current situation around Covid, we will have small group open mornings and evenings on the following dates:

- Thursday 3rd December at 5pm
- Saturday 12th December at 10am and 12noon
- Tuesday 12th January 2021 at 5pm

These sessions are by appointment only. If you would like to make an appointment, please contact the school office on: 0161 445 6359 or email: admin@st-cathernes.manchester.sch.uk



Please remember that the front and back car parks are not to be used by parents, unless specific permission has been given.

We had another near miss this week when a parent reversed out of the back car park onto the pavement where families were walking. This is exceptionally dangerous and puts our children at risk.

There is no parking on the site school or parish site.

Polite reminder - please do not enter the classrooms.

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Reminders



We ask that all adults wear a face covering when coming to drop off or collect your child as well as maintaining social distance.

Thank you for your help with this.



- **Keep 2 metres apart** – please use the yellow markings as a guide.
- **Only one parent or carer** to drop off at the beginning of the day or at pick up time.
- **Arrive at the allocated time** for your year group to come into school and not earlier.
- After picking up or dropping off your child, **please leave the school and parish site promptly.**

- If you need to queue again for a child in another year group **please keep your child in the line with you.** We work really hard in school to make sure the children mix only with others in their year group. Close contact with other children could mean the need to self-isolate for 14 days.

- **Please do not bring dogs onto the playground.**

Ideally, do not bring dogs with you when you collect the children. This is for two reasons:

- ⇒ some children are afraid and anxious around dogs
- ⇒ for other children dogs are a magnet which encourages children to mix outside their year group.



- **Please wear a face covering.**

Thank you for your help in keeping everyone safe.



We need your donations of new toys, gifts or books, unwrapped for ages 0-14 years old

Collections at drop off
Monday 23rd until Friday
27th November

Extra thanks to Teagan-Rose, Class 9
for supporting this charity

PTA

Thank you to everyone who joined the AGM and PTA meeting before half term. We are delighted to welcome Catherine Dickinson to the committee as Co-Chair this year. Catherine joins Sarah Moister (Chair), Anna Kerins and Antoinette Meskill (Co-Secretaries), Trish McElroy and Carrie Riches (Co-Treasurers) and Mrs McCormick (Teacher Representative). All money raised this year will go towards upgrading the KS1 sensory room, setting up a KS2 sensory room and paying for extra curricular activities for each year group.

The next PTA meeting will take place on **Tuesday 24th November at 7pm** via Zoom. Everyone is very welcome!! Although we can't hold our usual Christmas events we hope to bring some festive cheer to all our children and families in addition to raising much needed funds (see attached events calendar). Details on all the planned events to follow in the coming weeks. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

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Since we launched **Your School Lottery** 2 years ago there have been 104 weekly draws and we have raised a fantastic **£3,443.20!!** Congratulations to all our recent local draw winners, the more people that play the bigger our weekly guaranteed cash prize!!! We are waiting for a big national jackpot winner - **£25,000** could be yours! There is also an added incentive to join this term with the Nintendo Switch bundle up for grabs!!

Don't forget, we are collecting pre-loved school uniform—and selling it too. Please ask if you need anything.



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ST. CATHERINE'S PTA CHRISTMAS EVENTS

THE BIG PTA RAFFLE - 12 CHANCES TO WIN UP TO £5,000
TICKETS AVAILABLE UNTIL MON 7TH DECEMBER

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FESTIVE FACEMASKS PREORDER FROM MON 16TH NOVEMBER
1 FOR £6, 2 FOR £10

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WOOD STREET MISSION CHRISTMAS APPEAL
DONATIONS DROP OFF MON 23RD -FRI 27TH NOVEMBER

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CHRISTMAS HAMPER & FOOD BANK DONATIONS
MON 30TH NOVEMBER - FRI 4TH DECEMBER

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CHRISTMAS HAMPER DRAW - FRI 11TH DECEMBER
TICKETS AVAILABLE ON PARENTMAIL
(MON 30TH NOV - THU 10TH DECEMBER)

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FAMILY CHRISTMAS TRIVIA TRAIL
SAT 28TH NOVEMBER - THU 24TH DECEMBER

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ALADDIN THE VIRTUAL PANTO - 7TH - 18TH DECEMBER
IN CLASS BUBBLES (FUNDED BY PTA)

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REINDEER VISIT & CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY
WED 16TH DECEMBER (CONTRIBUTION BY PTA)

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FESTIVE NON UNIFORM DAY -FRI 18TH DECEMBER
SUGGESTED £1 DONATION

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