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Dear Parents and Carers,

In last Sundays Gospel Jesus told another parable called the 'two sons'.

It describes how one son refuses to do what he has been asked but later repents and does it. The other son promises to do what he has been told but then changes his mind.

We learnt that, at the time of Jesus, many 'religious' people such as the the Pharisees knew lots about the religious laws and were able to teach others but didn't act in a way that pleased God. The parable teaches us that it's our actions that are important and speak far louder than our words.

We learnt about St Vincent de Paul who saw suffering around him, thought about what to do about it and then acted.

The children were told that we will be establishing a Mini Vinnies group in school to carry on the work of St Vincent de Paul.



Their job will be to **see** those in need, think about how to help them and do something about it.

Your child has completed an application form this week and I will be selecting the Mini Vinnies from these. I will let you know who has been successful in next weeks newsletter.

Have a lovely weekend everybody. Mr Doherty

#### Year 6 PGL and Secondary School application meeting

Thank you to those parents and carers who attended our Yr 6 PGL and Secondary application meeting. We hope you found this useful. Please remember that your deposit of £70 for PGL is due by 30th October

#### Singing at Church

Please don't forget that the children have been invited to join the Church choir this Sunday at the 11am Mass. It would be wonderful to see as many there as possible. Please aim to arrive early so we can seat everybody.



#### **Reading Workshop for Reception** class

Our Reception class reading workshop will be held on Monday 9th October between 6pm and 7pm in school. All parents/ carers of our Reception children are welcome to attend. We are looking forward to seeing you all.





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#### **Rosary Club**

It was wonderful to see so many children attending our first Rosary Club for the month of October. If you have anyone or anything you would like the children to pray for please pass this on to your child's class teacher who will ensure that Mrs Head, who is kindly leading the children in prayer, receives it.





#### **RAAC** update

I am pleased to say that a recent survey of the school has confirmed that we <u>do</u> <u>not</u> have RAAC in school.

#### BBC 500 word competition 2023



Don't forget to encourage your children to enter the BBC 500 words competition.

We have already had some wonderful entries which we will be sharing on Google Classroom.

#### Individual photos

On Wednesday 11th October the children will have their individual photos taken by Tempest photography. Please make sure they are dressed smartly and are looking their very best! Classes who have PE or swimming on Wednesday have been asked (via email) to come to school in uniform.





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#### Chess club payment

If your child is attending chess club please make sure you have paid the half termly fee via ParentPay. Many thanks for your assistance. The fee for the remainder of this half term is £16.

#### **Irish Dancing champs**

Well done to Maeve O'Brien who finished in 1st place in the 4's and under age group at the Kent Irish Dancing Championships. Her big sister (Ciara) finished in 4th in the Under 9's. Well done girls. We are very proud of you both.



#### Swimming success

Well done to Ciara
O'Brien who, as well
as finishing 4th in the
Kent Irish Dancing
Championships last
weekend, also won 2
gold medals and a
silver at the Hillingdon
Swimming Club
Championships in the
age 9 and under
group. You must be
exhausted Ciara!



#### **Altar servers**

If any boys or girls, who have received Holy Communion, would be interested in training as altar servers at St Catherine's Church please speak to Mr Doherty or email the office directly. This is a wonderful way for our children to become active members of our parish Church.



## Occupational Therapy stay and play workshop

Our Reception and Nursery OT workshop will take place on Tuesday 17th October at 8.45am. The workshop will be followed by a stay and play visit to EYFS. All Nursery and Reception parents are welcome to attend.

#### Year 1 parents/carers

From Monday Year 1 children will enter school via the main door. Thank you for your co operation.

