



# St Catherine's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

11<sup>th</sup> November  
2022

Live, Love and Learn Together,  
Growing with God, in Knowledge and Faith

## **Important dates for your diary: Coming up...**

**End of Term:**  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup>  
December

**Back to School:**  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
January 2023

**LEE CUFF SPORTS  
SESSIONS:**  
SYCAMORE CLASS,  
every Wednesday.  
Warm PE Kit is  
essential

**FOREST SCHOOL  
SESSIONS:**  
HAZEL Class please  
bring wet weather  
gear and wellies



## **Message from Mrs Terrey:**

It has been a great start to the new term and our brilliant children are constantly impressing me and showing me how hard they work. It makes me very proud.

Our Netball Team were amazing at their tournament which was held at Colfox on Tuesday!! Mrs Pirus said they played the best games she had ever seen. They came second out of six teams. They were gracious in their win and played their absolute best! We are so proud of you all.

Harvest Festival was a great success with lots of donations heading off to Cupboard Love – our local foodbank. We have sent out a questionnaire on their behalf to help with a review of their services. I would encourage you to fill it in if you would.

We have been selling Poppies and Poppy merchandise at reception and all classes have been learning about Remembrance. In our whole school assembly today, we observed the two minutes silence which the children were very respectful of.

We have so much coming up we have made a list of dates for your diary so you can plan your December diary. Here's to a busy, fun and successful term.

Mrs Terrey

## **Children in Need:**

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November is national Children in Need Day. It is time to be Spot-Tastic!! Children (and adults) are encouraged to go spot crazy and donate a £1 for the privilege! Our children can wear spots galore in return for a donation.

Children In Need:  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup>  
November

Bikeability Year  
5:  
1st & 2nd  
December

Nativity:  
6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> December

Hazel Class:  
Swimming on a  
Wednesday

The Bank of  
Dreams and  
Nightmares:  
2<sup>nd</sup> December  
Sycamore and  
Hazel Class

Flu Immunisation:  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>  
December

Carol Service at  
Church:  
13<sup>th</sup> December

### Safe Behaviours:

We have been learning about safe behaviours (how to stay safe in the real world and online). The NSPCC website **NSPCC Website** has lots of useful and practical ideas and tips to help you talk to your child about this tricky area. Hard conversations are often the most important.

### Colmers Hill Run:

The Colmers Hill Run is happening tomorrow, **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November**. We wish our team the very best of luck!  
We know they will do their best and make us proud!

### Curriculum:

All classes are working extremely hard on lots of interesting learning. Each class has an area on the website which is updated regularly. This is where you will find each classes termly curriculum overview. This tells you what the key learning is in your child's class.

### When is..? Where is.? Who is..?:

Please check our website for information, updates and important dates (as well as the emails we send). We are making our best efforts to support the planet (and our budget) by going paperless whenever we can. You can always call us in a pinch, what Miss Fearn doesn't know, she'll certainly find out!

### Oak Class:

Oak Class enjoyed their very first visit to our church where they were welcomed by Father Keith. They learnt about baptism and all the important things in the church including St Catherine. Father Keith was so impressed with them all and said they were interested and asked some great questions! We would like to thank Jo and Katie for walking down with Oak Class and keeping them safe on the busy road.

### **Road Safety:**

Thank you to all the safe and sensible drivers who park and drive considerately. Please continue to be alert for our children, particularly at the start and the end of the day. There have been concerns raised after children crossed the road in the path of traffic.

### **Bikeability Hazel Class:**

Ben Timberlake will be back in school on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of December to take Hazel Class through the Bikeability training so the children will need to bring their bikes in on both those days as well as warm/waterproof clothes and bike helmets. Permission forms will be handed out soon.

### **The Bank of Dreams and Nightmares Workshops:**

We are thrilled to have the talented artists at The Bank of Dreams and Nightmares in on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December to work with Sycamore Class and Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December to work with Hazel Class to devise and design their very own story books! We know how talented our children are and it is such a brilliant scheme for them to take part in.

### **Sycamore Class:**

Some of Sycamore Class have taken part in a Dance Class with Nic Northover (a former St Catherine's pupil and celebrated dance teacher). Nic is teaching Sycamore Class in two sessions and we are so grateful for her donating her precious time

### **Carol Service:**

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December we will be holding a 2pm Carol Service at church and we would love you to come.

# Star of the Week

It could be argued that every one of the St Catherine's Family is a star, and they are! But every week a child is chosen from each class for recognition. Here are the Stars so far..!

<b>Oak Class:</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> November 22 – Isabelle</b>
<b>Sycamore Class:</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> November 22 - Logan</b>
<b>Ash Class:</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> November 22 – Henry</b>
<b>Hazel Class:</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> November 22 – Angel</b>
<b>Maple Class:</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> November 22 – Summer</b>

Well done to all our Stars!!!!

## St. Catherine of Alexandria:

25<sup>th</sup> November is the Feast Day of St. Catherine of Alexandria, our Patron Saint and the Patron Saint of Teachers. St Catherine was an amazing young woman. She was an intelligent scholar and debater who converted many people to Catholicism. St. Catherine's life was filled with amazing deeds, including her work as a doctor and her tireless preaching efforts. Her powerful prayer life also made her a revered figure within the Christian community.

## Prayer to St. Catherine:

Bless me, O Lord, and keep me from all harm. O Lord Jesus Christ, who hast brought many to salvation by thy death and resurrection, grant me also strength to overcome all dangers. Protect me from all maliciousness and harm, great and small.

Amen