



ST. CATHERINE'S SCHOOL

TWICKENHAM

Prep School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 15 March 2019

Dear Parents,

What an amazing few weeks we have had!

The Prep School immersed themselves totally into books for World Book Day. There were Thing 1 and 2, and The Mad Hatter, not to mention Super Potato, all in school. The costumes were magnificent only paralleled by the hats created for World Pi Day yesterday.

The girls have also been improving their scooting and raising money with our latest cake sale. I do hope you found the recent parent teacher meetings helpful and I would like to congratulate our current Year 6 on their Entrance Examination success and a large number of scholarships that were offered this year for sport, art, drama, music and academia.

We are busy rehearsing for our KS2 Spring Concert on Tuesday and I look forward to seeing you there for a most wonderful evening of music and song.

Best Wishes, Mrs S Marsh.

Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to see the girls so involved in different events and themes this term. Our very special Ash Wednesday Mass was on March 6, and they joined in beautifully, as they always do, and it was also very nice to welcome many parents. The girls have also made the most of the opportunities to dress up, with fabulous World Book Day costumes, and this week, their Pi Maths Day. It is clear that all these events and celebrations form a very enjoyable part of their learning at St Catherine's.

I am pleased to let you know about a change to Chaplaincy, which involves both Prep and Senior School. I am delighted that Mary Ryan has accepted an enhanced Chaplain role for next year which will see developments in the way we provide faith and pastoral opportunities for all pupils. She will work closely with Prep staff to create enjoyable programmes for the girls.

I look forward to seeing you soon at the Spring Concert and other end of term events.

Best Wishes, Mrs McPherson.

# 2019 Calendar Dates

Tuesday 19 March	Year 3 to Year 6 Spring Concert - SPT Hall - 6.30pm
Friday 22 March	FOSC PJ Disco - SPT Hall - 6.30pm
Tuesday 26 March	EYFS/KS1 Spring Assembly - SPT Hall - 9.00am
Tuesday 26 March	Dr McAlister Year 5/Year 6 Bug Talk - Small Hall - 10.50am
Friday 29 March	Breakfast Club Mother's Day Special - 7.30am
Monday 1 April	Year 6 Bicycle Training <b>Week</b> - Mornings
Friday 5 April	Breakfast Club Easter Bunny Special - 7.30am
Monday 8 April	Prep Film Night (Peter Rabbit) - Small Hall - 4.00pm to 6pm
Tuesday 9 April	End of Term / Pupils Return Wednesday 24 April

**NEXT NEWSLETTER IS FRIDAY 5 APRIL 2019**



## Holiday Club



### EASTER HOLIDAY FUN

**WEDNESDAY 10 – FRIDAY 12 APRIL 2019**

**MONDAY 15 – TUESDAY 16 APRIL 2019**

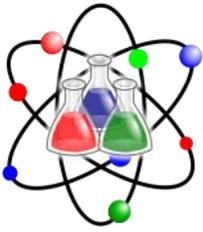
For Nursery to Year 6 our popular holiday provision will be running this Easter holiday, 8:30am - 3:30pm, with wrap around care extending the day from 7.45am to 4.30pm.

Come along for the whole time, or the odd day, and bring a friend too for our Easter themed arts and crafts, games, cookery and swimming at St. Catherine's School.

Booking and further details from Mrs Carolyn Wilder at [cwilder@stcatherineschool.co.uk](mailto:cwilder@stcatherineschool.co.uk)



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## House Science Competition

Be creative, inventive and the scientific theory clearly stated

- Can be individual, paired or grouped
- All entries must have name, year group and house clearly stated on the entry
- You can work with house team members or mixed (as long as everything is clearly labelled)
- Can be on any scientific topic

**Previous winning entries include:**

3D Models, electrical, hydraulic pumps, machines, slime investigations, an investigation that has been written up with photos.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS FRIDAY 26 APRIL 2019**

## 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 24 March 2019

**Mrs Jones - Prep Librarian**



Dr. Erica McAlister from the Natural History Museum will be in school on Tuesday 26 March 2019 to give a talk to Year 5 and 6. Her visit follows the success of the Bug Club having been awarded third prize in the AES Annual Exhibition. Dr. McAlister will be bringing a few copies of her book, 'The Secret Life of Flies' so, if you think you might like to buy a copy bring in £10 on that day.

<https://www.nhmshop.co.uk/the-secret-life-of-flies-paperback.html>



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# World Book Day

WORLD  
BOOK  
DAY

On Thursday 7 March 2019 Prep school celebrated World Book Day in great style. The girls showcased some amazingly imaginative costumes.

We were joined in our celebrations by illustrator (and author) Mr Ian Cunliffe who ran an illustration workshop with each class. With his help, the girls came up with some wonderful Library Dragons to help protect the library from Burglar Bill! A big thank you goes to Mr Cunliffe for giving up his time to join us.



# Pi Maths Day

The girls in Prep celebrated Pi day on Thursday with their own wonderful creations and a series of Maths Workshops.



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## Year 1 Visit to St Jame's Church



Year 1 really enjoyed visiting St James's Church in the warm sunshine. They all thought it was a beautiful church and were very good at finding all the different items on our tick list. They also drew amazing pictures and lit a candle.

## Year 2 Scooting



Year 2 had a really informative afternoon learning how to scoot safely. They learned how to ride on the pavement sensibly, stop with care and wheel their scooters easily. They truly enjoyed their time, despite the wet weather.



## Year 5 Charity Cake Sale



A fantastic team effort from all the Year 5 girls with all their brilliant baking. There was hardly a crumb left and the amazing sum of £202.85 was raised for our two Prep charities, 'Me Too and Co' and 'Just a Drop'.