# SPORTS NEWS

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#### **Netball news**

St Helens 3 v St Catherine 2

We had our first match against St Helens on Wednesday and although we didn't win, the girls gave an absolutely superb performance! It was so VERY close, with the score at 2-2 until the very last few minutes. The two goals were scored by both Karolina and Sadie and there were some very close attempts by all. Well done to Emmie who was voted as player of the match by the St Helen's team for her continuous efforts throughout the game and showing both excellent attacking and defending skills. Well done on your first competitive game! Onwards and upwards. I am unbelievably proud of all of the team, including those in the squad who didn't play in the match, but train each week. (Domas, Denis, Anna, Darcy and Sophia) Thank you to the parents and friends who ensured everyone got to the match on time and stayed to watch and support. A huge thank you to Sandra, one of our super coaches, who was there to coach and umpire. We are very lucky to have such supportive parents and friends who make these events possible. Next match is away at Cowley St Laurence on Thursday 12th October. Wish us Luck!

Mrs Doherty

#### Football news

St Catherine 3 v St Matthews 0

Well done to our school football team who won their first game of the new season 3-0.

We are a very young team mixed with some experienced heads who led by example. The tackling and work rate was second to none and this was topped off with some fabulous passing and finishing. Zion scored two and Mitchell bagged one. Player of the Match was shared between Mitchell and Theo but everyone was incredible.

Team: David, Sovereign, Timmy, Riley, Theo, Jace, Oliver ©, Zion,

Mitchell

Mr Doherty





The netball team



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#### **Stage Talent**

Book a Free one-to-one Music Lesson for children aged 4+ wishing to learn piano, guitar, ukulele or drums at our school.

Register by text:
07782503260 and include:
Child's Name, Age, Music
Instrument
or register at:
www.stagetalent.co.uk/register



#### Well done Beatrix!



Well done to Beatrix, who was awarded a 'Star of the Month' certificate at her ballet class this week. Well done Beatrix!

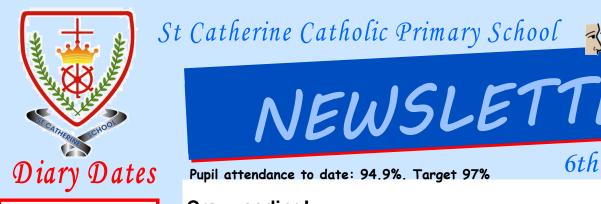
#### This weeks attendance

This weeks attendance is at 94.9%. Another slight fall from last week. Year 3 have the highest attendance rate of 98%. Well done Year 3!



Our annual Harvest Assembly will be on Monday 16th October. We ask, each year, that all children bring a donation for the food bank—if you are able. You may bring more than 1 item if you wish. All donations will go to the Yiewsley and West Drayton Foodbank.





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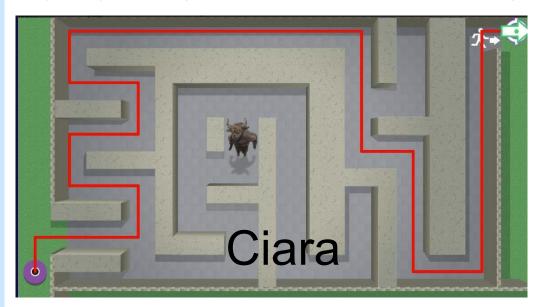
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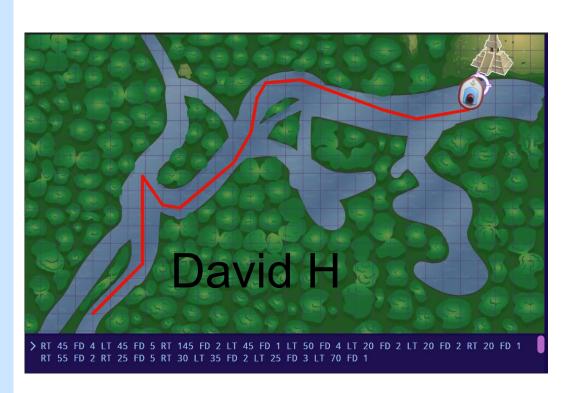
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#### Crazy coding!

