



**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 are bouncing back!

Each class have now enjoyed their first Bounce session. We have thought long and hard about the best approach to the very difficult year our community, along with the whole country, have been through.

Our first instinct was to ask 'how are you?' and the response that came back loudly and clearly in words and actions was, 'I'm okay, delighted to be back in school.' But what does 'okay' mean? It means, 'could be better' or 'not sure' or 'please don't ask because life is hard at the moment.'



**I learnt that every emotion and expression is important.' Lyri**

**'I loved it because when we played the warm up game and we had to fill the hall with our bodies.'**  
**William**



Our approach has been, and will continue to be, on the whole child. Children can't be expected to catch-up academically unless their whole being is being looked after. So, the primary strand of our strategy is building emotional well-being and resilience. This is, of course, backed up by curriculum support, group work and intervention. We are proud of our children, our team and our community and together we are on the road to recovery.

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# Parent Governor Election

Parent Governors stand for a four year period and the term of office for Raj Mehta and Elly Plaskett has come to an end. All parents will have received information this week about the vacancies and the election process. There are two zoom sessions next Wednesday for anyone who is interested in finding out more and the deadline for nominations is Wednesday 12th May at 12 noon.



The building work is progressing very well. We expect the classroom to be ready by 7th May and then after half term the next phase of work, to relocate the main entrance to school, will begin. This is on schedule to be ready by September. We can't wait to have this new classroom in operation!

**Building Work**



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**Bags2School raised £156.60 today - thank you!**

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# School Lottery

Congratulations to all our recent local draw winners. If you sign up this term you also go into a draw to win £100 B&Q voucher. Its a great way to support school funds and be in with the chance of winning £25,000 every week!!!! Sign up at

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/st-catherines-r-c-primary-school>



## Compassion for our environment



Our core value for this half term is COMPASSION. In Worship this morning we talked about compassion for our world and the environment in which we all live, In particular we thought about the amount of single use plastic we are finding in school from snacks in Key Stage 2 and packed lunches.

**Our environmental challenge:** Not to bring single use plastic into school.

**Solutions:** re-useable water bottles, fruit and snacks in reusable containers.

## Thank you for your help in keeping everyone safe

Procedures continue to be in place are to keep everyone safe. 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



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# Rainbow Hampers

Our amazing PTA are organising a rainbow raffle and would be so grateful for as many donations as possible to help us make some fabulous hampers for you to win. Please send in your donations between 4th-14th May. Tickets will be on sale from 10th May via ParentMail and the Hampers will be raffled on 21st May.

Each year group has been given a colour theme:

Nursery: RED	Reception: ORANGE	Year 1: YELLOW
Year 2: GREEN	Year 3: BLUE	Year 4: PURPLE
Year 5: PINK	Year 6: MULTICOLOURED	

There is a PTA meeting next Tuesday 27th April via Zoom. Please email:

stcatherinesdidsburypta@gmail.com for the meeting

link. Everyone is very welcome - we would love to see you there!



Preloved  
Uniform

We have a great stock of preloved uniform waiting for a new home including summer dresses perfect for this lovely sunny weather.

Check out what is available at <https://sites.google.com/view/stcaths-preloved-uniform> and contact

[StCathsPrelovedUniform@gmail.com](mailto:StCathsPrelovedUniform@gmail.com) with your requests.

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