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# PE Updates



## **Richmond Borough Swimming Gala**

**On 12 February**, we competed in our swimming gala against Newland House (intermediates). The atmosphere was excellent with parents and friends from both schools in attendance. We secured a brilliant win (107-53) and look forward to our next gala with Newland House.

## **Richmond Borough Swimming Gala**

**On 14 February**, we took 7 swimmers to the Richmond Borough Swimming Gala at Pools on the Park. It was an event of extremely high calibre but our girls fared well against the other 10 independent schools in competition. Our best results came from C. Wayman who came 3rd in Year 5 Freestyle, L. Flatman who came 5th in Year 4 Freestyle, 4x1 Freestyle Relay team who came 5th and R. Berkett who came 7th in Butterfly (missed out on the Top 6 by a second!). A massive well done to all involved! We will be competing in Year 4 Freestyle, Year 5 Freestyle and 4x100m Freestyle at the Richmond Borough Swimming Finals.

## **Swimming Gala vs. Newland House (Top)**

**On 26 February**, we were up against a tough Newland House team with their top swimmers competing. It was a close battle but we came out triumphant with a strong score of 108-72. Our Year 5 swimmers were unbeatable and we secured important finishes in our relays. A huge well done to the girls who have been swimming consistently well this year. Thank you to all the parents in attendance for your support.

## **Swimming Gala vs. Radnor House (Intermediate)**

**On 5 March**, we competed against Radnor House's intermediate squad. It was a wonderful event as it allowed us to let girls swim who have not usually had the opportunity or who have not competed in a gala before! We also swam our Year 4's in the Year 5 races which was an excellent experience for them to compete at a higher level. We came away with the win (49-35) and are so proud of the girls. Thank you to our Year 6 helpers and all those who came to support.

If you would like to keep up with the current PE fixtures, news and alerts, you can do so at <https://sites.google.com/stcatherineschool.co.uk/stcatherinesprepschoolpe/>

# Breakfast Club



## Forthcoming Breakfast Club Dates

Mother's Day Special Breakfast at 7.40am - 29 March 2019

Easter Special at 7.40am - 5 April 2019

Father's Day Special Breakfast at 7.40am - 14 June 2019

Princess Party at 7.40am - 28 June 2019

American Independence Day at 7.40am - 4 July 2019

*Mother's Day Special Breakfast*

*Friday 29th March 2019*

*at 7.40am*

*Please call Chantal Goldburn on*  
*020 3261 0142 or email*  
*egoldburn@stcatherineschool.co.uk*  
*limited to 30 places.*  
*£2.35 per child*

*Happy Mother's Day*



ST. CATHERINE'S  
SENIOR SCHOOL

PRESENTS

Bring  
it On

The  
Musical

Wednesday 3rd April  
Thursday 4th April  
Doors open at 6.30pm  
7.00pm start

Libretto by Jeff Whitty

Music by Tom Kitt and  
Lin-Manuel Miranda

Lyrics by Lin-Manuel  
Miranda

Inspired by the motion picture  
Bring It On written by Jessica  
Benderger

For tickets, please contact  
Ms Goldburn  
Adults £6  
Children £4

There will be NO tickets on the  
door - advance tickets only!

St Catherine's Senior School will be presenting **Bring it On The Musical** on Wednesday 3 and Thursday 4 April 2019. Tickets are available from Ms Goldburn at £6.00 for adults and £4.00 for children. No tickets will be available on the door.



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Dear Parents,

FOSC will be holding their next Annual AGM on Monday 29 April 2019 and we are looking for fresh new faces. Please see next page for more information.



Sadly I will be standing down after 2 years in this role and we will also be losing our Vice Chair, Clare Murphy and our Estate Boards Organiser, Denise Stewart. FOSC needs **fresh faces** with **new ideas** and **enthusiasm** to fill these shoes!

If you are interested, but hesitant because you are not sure if you would enjoy the experience, please come along to our next committee meeting on Tuesday 2 April 2019.

Being a FOSC committee member will allow you to discover talents you never knew you had, get involved more with the school and further develop your organisation and management skills. Please contact me to become involved. I would love to hear from you.

Whilst writing, I would personally like to thank Clare and Denise and the rest of the committee members for their hard work and dedication over the years. Without these members, FOSC would not be able to hold the various events we do throughout the school year.

I look forward to seeing all at FOSC's next event, the Prep PJ Disco (see below)

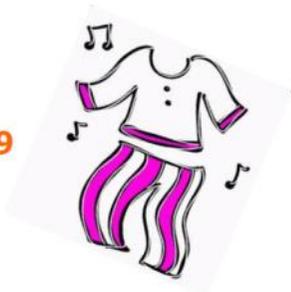


**Prep PJ Disco – Friday 22 March 2019**

6.30pm - 8.30pm

Wear your **PJ's**, yes that includes the parents, and dance the evening away!

**Tickets cost £6 from your Class Rep**





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**Annual General Meeting / Class Reps Meeting  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

Dear Parents

We will be holding our Annual General Meeting on the above date in the drama studio, where all members are invited to attend. This will be followed by a Class Reps meeting to discuss the Summer Fair.

FOSC's current Chair, Sarah Prain has confirmed that she will be standing down from her position after two years in this role.

Nominations for the Committee posts should be sent to the Secretary on the slip below, before Friday 5h April 2019.

The positions for the Committee are as follows:-

Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Class Reps' Co-ordinator and other Committee members with various responsibilities.

Over the years FOSC has successfully raised large sums of money for the benefit of the girls, which can only happen with your continued support and enthusiasm.

We hope you will be able to join us for a glass of wine and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

Kind regards.

Polly Fox

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Nomination Form:-

Please return to the FOSC Secretary (via School Office)-Polly Fox

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Position\_ \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_