



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.'

School Meals

We are delighted to announce that a new school meals provider has been appointed to St. Catherine's following a thorough tender process. Dolce prides itself on using fresh ingredients and quality produce and we look forward to working with them.

Dolce's vision is to consistently be the best caterer in the education sector, not just on the plate but in how they provide their service, knowing the impact this has on children, parents and the schools it works with.



This is an exciting development in terms of food quality and the lunchtime experience and will help our children to start the afternoon ready to learn having enjoyed a nutritious meal.

Through the online ordering system parents and carers to have flexibility to order on a daily, weekly basis or for a whole month or term and know exactly the nutritional make up of the meals. Detailed information will be circulated next week as the next step in preparation for September.

Core Value Winners

This week we caught up with the winning Core Value families from earlier in the year. The weather was lovely and therefore the ice lollies went down a treat! Who will win this term?



Love

Faith

Respect

Perseverance

Compassion

Inspiration

Building Work

We had quite a move around before half term and when we returned to school on Monday Mr Bannister's Class moved into their new classroom. This is an extended version of the Staffroom.

Work has now started on Phase 3. This involves 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.

Everything is on schedule to be ready by September and this includes the new playground developments.



The children in Mrs Dewsnap's Class visited the Marist Centre yesterday and had a wonderful time. Miss Jones' Class will also be going before the end of term as part of their Holy Communion work.

As the weather is now much warmer, please make sure your child wears a hat to school to keep them shaded at break and lunchtimes. Please also apply suncream before they come to school each morning

Year 4 Spanish Links

On Thursday, both Year 4 classes had a live Google Meet session with one of our partner schools in Spain. During this meet, the children took part in an obstacle course, basketball and a penalty shootout. This was great fun as we took it in turns to take a penalty live. The children also used their language skills to say hello and introduce themselves to children in Spain. Well done everyone!



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Thank you to our PTA

Our amazing PTA have committed to contributing to a special day for each year group this year. The Nursery and Reception children have enjoyed their Dinosaur visit. Year 3 are shortly going to have their Greek Day, Year 6 will be Venturing Out just as Year 5 have today. Don't worry Year 1, 2 and 4 - you won't miss out, plans are in place for you too!

Equality and Diversity

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

We still need to keep everyone safe

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.

We had hoped that with the changes expected from 21st June there would have been more scope for community activities before the end of term but as the restriction will not be relaxed this now seems unlikely.

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 there are many reports of classes and year groups in other schools having to be sent home as a result of positive cases. The new variant continues to be a concern in this area.

The last thing we want is to have any further class closures resulting in a return to remote learning. Keep safe!

PTA Big Summer Raffle

We are excited to announce the launch of our Big Summer Raffle! We are so grateful to all the local businesses who are supporting us after such a challenging year. You can check out the fabulous prizes to be won at www.bit.ly/stcathsraffle. Tickets will be going home with the children in unsealed envelopes. There will be a box at the school gate and at breakfast club each morning from Monday. Once they have been sold please put



your filled out ticket stubs (including your name and contact phone number) and money into the envelope and seal it before putting in the box. We would be grateful if you could also return unsold tickets. There will be extra tickets available if you would like to sell more to family and friends and there is also the option to buy tickets online by emailing stcatherinesdidsburypta@gmail.com

We are looking for volunteers to sell tickets after Sunday Masses on 27th June and 4th July. Please get in touch if you can help.

Everyone is invited to the final PTA meeting of the year next **Wednesday 23rd June at 7pm** via Zoom.



If you would like to join please email stcatherinesdidsburypta@gmail.com for the meeting link.

The next Bag2school collection is on Wednesday 30th June

- a great opportunity to have a pre-summer clear out!


Please leave your donations in the Church porch by 9am on the day

Pre-Loved Uniform

We have lots of sundresses, PE shorts, bags, jumpers, cardigans and even fancy dress outfits available. Pop on www.bit.ly/stcathspreloveduniform and see if we have the size you're after. Then email Jade at stcathspreloveduniform@gmail.com with your requests. A small affordable donation is greatly appreciated and can be made either

Check out the school lottery attachment. You could win fruit and veg for a year!


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Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.

By using this paper leaflet we are helping to reduce unnecessary extra plastic. Please use your own bag or bags (there is no limit). The leaflet is FSC accredited, please recycle it.



When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:
Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.
(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)

The more we weigh the more we pay!
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Wednesday 30th June 2021 by 9am

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