



ST. CATHERINE'S SCHOOL

TWICKENHAM

PREP



Newsletter - 28 September 2018

School Calendar Dates

Friday 28 Sept	Year 6 Junior Citizen Hampton Wick
Friday 28 Sept	EYFS & KS1 Perform Workshop - 1.30pm to 3.00pm
Saturday 29 Sept	Year 2 Activities Morning & Prep Open Morning for Prospective Parents - 10.00am to 12.00pm
Thursday 4 Oct	Parent Teacher Meetings
Monday 8 Oct	Parent Teacher Meetings
Monday 8 Oct	Year 3 Richmond Safe Walking
Wednesday 10 Oct	EYFS / Year 1 / Year 2 Harvest Festival 9.00am – Main Hall, with tea/coffee from 8.30am
Friday 19 Oct	Year 1 / Year 2 Windsor Castle Trip

HALF TERM - Monday 22 October to Friday 2 November 2018



- ° We are a **NUT FREE** school. It is not only eating nuts that can cause severe reactions, just being around them or contact with the skin can trigger anaphylactic shock.
- ° May we continue to remind parents to **DRIVE** and **PARK** with due care and consideration at all times.
- ° Due to the colder and wetter weather, the girls can start to wear their **WINTER UNIFORM** with everyone back in winter uniform by Monday 1 October 2018.



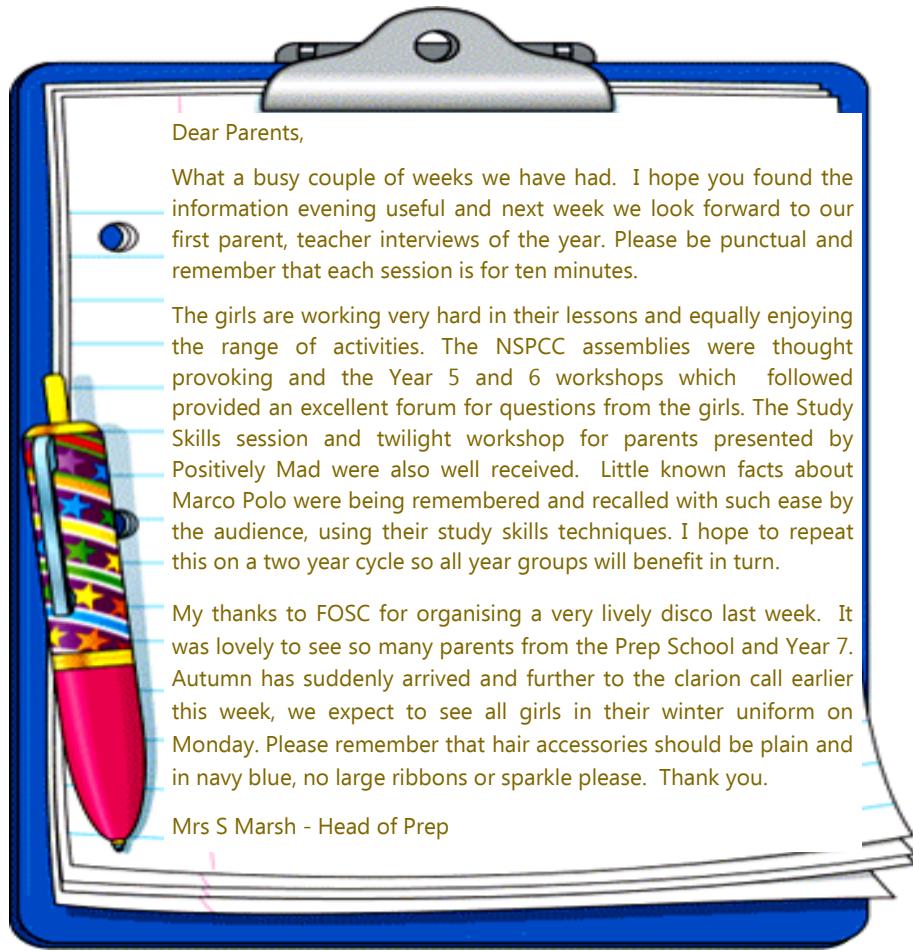
STARS OF THE WEEK

Nursery - Maisie - For being so kind and thoughtful to her friends

Reception - Matilda - For super colouring

Year 1 - Maggy - For her enthusiasm in learning about the senses in Science

Year 2 - Harriet - For always trying her best



From the Headmistress

Dear Parents,

It was lovely to have the whole school join together at mass for Our Lady of Mercy this week, and several prep girls helped to make this a special occasion by reading beautifully. Father Ulick encouraged all the girls to think about what mercy really means and how to have empathy and care for others. I know that these are principles that are very much a part of the Prep School.

This fortnight has also included some Positively Mad study skills sessions and the wonderful fun of the 'Back to School' Disco, for which FOSC deserve our particular thanks.

Finally, it was very nice to meet so many of you at the Prep Information Evening last week. It was especially good to speak about this exciting time for Year 6 girls as they look ahead to next year and I look forward to meeting girls and parents later this term to talk about the Senior School. With very best wishes,

Mrs Johneen McPherson

Scholastic Book Club

There are two ways to place an order:

1. Return your completed order form to Mrs Jones (Prep Librarian) enclosing cash or a cheque made payable to "St. Catherine's School"
2. Order online at <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/st-catherines-tw1> and the books will be delivered to school for free (don't forget to choose the school delivery option at checkout)

The deadline for all orders is the 7 October 2018

Mrs Jones – Prep Librarian

Year 5 Hampton Court Trip



Year 5 made a terrific start to their Tudor topic with a visit to **Hampton Court Palace** on Wednesday 19 September 2018. They explored the vast kitchen gardens which were full of surprises and treasures, and followed up with a workshop in the **Royal Kitchen**.

