



# PREP



## Newsletter – 12 October 2018



Dear Parents,

What busy bees the Prep School girls have been in the last few weeks from learning the do's and don'ts of walking safely, participating in drama workshops, performing in the Harvest assembly to excelling at the annual exhibition of entomologists to name but a few.

I hope you have found the parent teacher interviews in the last two weeks useful, and in our bid to keep you informed of your daughter's progress in school, we have produced effort and achievement grade sheets for the subjects taught within St Catherine's. More details can be found in a forthcoming letter.

I would like to draw your attention to the Holiday Club that will be running during the first week of half term. This is open to all pupils in the Prep School and continues the success of the club held during the Summer holiday. I hope you will take advantage of this facility during the forthcoming school breaks.

I look forward to welcoming Year 6 parents on Tuesday to our information session regarding the Year 6 trip to France which before we know it, will have arrived. In the meantime I wish you all a restful half term break.

Mrs S Marsh - Head of Prep

Dear Parents,

I have had a very good time visiting Prep over the last two weeks. In Year 6 English I observed excellent creative skills as girls used sophisticated techniques to develop their writing, and in Maths there was real enthusiasm for an investigation of divisibility, which showed the girls thinking for themselves and enjoying the challenge of numbers. The Year 1 girls were very enthusiastic about their new digraphs, Year 2 were building marvellous model huts out of clay, and the Nursery girls came back from their swimming lesson and went straight into activities about emotions and identity; it was lovely to see them all enjoying their learning.

Of course, the highlight of this week was the Harvest Festival where Early Years and Key Stage 1 delighted their audience with songs and poems. The decorations were wonderful, including some great porridge-themed aprons. It is very good to think that while the girls all clearly had fun in their assembly, they are also aware of the needs of others.

Mrs J McPherson – Headmistress



# School Calendar!

Friday 19 October Year 1 / Year 2 Windsor Castle Trip

## **HALF TERM - Monday 22 October to Friday 2 November 2018**

Tuesday 6 November Year 6 Mock Entrance Examinations

Thursday 22 November Year 6 Mock Entrance Examinations Parent Feedback

Friday 23 November Breakfast Club Dolly Day

Monday 26 November Year 6 Mock Entrance Examinations Parent Feedback

Friday 30 November Year 2 National Archives Trip at Kew

Thursday 6 December EYFS Nativity at 9.15am - Main Hall

Friday 7 December Breakfast Club Christmas Special

Friday 7 December Prep Pantomime - Jack and the Beanstalk

Friday 7 December Mufti Day for the FOSC Christmas Fair

Tuesday 11 December Carol Service at 7.00pm - Main Hall



**Nursery - Everyone in Nursery for super singing in the Harvest Assembly**

**Reception - Elodie for super work in maths**

**Year 1 - Sienna for trying hard to do neater writing**

**Year 2 - All of Year 2 for a super performance in the Harvest Assembly**



After half term, the FOSC cake stall will be moving location. Please visit Debbie and Chrissie every Thursday at their new position behind the swimming pool overlooking the sports

## New Holiday Club – Nursery to Year 6



We are pleased to announce that we have opened up our Holiday Club to everyone in Prep, from Nursery through to Year 6. The club will continue to be led by Mrs Saddler, and will run from **Monday 22 to Friday 26 October** at St Catherine's School.

Please complete the booking form as circulated on 1 October, should you wish to secure a place for your daughter. A further copy of the letter and booking form can be obtained from Mrs Wilder by emailing her at [cwilder@stcatherineschool.co.uk](mailto:cwilder@stcatherineschool.co.uk), or alternatively, you can collect a copy from the school office

## Nursery and Reception Perform Workshop

Nursery and Reception were delighted to take part in a Perform Drama Workshop last week. They all participated with great enthusiasm and had lots of fun.



## Early Years and Key Stage 1 Harvest Festival



Nursery, Reception and years 1 and 2 entertained parents with their food for thought assembly. Not only were their rhymes and songs sung and said with enjoyment and gusto they also reflected on where their food came from, how lucky they are to always have enough to eat and drink and to remember always to thank God for his gifts to us.



## Year 3 Safe Walking

The girls in Year 3 took local walks with the Road Safety Training Instructors from Richmond Council. They were taught how to use a pelican crossing, how to judge a safe place to cross and how to spot potential traffic hazards.

