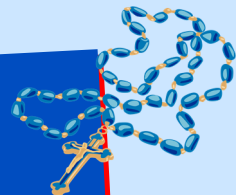




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Dear Parents and Carers,

In Monday's harvest assembly we heard the parable of the wedding banquet from Sunday's Gospel, where the King invites important guests but they ignore his request and refuse to attend. The King then invites anyone who wants to come.

We are reminded that God loves all of us equally.

In the story, one of the guests is sent out of the wedding because he isn't wearing the wedding garments. This guest represents the people who say they are followers but don't put their words into action. Being a follower of Jesus is more than just saying the right thing or going to Mass—it is about what we do for others.

The children were reminded about the rich man who approached Jesus and asked what he must do to have eternal life. The man tells Jesus that he has kept all of the commandments but when Jesus asks him to sell all of his belongings and give to the poor he walks away in sadness because he is unwilling.

When we collect food for people less fortunate than ourselves that is our faith in action.

Thank you, once again, for all of your kind donations.

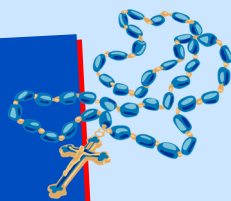
There will be no homework set this week. Please continue to read at home/ visit the library and make sure you have submitted your entries for the BBC 500 words story writing competition.

Have a lovely half term everybody .

Mr Doherty

The school Council and our donation for the VIEWSLEY and West Drayton Foodbank.





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New website

I am delighted to inform you that our new website is now live:

www.stcatherineprimary.co.uk

This is still a work in progress but we hope you will find it more user friendly.



School Instagram account

The school now has an Instagram account. We will use this space to celebrate and update you on the wonderful things that are happening in school. Please follow us.

Our username is:
[st_catherine_socials_](#)



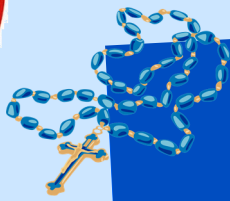
ARK awards



Well done to Hallie, Olivia, Zion, Riley, Ivanka and Logan who all received an Act of Random Kindness award in today's celebration assembly.

These awards are given by staff who notice the little things that our children do to help others without the expectation of reward. This is central to our faith and what we stand for as a school.





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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



Individual and family photos

Your children should have brought home information from Tempest photography about ordering photos taken on Wednesday. Wednesday 25th October is the deadline for orders with **free delivery**.



This weeks attendance

This weeks attendance is at 95%. Up 0.1% from last week. Year 3 have the highest attendance rate of 98%. Well done Year 3!

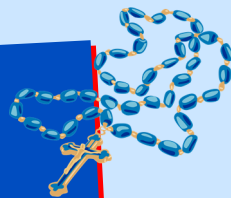
EYFS balance bike appeal

If you, your family or friends have any old balance bikes that are no longer being used we would love to have them in EYFS.

Please bring to EYFS before or after school.

Thanking you in advance.
Mrs Phaure and the EYFS team.





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Reception class welcome

Liturgy

It was lovely to see so many families at our Reception Liturgy today. What a lovely opportunity to thank God for our school and our families and to celebrate the wonderful achievements of our Reception class in their first half term.



Community Stay and play morning

Our next community stay and play for Nursery and Reception aged children and siblings will be on Saturday 4th November between 10am and 11.30am. Please share. Many thanks in advance. Mrs Phaure and the EYFS team

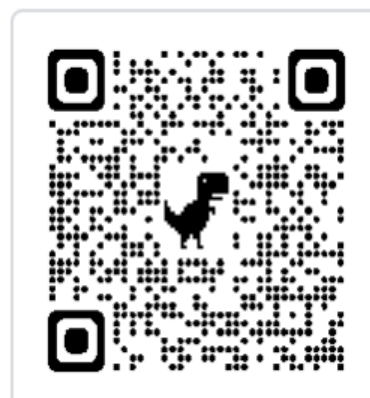


BBC 500 word competition 2023



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 and via the new website. Make sure you submit your entries via the bbc

The following link will explain how to submit an entry:



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/how-to-submit/zqc8mbk>



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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.

Please also see the flyer (next page in newsletter) for the half term chess camp in Uxbridge.



Car parking around school

Please could I remind all parents to be considerate of others when parking around the school—particularly at drop off times.

Coats and uniform policy

Our uniform policy states that children should wear coats of 1 block colour. Please avoid patterned coats or coats with large logos.