The girls learned what it was like to work in the King's kitchen and all about the lavish banquets and dishes served by Henry VIII.

In a second workshop, the girls learned about the **Young Henry** through drama, and explored his lifestyle, personality, appearance and the break with Rome.



Year 5 and Year 6 Positively Mad Study Skills

Written by Siyana

On Wednesday, Year 5 and Year 6 attended a workshop with Natalie from Positively Mad. We were taught how to remember facts in an easy and fun way. This included using colours, stories, mental images and actions to recall educational facts. We had a wonderful time and now feel prepared and excited to learn and remember even more!



Year 6 Team Building Day



Poem by Jasmine and Grace

We jumped in the kayaks and went on the lake,
Two people fell in, what a mistake!
Next we went raft building, what a delight
We paddled on our rafts until near out of sight.
Our feet got cold and wet,
But the finishing line was where our eyes were set.
Team A won! What a surprise!
Even though out group was smaller in size.

We then went dragon-boating (more races!)
Our mentor said we might fall off,
You should have seen our faces!
The teachers watched to make sure there was no cheating
But we were all so focussed, so we kept on competing.
We made it back to shore, pretty dry this time
We got changed, drove to school and wrote this rhyme!
We know everyone really enjoyed the day,
So we'd like to say "Woohoo, hooray, to the Lensbury team
for making our Teambuilding day really awesome in
every way!"

The Year 6 Bug Clubbers are putting together a poster about some of the insects seen in the school garden. It will be on display at the Annual Exhibition of the Amateur Entomologists Society which is being held on 6 October at Kempton Park Racecourse, 11.00-16.00. For the insect lovers among you there will be no better way to spend a Saturday!
<https://www.amentsoc.org/events/listings/0931/>



Prep NSPCC Assemblies and Workshops

The NSPCC visited our school last week and delivered their ***Speak out. Stay safe*** assembly to share information with your daughter about how to keep safe from harm and get help if they have any worries. It was a very worthwhile and empowering session for both pupils and teachers. The NSPCC shared with us all the valuable work they do across the country, and talked about how important it is for everyone in our school community to join them in their 'fight for every childhood'.

The NSPCC's work in schools helps to encourage conversations about staying safe – and they have a number of child-friendly materials to help you carry on the conversation. This includes 'Talk PANTS', a simple way for parents to help keep children safe and various other resources available on their website.



After School Club Reminders

Our After School Club continues to be a very worthwhile and popular facility. If you intend to use the After School Club it is important to note the following information:



- Where possible, all bookings should be made in advance using the booking form and accompanying documentation
- If bookings are made on a casual basis, the school must be notified as early as possible.
- Your daughter must be signed out by you upon collection
- If you make arrangements for your daughter to be collected by someone else, please inform Mrs Anderson on 07543 204714
- There is a standard charge of £4.25 per half hour or part half hour
- Tea, which is available from 5pm, will be charged separately at £2.15, and must be booked in advance
- There will be a charge incurred of £5.00 per quarter hour when pupils remain in After School Club beyond ten minutes of their scheduled pick up time
- Copies of the letter and full pack are available from Main Reception at all times

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Friends Of St Catherine's

Dear Parents,

On Friday 21 September the Main Hall of St Catherine's was transformed into a colourful Back to School Disco. Many thanks to you all for a very successful night with an attendance of just over 250 people.

Everyone (including parents) enjoyed themselves. There was even a "break dancing dance off" with two parents – you know who you are!

It was wonderful to see the girls rekindling their friendships and to meet and welcome all our new parents and girls to St Catherine's this year.

I would like to thank all parents who helped me with setting up and clearing away. Without your kind help, the hall would not have looked as amazing as it did. Many thanks to our Vice Chair, Clare, for an incredible job, once more, with the decorations.

Finally, my thanks to Andrew Lebosquet for all his assistance with clearing up and securing the school after the event.





Friends Of St Catherine's

On Monday 17 September 2018, we had our first **Class Rep** meeting, where the main points of discussion were communications and the contribution that each class can make to FOSC.

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.pain@yahoo.co.uk or our Class Rep Coordinator Lelia West on leliabess@yahoo.com

Please don't forget to complete those gift aid forms. Should you require a form, please let me know.

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FOSC KEY DATES

EVENTS:	CHRISTMAS FAIR	SUNDAY 9 DECEMBER 2018
MEETINGS:	COMMITTEE	TUESDAY 16 OCTOBER 2018
	CLASS REPS	TUESDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2018 MONDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2018

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

Thrift Uniform Shop

If you have any uniform that you no longer need, please donate to our lovely "Thrift Shop Lady" Chrissie Spencer and leave it at school reception. Any uniform is gratefully received.

Our second-hand uniform shop is a large contributor to the overall annual funds raised by FOSC and all proceeds go directly back into the school. As always, your support is appreciated. If you need any uniform please contact Chrissie on 020 8751 0066 or mobile 07769 556661.

Please feel free to contact any committee member with any feedback or thoughts to help our fundraising efforts.

Best wishes,
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