Check out some of Year 4's crazy coding. They had to navigate their way through a series of mazes using multi-line programming. It was fantastic to see Year 4 applying their knowledge of angles to navigate the maze by making a series of left and right turns.

Mr Lynam (Computing Co-ordinator and Year 4 class teacher)







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Thurs 12th Oct Year 3/4 maths workshop at 6pm in school Year 4 had a great time in PE this week practicing their throwing and catching by playing hand tennis and hand four ball. With more time for PE in our weekly timetable, this year, it is lovely to see the children having the opportunity to learn new sports, games and skills.





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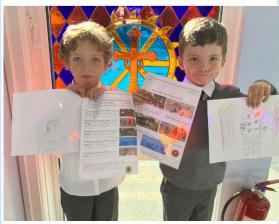
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#### Parent's Evening slips

This week we sent home appointment sheets for Parent's Evening. Please ensure that these are <u>returned by Monday</u> morning at the latest. Slips returned after this time cannot be guaranteed a slot within the requested time.

#### Year 1 History

It was lovely to have a visit from Kristian and Tobias from Year 1, who were sharing their wonderful work on different types of homes around the world. This is part of their current history topic on homes throughout the ages. The boys had to draw their perfect home as well. Great work boys!

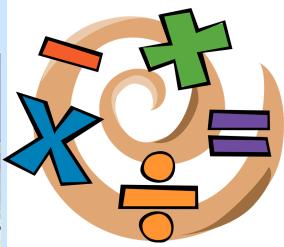


#### **Maths workshops for parents**

Thank you so much to our Year 1 and 2 parents and carers who attended our first maths workshop this week.

We had over 35 in attendance, which re confirms what supportive families we have been blessed with as a school.

On Thursday October 12th (at 6pm) we will be holding the second of our four maths workshops (for Years 3 and 4) aimed at giving you an insight into how we teach maths (particularly number and calculation) at St Catherines and introducing you to some of the resources that are used in school to support your children.



Our remaining workshops will be as follows:

Years 5 and 6: Wednesday 18th Oct 6-7pm

EYFS to be confirmed.



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Well done to Victor in Year 2 who achieved 9/10 on his mental maths test this week. Mrs Lakhanpal says he has been working extremely hard.

Well done to Year 1 who wrote some amazing stories about Rapunzel and the witch, using adjectives such as 'beautiful, 'pretty' 'dark' and 'evil'. Great job Year 1!

### <u>Is your child too sick for</u> school?

As we enter Autumn and Winter and there is an increase in the number of cold and flu cases you may find he following link from the NHS is useful in deciding if your child is well enough to come to school.

https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/









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### Mosaic Compass theatre performance

Well done to our representatives from Year 5 who sang at the Compass theatre on Saturday. As well as singing beautifully, the children were also complimented, by the organisers, for their wonderful behaviour.

Thank you to Mr Lynam for preparing the children so well and to Mrs Cingo for giving them such a wonderful opportunity and experience. Thank you also to our parents and carers for supporting us in showcasing our school's talent.





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#### Pedestrian training with Reception and Year 1

This week Reception class and Year 1 received Pedestrian training from the Hillingdon Safer Roads team. The children learnt how to use a zebra crossing and the 4 rules for safely crossing the road—STOP, LOOK. LISTEN AND HOLD HANDS.





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The AGM is on Thursday 9th November this year. This meeting gives YOU the opportunity to become part of a friendly <u>hard working</u> team, working to raise much needed funds for our school.

In the last few years we have only had a treasurer and ordinary committee members. Ideally we would like to fill all the roles: chair, vice chair, treasurer, vice treasurer, secretary and ordinary committee members. Whether you want to stand for a role or just suggest ideas for the forth coming year, we would like to meet you at this meeting. Letters for the applications are available in the school's

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Another fantastic Family games <u>night</u>, raising £395.92!!! Thank you to everyone who helped to make such a great night and to everyone who attended. We hope you had as much fun as we did.

Dates for the diary

Bags2School-Thursday 2nd November

AGM-Thursday 9th November 7pm.



