



**St. Catherine's**  
RC Primary School

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

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

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## Rosary

May is the month of Our Lady and each Friday we have a special Worship using a decade of the Rosary. This week it was the second Glorious Mystery, the Ascension.



## Parish Survey

A Message from St. Catherine's Parish:

As we start to emerge from lockdown and look towards the future, we'd like to understand more about our parishioners and how you feel about St Catherine's. We'd also like to hear your thoughts about how things can be improved and ideas for where you'd be willing to contribute your skills and talents to enrich our parish community even further.

We want to hear from as many of you as possible, everyone, from those who have only an occasional association with St Cath's, to those who are frequently at church. We try to be inclusive; all those who say the occasional prayer when things are hard, those who pray each day, those brought up in a Catholic tradition, those busy people who may not have time at the moment; we see all of you as parishioners!

<https://st-catherines-didsbury.us19.list-manage.com/track/click?u=bb609c0e2435c7b59cae6eeb4&id=4d2efae7e7&e=495e283a7d>

## RSE

Next week we have our consultation webinars on Relationships Education. We have developed our draft policy with information from the Catholic Education Service and the Manchester Healthy Schools Team.

There are two webinars—Tuesday 18th May at 5pm and Friday 21st May at 9.30am. Parents will have received details of how to sign up to one of these sessions via Parent-Mail.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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# Parent Governor Election

We have had four nominations for the role of Parent Governor and therefore there will be a ballot. Parents and carers will have received the documentation for this via ParentMail today. Both parents are eligible to vote for two candidates each. Please submit your vote by 12 noon on Monday 24th May.



The current phase of building work has been completed and we look forward to Phase 2 starting over the half term break. This will involve relocating the main entrance to the rear of the school, meaning that parents and visitors will no longer have to cross the playground to access the Office when school is in operation. This is on schedule to be ready by September.

**Building Work**



**Playground Development**

The School Council met last week to review the next phase of the playground development plans. This deals with the fact that the old Key Stage 1 trim trail had to be removed when the new classroom was built. There will be stepping Logs, twirling traverse, duck and weave, log and net climber, web traverse a linked balance beam and ...

.... a slide!



This is just the next phase, there is more planned too!

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# BOUNCE!

Have you asked your child about their Bounce sessions? We'd love some feedback from you.



The primary strand of our strategy post COVID and lockdown is building emotional well-being and resilience. This is, of course, backed up by curriculum support, group work and intervention. Children can't be expected to catch-up academically unless their whole being is being looked after. Our approach has been, and will continue to be, on the whole child.

## Equality and Diversity

The first meeting of the Equality and Diversity Working Group will take place next Wednesday. Thank you to the parents and carers who have volunteered to be part of the group.

## We still need to keep everyone safe

With the recent lifting of some restrictions and a further changes taking place from Monday it is vitally important that we continue to keep safe in an around school. Hand washing and sanitising continues to be imperative as does social distancing.

Our year group bubbles will remain in place along with staggered starts, breaktimes, lunchtimes and at the end of the day.

Please continue to:

- 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 try not to mix with other families
- Leave the school and parish site promptly



The virus is still here and we don't want to have any further class closures resulting in a return to remote learning. Keep safe!

# PTA Rainbow Hampers

Thank you so much for all the wonderful donations for our class hampers. Raffle tickets are £1 each and will be available to buy on ParentMail until 2pm on Thursday 20th May. The draw will be recorded in school on Friday 21st May. Best of luck everyone!!

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	

# PTA Big Summer Raffle

Sadly the Summer Fair, our biggest annual fundraiser will not take place again this year but we are organising a Big Summer Raffle. We have some wonderful top prizes but need lots more!! We would love to support local businesses that are just reopening after such a tough year. If you can help source prizes please get in touch by emailing [stcatherinesdidsburypta@gmail.com](mailto:stcatherinesdidsburypta@gmail.com) or contact Sarah on 07811833105.



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and search for: St Catherine's

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older

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# 6 REASONS TO JOIN OUR PTA!

## FOR THE CHILDREN

BECOME A ROLE MODEL TO SHOW YOUR CHILD YOU VALUE THEIR EDUCATION.

THE EVENTS WE PLAN WILL IMPROVE YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL EXPERIENCE.



## FOR YOU

**VOLUNTEERING IS A REWARDING EXPERIENCE**

**WE PLAN TO HOST MANY SOCIAL EVENTS TO RAISE MONEY AND ALSO TO ENJOY EACH OTHERS COMPANY.**



## FOR THE SCHOOL

HELP THE SCHOOL TO RAISE FUNDS.

HAVE A VOICE IN THE PURCHASES THAT ARE MADE TO SUPPORT THE CHILDREN.



## BE CONNECTED

THERE IS NO BETTER WAY OF KNOWING WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SCHOOL.

MEET OTHERS THAT SHARE THE SAME COMMON GOALS TO HELP IMPROVE THE SCHOOL.



## IT IS FUN!

WE AIM TO ENJOY OURSELVES IN ALL OUR ROLES.

FROM PLANNING EVENTS TO RUNNING A STALL IS EXCITING!



## KEEP THE PTA GOING

AS PARENTS LEAVE SCHOOL WE NEED TO KEEP THE COMMITTEE GOING.

COME JOIN OUR FRIENDLY TEAM AS MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!



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.

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