The girls have also been completing their Stepping Out Activity Books which has reinforced their learning with fun puzzles and word matching activities.

All the girls achieved their safe walking badges - well done Year 3.



## Year 5 Science

In Science last week, **Year 5** learnt that it is the earth moving, and not the sun, which gives us night and day. The girls created their own sundials and made predictions about where they thought their shadows might fall later in the day.



## Year 6 Bug Club

At the Amateur Entomologists' Society annual exhibition last weekend, St Catherine's Bug Club was awarded 3rd prize in the members' exhibits display. The certificate was presented by Dr. McAlister, a dipterist from the Natural History Museum. What a fantastic achievement for everyone.

Mrs Ruffle



## Year 6 Junior Citizen Project

*Written by Ellen and Ellyse*

Going to the Junior Citizen project in Bushy Park was a great experience. We learnt some fantastic life skills such as: how to call the emergency services, what to do when there is a fire, how to act around strangers, how to use public transport and how to find the safest route to school.

Our favourite activity taught us about "stranger danger". A police officer pretended to be a stranger who approached us asking for help. To begin with we were a little scared, but we knew how to deal with the situation. We were very relieved when we discovered it was actually all planned to test us!

A woman called Stephanie also taught us that heat rose, so we knew it was important to stay low when leaving a burning building; we really enjoyed shuffling down the stairs and shouting FIRE FIRE at the top of our lungs! We thought it was a really enjoyable trip and we are sure that many of the skills we learnt will come in handy in the future. We really recommend the trip to other children and adults, it was a great day.

## Breakfast Club News and Events



On Friday 5 October parents and pupils came to Breakfast Club with their much loved pets.



### Forthcoming Events for your Diary

Dolly Day on Friday 23 November and Christmas Special on Friday 7 December

## Art Projects for Schools

We are pleased to announce our Christmas Card Project in partnership with Art Projects for Schools (APFS). The artwork your child has created will be accurately reproduced in full colour onto Christmas cards that are available in packs of 12. Your child's artwork will be collected from School on **11 October 2018**. The deadline date for our parents to order online is **7 November 2018**. Our estimated date for dispatch of parents' orders to the school **week commencing 19 November 2018**.

Dear Parents,

Here we are drawing to the end of the first half term and I cannot believe how quickly it has gone!

When we return, after half term, we will be looking to finalise plans for our annual Christmas Fair on Sunday 9 December 2018.

This is our biggest and most important fund raising event of the year, so your support is very much appreciated and needed.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support so far and to wish you all a lovely half term when it arrives.

If you are not receiving regular email updates about **FOSC's** news and events from your class rep, we would love to hear from you to add you into the network! Please contact me on [sarah.prain@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sarah.prain@yahoo.co.uk) or our Class Rep Coordinator Leila West on [leliabess@yahoo.com](mailto:leliabess@yahoo.com)

Finally, please feel free to contact any committee member with your feedback and thoughts to help our fundraising efforts.

Best wishes

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## SAVE THE DATE – FOSC CHRISTMAS FAIR



**FOSC** will be hosting their annual Christmas Fair on Sunday 9 December 2018.

Further information will follow after half term but please add this date to your diary.

We are looking for as much support and manpower as possible to make this a successful event. If anyone has any spare capacity, or can help in any other way, please contact Sarah Prain directly. Many thanks in advance for all your support.

## FOSC KEY DATES

<b>EVENTS:</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS FAIR</b>	<b>SUNDAY 9 DECEMBER 2018</b>
	<b>QUIZ NIGHT</b>	<b>FRIDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2019</b>
	<b>PREP PJ DISCO</b>	<b>FRIDAY 22 MARCH 2019</b>
	<b>SUMMER FAIR</b>	<b>SUNDAY 23 JUNE 2019</b>
<b>MEETINGS:</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>TUESDAY 16 OCTOBER 2018</b>
		<b>TUESDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2018</b>
	<b>CLASS REPS</b>	<b>MONDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2018</b>

**ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO OUR MEETINGS HELD FROM 7.30PM**  
Committee meetings are held in the Lodge Classroom  
Class Rep meetings held in the Drama Studio