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### Italian evening

Thank you to everybody who supported our Italian themed family games night on Saturday evening. Thank you, most importantly, to our organisers. The children are so lucky to have such wonderful support.





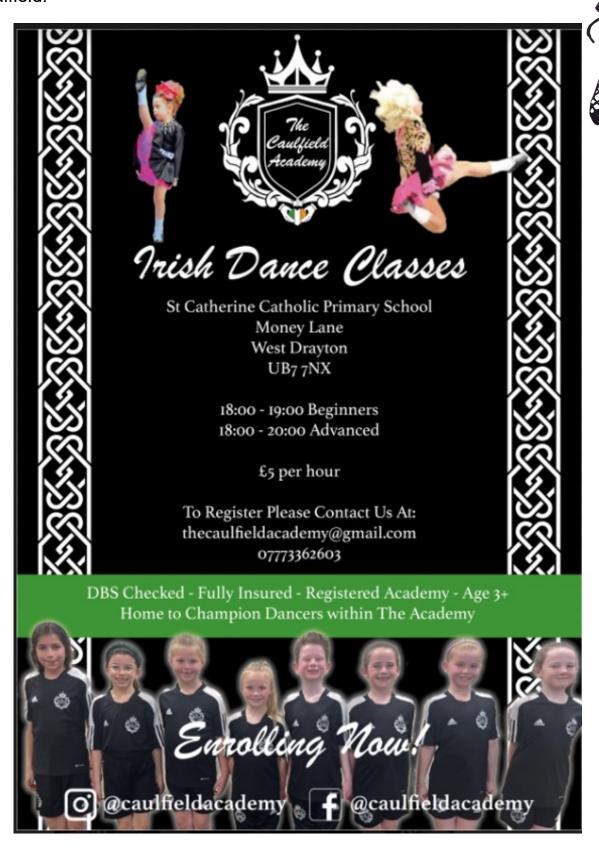




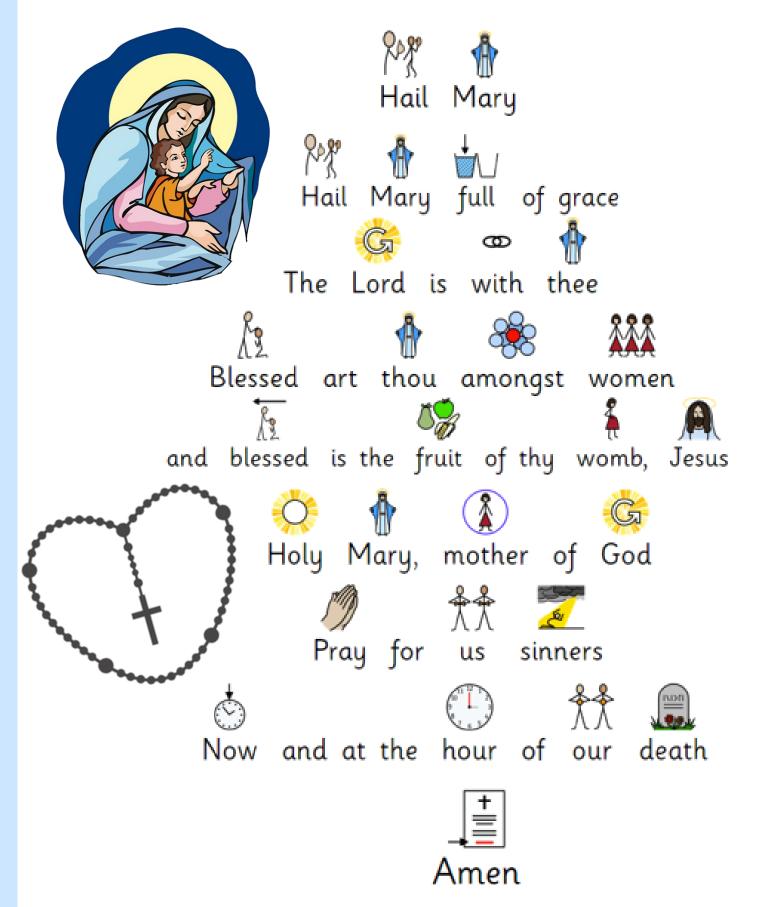


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If you are interested in joining the Irish Dancing club on Thursdays please contact Rubie Caulfield.



