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Dear Parents and Carers,

In Monday's assembly we heard the Gospel reading from Matthew where Jesus chastises the religious leaders for thinking they are better than others. We learnt what it means to be humble and to serve others. C S Lewis once said that showing humility was not thinking less of yourself but thinking of yourself less.

We learnt the importance of being humble and not thinking that we are more important or special than anyone else. We should only look down on people when we are lifting them up!

In assembly the children learnt about William Booth, who established the Salvation Army. He stopped and looked around—saw people struggling in poverty and decided to act.

See if the children can remember what he did to inspire a wealthy man to donate £1000 to his charity.

This week we will try to be humble by thinking about others before we think of ourselves.

Have a lovely weekend everybody.

**Mr Doherty**



## Amazing attendance news!

I am so very proud of all our families this week. We had 100% attendance on Thursday for children of statutory school age. This has made mine and Mrs Bryant's week. Mrs Bryant says she cannot remember this ever happening before! Let's hope this is the first of many 100% attendance days! Well done all of you. Keep it up.



## Christmas card orders

Today your child took home their Christmas artwork. You can now order your Christmas card. Make sure you order by 17th November for free postage.







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## Stay and play morning

Thank you to all of the families who attended our Stay and Play morning on Saturday. It was lovely to see so many of you. Thank you also to Mrs Phaure, Mrs Kowalska, Miss Hobbs, Mrs Marsh, Mrs Murray, Mrs Carter and especially Mrs Phaure (our EYFS lead and chief organiser) for giving your time to make these wonderful mornings possible.







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## GRT enrichment sessions

Thank you to Sally Barter (Gypsy, Romany, Traveller Liaison Officer for the London Borough of Hillingdon) who is working with our GRT community children each week this half term. It was so lovely to hear from Sally how wonderful the children were in their first session designing Christmas cards for a national competition. Well done children.







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## Healthy eating Workshop

Thank you to the Pantry for providing a Healthy Balanced Diet engagement session on Tuesday with our Year 5 and 6 classes. The children learnt about the importance of a balanced diet using the food pyramid. Well done children for being so attentive and responsive. I had lovely feedback from the Pantry staff.





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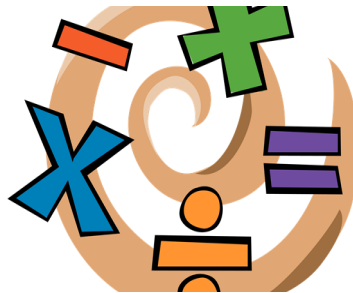
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### KS2 Carol concert

We are planning to hold our KS2 carol concert on the school playground again this year. The provisional date (weather permitting) is Tuesday 12th December at 6.30pm.

### EYFS Maths Workshop

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who attended the last of our maths workshops. It was so lovely to see you all. Thank you also to Mrs Phaure for preparing and delivering the session.



### Collecting your children on time

Can I please ask parents and carers to ensure that you are here for 3pm to collect your children.

Yesterday we had 13 children that had not been collected by 3pm. This is unacceptable and puts an additional strain on our staff, which impacts on our provision. Thank you for your support on this matter.

### This weeks attendance

This weeks attendance is at 95.5%. Up 0.4% from last week. Year 3 have the highest attendance rate of 99.7%. Well done Year 3! That is amazing!

### Feast of Christ the King

The Church choir have kindly invited the school to join them on Sunday 26th November at the 11am Mass. It would be lovely to see as many children there as possible to make it extra special. This marks the final Sunday of the Church Liturgical Year so is a very special celebration.







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### Chess player of the week

Well done to Nicole in Year 3 who was nominated as chess player of the week by Mr Hughes. She always listens to and implements coaching advice and is progressing really quickly.



### 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/>

### Football Cup result

St Catherine 12 v Laurel Lane 0

Well done to the school football team who cruised into the 2nd round of the Cup with a resounding victory against Laurel Lane. Zion scored 8 and is forming a wonderful partnership up front with our Brazilian wonderkid (Theo). Emmie scored her first goal for the school team with a super strike. She was also awarded parents player of the match. Well done to the entire team for a spectacular performance.

Next week we play St Marys in the League at home on The Green. Please come along and support us if you can.

Team: David, Oliver (c), Mitchell, Sovereign, Zion, Riley, Emmie (PoM), Jace, Theo



Player of the match—Emmie



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### Card design competition

This month we are asking all year groups to design their very own Christmas Card at home as part of a PurpleMash festive competition!

Just log in to Purple Mash and get started with 2Paint a Picture to design your card. Remember you can pick any painting style that you like. When designing your Christmas card it is important to save your work. You will be able to revisit your painting until you have submitted and shared it on the display board for your age group. This can be done by pressing the share button.

Everyone is welcome to enter the competition and your design can reflect whatever this time of year means to you. Make sure you submit your work by 24th November 2023.

Mr Lynam



### 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](http://www.stagetalent.co.uk/register)



### Switching on of Christmas Lights at Civic Centre

I am delighted that our school has been chosen to sing at the switching on of the Christmas Lights at the Civic Centre this year. The event will be on Friday 24th November at 4.30pm.

We will be selecting 30 KS2 children to represent the school.







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### Year 5 class Mass

Year 5 will have their class Mass on Tuesday 21st November.

The Mass starts at 2pm and will take place in the Year 5 class-room.

Parents/carers and family are welcome to join us. Please aim to arrive at school no later than 1.50pm so that we can seat you.

Thanking you in advance.



### NETBALL NEWS!

St Bernadettes 2 v St Catherine 9

Well done to our netball team on their 9-2 WIN in yesterday's friendly away match against St Bernadette's. Well done especially to Anna and Darcy on their debuts representing St Catherine!