Thank you for your co-operation



Altar servers

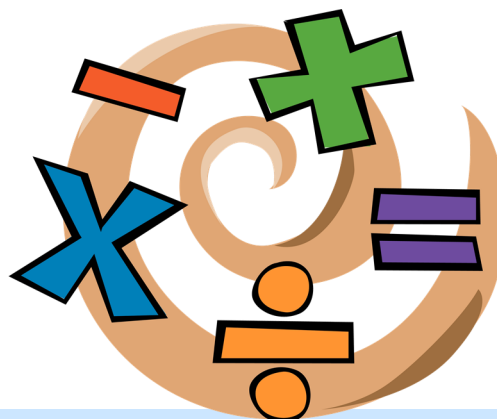
If any boys or girls, who have received Holy Communion, would be interested in training as altar servers at St Catherine's Church please speak to Mr Doherty or email the office directly. This is a wonderful way for our children to become active members of our parish Church.



Maths workshops for parents

On Monday 6th November we will be holding the last of our workshops for EYFS parents and carers.

The workshop will be between 6pm and 7pm





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Christmas Arts Project for Schools

After half term the children will be designing their own Christmas artwork with Arts Project for Schools. Your child's artwork can then be printed onto cards, cups, bags etc.

When the artwork is completed we will send you a copy and information on how to order. Remember that the school receives commission from every order.



Netball news

St Catherines 7 v Laurel Lane 2

Well done on a 7-2 WIN this week!!! We played at home against Laurel Lane on Tuesday.

This week was a challenging game against some very good players.

We had a 2-0 lead by the end of the first quarter and continued to create some excellent shooting opportunities and goals.

Very well done to Sophia who played her first match this week!

Player of the week, as voted by our wonderful coach Melissa, was Emmie!

Well done to you and another excellent effort from all of you! Our next match is to be announced after the half term.

Mrs Doherty





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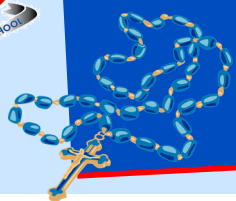
Year 4 had a wonderful time on Wednesday visiting Hampton Court. This trip is linked to their current History topic on the Tudors.

Thank you to Mr Lynam for organising and for our parent volunteers (Mrs Anghel and Mrs Straebler) who made this wonderful opportunity possible by offering to help.



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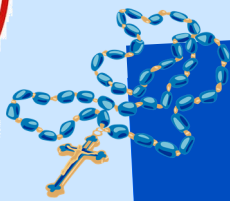




Yr 2 Collaging

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Is your child too sick for school?

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

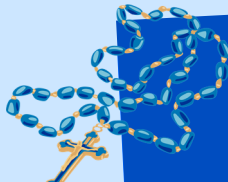
<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



Occupational Therapy stay and play workshop

It was wonderful to see so many families at our OT stay and play workshop. Thank you to the wonderful Brunel University OT students for their presentation, explaining how children develop physically and how we can support them.





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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 hard-working 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 office.

BAGS2SCHOOL

(Thurs 2nd November - drop off from before 8.30 am)

If you need an excuse for an autumn clean & clear out, do it this half term! Fill some bags with your unwanted clothes and items to help raise money for our School. The official bags will be Given to the children on Monday after half term but you can use any bin liner/ recycling bag. Please ask In the office if you need more.

We are looking for clothes, hats & scarves, paired shoes, handbags and soft toys.

A full list is available at

<http://uk.bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

Dates for the diary

Bags2School-
Thursday 2nd November




AGM-
Thursday 9th November 7pm.

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.



 
Hail Mary





  
Hail Mary full of grace




  
The Lord is with thee





   
Blessed art thou amongst women

   
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus



   
Holy Mary, mother of God

  
Pray for us sinners

   
Now and at the hour of our death


Amen

Autumn term diary dates

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

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Thursday 2nd November: Bag2School day

Saturday 4th November: Packham Football Tournament 9.15am Ryefield school

Saturday 4th November: Community Stay and Play day 10am-11.30am

Monday 6th November: EYFS Maths Workshop 6-7pm

Tuesday 7th November: Year 5 and 6 Healthy eating afternoon with The Pantry (our school meals provider)

Thursday 9th November: FSCS AGM at 7pm in school

Tuesday 21st November: Year 5 classroom Mass at 2pm

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

Saturday 25th November: St Catherine's Feast Day

Sunday 3rd December: start of Advent

Wednesday 6th December: School Advent Penitential for children and staff only

Monday 11th December: FSCS Gift Day

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

Wednesday 13th December: Pantomime in school for Nursery, Reception and Years 1 and 2

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