Our prayer for October (the month of the Rosary) is the Hail Mary. This is a prayer that all our children should know. Perhaps you could look at the meaning of some of the words with your child, if they already know it. Encourage your children to say this prayer during October and try to make it a prayer they say regularly.



### Autumn term diary dates

### Autumn (1st half) term)

Monday 9th October: 5 a side football tournament (Year 3 and

under) ACS International School 3.45pm

Monday 9th October: Reading workshop for Reception children 6-7pm in school

Wednesday 11th October: Individual school photos

Wednesday 11th October: Great Fire of London workshop for Yr 2

Thursday 12th October: Maths workshop for Year 3 and 4 parents/ carers 6-7pm

Monday 16th October: Harvest Assembly—donations to West Drayton food bank

Tuesday 17th October: Occupational Therapy Workshop 8.45am

in school followed by stay and play (Nursery & Reception)

Tuesday 17th October: Parents Evening (whole school) 4-7pm

Wednesday 18th October: Year 4 trip to Hampton Court

Wednesday 18th Oct: Maths Workshop for Year 5 and 6 parents/carers 6-7pm

Thursday 19th October: Parents Evening (whole school) 3.30-5.30pm

Friday 20th October: Last day of half term

Monday 23rd October-Friday 27th October: Half term

Wednesday 1st November: All Saints Mass in Church at 9.30am

Thursday 2nd November: Bag2School day

Tuesday 7th November: Year 5 and 6 Healthy eating afternoon with

The Pantry (our school meals provider)

Friday 24th November: St Catherine Feast Day Mass at 9.30am in Church

Wednesday 13th December: Pantomime at Beck Theatre for Years 3-6

Wednesday 13th December: Pantomime in school for Nursery,

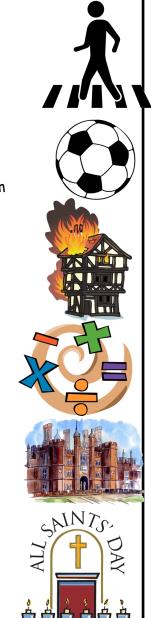
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Tuesday 19th December: 9.30am end of term Mass in Church

Wednesday 20th December: Last day of Autumn term. School finishes at 2pm

Monday 8th January: Staff Training day

Tuesday 9th January: First day of Spring Term









#### St Catherine Term Dates 2023/2024

#### **Autumn Term 2023**

#### Mon Sept 4th - INSET DAY

Start of term - Tuesday 5th September 2023 End of term - Friday 20th October 2023

#### Half term - Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October 2023

Start of term - Monday 30th October 2023 End of term - Wednesday 20th December 2023 Thurs 21st December - INSET DAY

Christmas Holidays - Friday 22nd December 2023- Friday 5th January 2024

#### **Spring Term 2024**

#### Monday 8th January - INSET DAY

Start of Term - Tues 9th January 2024 End of Term - Friday 9th February 2024

#### Half Term - Monday 12th - Friday 16th February 2024

Start of Term - Monday 19th February 2024 End of Term - Thursday 28th March 2024 **Good Friday - Friday 29th March** 

Easter Holidays - Friday 29th March- Friday 12th April 2024

#### Summer Term 2024

Start of Term - Monday 15th April 2024 End of Term - Thursday 23rd May 2024 Friday 24th May - INSET DAY

#### Half Term - Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May 2024

Start of Term - Monday 3rd June 2024 End of Term - Tuesday 23rd July 2024 Wednesday 24th July - INSET DAY