Congratulations to Chiara, who was chosen by the girls at St Bernadettes to be the player of the match. You were all absolutely fantastic!

It was great to see Mrs Acres (our Executive Headteacher) there cheering on both teams. Thank you again to all the parents and grandparents who drove you there and supported you and to Mr Lynam for all his help. Girls, you did extremely well yet again, and are clearly putting into practice all you are learning from our super coaches Melissa and Sandra—who are as proud of you all as I am.

Next Thursday (16th) is a league match against St Andrew's at home, the last one this side of Christmas. Keep up the super effort!

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**Our FABULOUS netball team!**





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### Nursery Christmas performance

Our Nursery class will have their Christmas performance this year at 9.15am in the school hall on 12th December. Parents/ carers and family members are welcome to attend.

### Reception Christmas performance

Reception class will have their Nativity performance for parents/ carers and family members at 9.15am on Wednesday 13th December and again at 2pm on Thursday 14th December.



### Year 1 and 2 Advent service

Year 1 and 2 will have their Advent service in the Church on Tuesday 5th December. There will be one evening performance at 6.30pm.

I would like to give all parents and carers advance notice that **no** photography or videos will be allowed at any of our school events. The school will take official photographs which will be shared on the school website. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **Flu vaccinations**

The date for the flu vaccination this year is the 29th November. The Immunisation Team will offer the vaccination to all children from Reception to Year 6. We are currently waiting on the eConsent letter from the school nurses which will be circulated as soon as possible.



### **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.





## AGM

Thank you to all who came to the AGM meeting last night.

The new committee was voted in and the members are-

Treasurer- Alessia Dallera

(William Yr5 and Philip yr1 )

Secretary - Jayne Mayhew (Sadie Yr5)

Members-

Marie Martinez (Mateo Yr4)

Karina Surma (Cornelia yr2)

Liam Murray (Sam Yr4 & Finn Reception )

Angela Stonebanks (Darcy Yr6 and Beatrix yr2)

Megan Hodgson ( Oliver yr6 and Jacob year 3)

Will Hill ( Amelia yr3 )

Marina Veiga ( Isabella yr2 & Reuben reception)

Siobhan Ferguson ( Annie Nursery )



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## CHRISTMAS FAYRE



The Christmas fayre will be on Friday 1st December 3pm-5pm at the Parish Hall!!

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to have an advertising board outside your house.

Whitley estate agents will arrange to have these put up soon.

We are looking for volunteers to help in any way with the Christmas fayre, setting up on the day, help with stalls, cake donations and clearing away.

Please let's us know if you can help in anyway.

Thanks in advance for your support and for helping us raise vital funds for our school.

## Gift day



You should receive your letter today about Gift day, one of the best days of the year!

Gift Day is a non-profit event. Run by the Friends of St Catherine's School to provide the opportunity for children to select their own gifts for family. It is a great chance for children to get a real-life shopping experience in a safe and secure environment. All details will be on the letter but If you have any questions please ask.

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Donation days-

Chocolate- Friday 24th November

Bottles - Friday 1st December

Christmas Fayre-

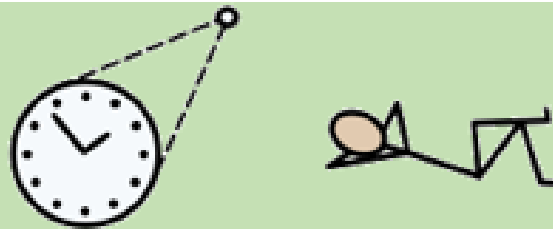
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Gift Day - Monday 10th December



Our prayer for November is the Eternal Rest prayer. In November we remember all those who have died. This is a beautiful prayer and one with which the children should be familiar. Please try to say this prayer at home with your children during the month of November.



Eternal rest



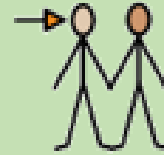
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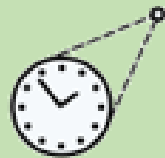
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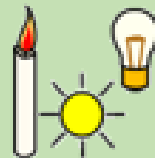


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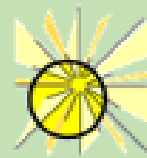


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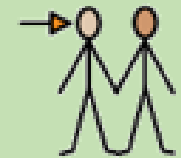


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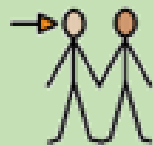


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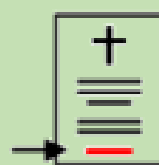


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Friday 24th November: St Catherine Feast Day Mass at 9.30am in Church

Friday 24th November: Switching on of Christmas Lights at Civic Centre

Sunday 26th November: School joining Church choir at 11 am Mass

Saturday 25th November: St Catherine's Feast Day

Friday 1st December: Bottle donation day for Christmas Fayre (children can wear own clothes)

Friday 1st December: Christmas Fayre in the Parish Hall

Sunday 3rd December: Start of Advent

Tuesday 5th December: Year 1 and 2 Advent service in Church at 6.30pm

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

Monday 11th December: FSCS Gift Day

Tuesday 12th December: Nursery Christmas performance for parents at 9.15am in school hall

Tuesday 12th December: KS2 Carol Concert on playground at 6.30pm

Wednesday 13th December: Reception Nativity for parents at 9.15am in school hall

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

Thursday 14th December: Reception Nativity for parents at 2pm in school hall

Thursday 14th December: Christmas Lunch day in school

Monday 18th December: School children singing at The Burroughs Care Home

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

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

Monday 8th January: Staff Training day

Tuesday 9th January: First day of Spring Term

