



St. Catherine's
RC Primary School

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

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

We're back!

It was wonderful to welcome everyone back to school on 8th March. The smiles on the faces of our children and staff were only surpassed by those of parents and carers!



We need to look after each other at the moment and therefore the focus on emotional well-being will continue to help everyone transition back in to school routine, build relationships and develop stamina for learning.

Storytelling Week

Storytelling Week was a brilliant way to start learning in school again. The effort that went into the World Book Day costumes was amazing and put a smile on everyone's faces.



Henry from Year says Transylvania United is his favourite book because 'it includes football.' Also in Year 3, **Amelie's** favourite is the first Harry Potter book, Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone because 'Harry learns about Hogwarts!' **Angelique** in Reception loves Hansel and Gretel because 'the birds show them the way home.'



What is your favourite book? What makes it such a good read?



Please visit our facebook page to keep up to date with our news... including dinosaurs!



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Equality and Diversity

At St. Catherine's we are extremely proud of our caring community which celebrates the uniqueness of each of our children. However, we know that more can always be done. With this in mind, **we are looking for volunteers to join our Equality and Diversity Working Group** so that we can look at how our school can strive to tackle inequality and create a kinder environment for all of our children to develop and thrive in. The first step in this process is to get your opinions. Parents and carers will receive a link to our survey through Parentmail shortly.

Please complete this as soon as possible.
The survey will close on 26th March.



The building work is progressing well. The external walls are complete and the roof will be finished by the end of next week. The next phase, once the building is watertight, will involve the mechanical and electrical installations.



Building Work

Thank you to everyone who joined the PTA meeting on Tuesday, It was wonderful to see so many new faces!
There will be a PTA newsletter before the Easter break with an update on what has been raised and plans for the rest of the school year.

In the meantime, to celebrate being back at school we would like to invite the children to dress in their **own clothes** next **Friday 26th March**.

Wear as many colours of the rainbow as you like - the brighter the better!!

The Caritas team will be collecting donations at the school gate at drop off on the day.

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First Forgiveness

Please pray for the children in Year 3 who will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation over the next two weekends.

It hasn't been possible to celebrate together due to the restrictions in place but they will all celebrate individually instead. It is wonderful that the children have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament before Easter so they can begin preparation for First Holy Communion in the summer.

Parking

Parking is an issue for all schools but we must show courtesy to our neighbours. We all understand that there is very limited parking in the area around school.

However, we have ongoing complaints from neighbours about parents blocking driveways, parking on pavements making deliveries impossible and sometimes reports of the verbal abuse that residents are receiving. If possible,

please walk to school or, park away from school and walk the rest of the way. We want everyone to show courtesy as an example to our children.



Thank you for your help in keeping everyone safe

As the children have returned to school the procedures in place are to keep everyone safe continue to be in place. Although the infection rate is reducing and the number vaccinating is increasing week by week we cannot let our guard down.

Please continue to remember:

- Wear a mask **AND** keep 2 metres apart—particularly when queuing to drop off or collect your child from school.
- Only one parent or carer should drop off or pick up children
- In the morning, please leave children from Year 3-6 at the gate rather than coming onto the playground
- Keep your child in the line with you and do not mix with other families
- Leave the school and parish site promptly

