



ST. CATHERINE'S SCHOOL

TWICKENHAM

Prep School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 17 May 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Summer Term, and what a busy start we have had. We have had a wonderful Year 5 trip to PGL where the girls thrived on a mix of team work and challenge in the great outdoors over five days. I write this while leading the Year 6 trip to France and have been immensely proud of the girls; they are excellent ambassadors for learning and St Catherine's.

We have had some notable events in the past few weeks with visits from Harlequins who ran a coaching session with Year 5, Olympic gymnasts and Chelsea footballers who ran our sports sponsored event and a visit from Amanda Holden who inspired the girls with her journey to showbiz success and the amazing charity work that she undertakes. Our own charities Just a Drop and Me & Ch benefitted from the Year 6 Bits and Bobs Sale and our film night at the end of last term.

It has been wonderful to have the chance, the last few Fridays, to have a chat over a cup of tea with you from various year groups and to talk at our recent Digital Awareness and Safety evening and Senior School Forum, both of which provided some excellent information and advice.

Best wishes, Mrs Marsh.

Dear Parents,

The first few weeks of term have been varied and enjoyable for the girls in Prep. We were pleased to welcome Father Peter Newby to celebrate our mass for St Catherine on April 29, which also served to mark the beginning of term; it was, as always, lovely to all be gathered together. The Hall was also a place of community spirit soon after this when cool weather meant our planned School Picnic was indoors; however, some summer tunes set the scene and the girls all enjoyed a delicious and happy lunch.

The Prep girls have had a number of special guests this month, including a visit from Amanda Holden and from Harlequins Rugby – two very different but equally inspirational events. And of course, Year 5 and 6 girls have delighted us with happy reports and photos from their trips.

Lastly, the Prep Library has been revealed in its new glory this term. The School is very grateful for the support of FOSC throughout the year, and once more thanks the team and all parents for their support for this refurbishment. The fresh, colourful library is a lovely and welcoming place for the girls to learn and read.

With best wishes, Mrs McPherson.

2019 Calendar Dates

SUMMER Term Dates for your Diary

Mon 20 May	St Mary's Students (RE Resources for KS2) – Classrooms – 2.00pm
Tues 21 May	Y6 Assembly with Ms Ryan (transition to Y7) – Small Hall – 8.40am
Tues 21 May	Y6 Ceramic Workshop – Art Studio – All Day
Weds 22 May	Stride Session 4 – Year 6 Classroom – 9.00am to 10.30am
Fri 24 May	Stride Session 5 – Small Hall – 10.50am to 12.20pm
Fri 24 May	Y4 Orange Tree Workshop – Small Hall - 1.30pm to 3.30pm

HALF TERM - Mon 27 to Fri 31 May / HOLIDAY CLUB - Tues 28 to Fri 31 May

Friday 7 June	Stride Session 6 - Small Hall - 10.50am to 12.20pm
Fri 7 June	Y5 Daddy Camp Weekend (leave 8.15am)
Mon 10 June	Police Safety Talks - Drama Studio/ Classroom - 8.40am to 9.00am
Tues 11 June	Y1 Orleans Gallery Trip - All Day (leave 9.15am)
Weds 12 June	Y5 and Y6 Liturgy - Small Hall - 8.40am
Thurs 12 June	Y3 Kew Gardens Trip - All Day (leave 9.30am)
Fri 14 June	Breakfast Club - Father's Day Special
Fri 14 June	Stride Session 7 - Small Hall - 10.50am to 12.20pm
Fri 14 June	Y1 and Y2 Toy or Book Charity Sale - Small Hall - 2.00pm
Fri 14 June	Y5 and Y6 Afternoon Tea - Small Hall - 3.00pm (including Y5 and Y6 Exhibition of Works)
Sat 15 June	Y5 Activities Morning / Whole School Open Afternoon
Mon 17 June	Y4 Orange Tree Theatre Trip (leave 12.50pm)
Tues 18 June	EYFS/KS1 Summer Production - SPT Hall - 9.00am
Tues 18 June	Y6 Ceramic Workshop - Art Studio or Classroom - All Day
Fri 21 June	Stride Session 8 - Small Hall - 10.50am to 12.20pm
Sun 23 June	FOSC Summer Fair
Weds 26 June	Y2 Seaside Trip - All Day (leave 8.30am)
Weds 26 June	Y3 to Y6 Prep Production - SPT Hall - 6.30pm
Thurs 27/Fri 28 June	Y4 PACCAR Overnight Trip (leave 9.30am, return 2.30pm next day)
Fri 28 June	EYFS/KS1 Sports Day - Playing Fields - 2.00pm



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Breakfast Club Dates

Breakfast

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



FOSC Cake Stall Dates



Thursday 6 June 2019

Thursday 20 June 2019

Thursday 4 July 2019

The cake stall is located opposite the Lodge



Stars of the Week

Nursery - Katherine for always trying and having a great attitude

Reception - Priya for such super sentences

Year 1 - Mary for splendid fluent reading

Year 2 - Maia for terrific time reading

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 2 June 2019



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Year 5 PGL Trip



Year 5 had a fantastic week away at PGL Liddington. The girls embraced the whole experience with great spirit and determination, encouraging each other along the way. There were numerous activities, some of which required true bravery.



We teachers were absolutely full of admiration for their courage. Challenges included GIANT swing, abseiling, robot wars, sensory trail, survivor and many more. Prizes were awarded for overcoming fear, room inspection, being a general 'good egg', showing positivity and support, and being a 'pocket rocket'!



And of course, Catherine Bear and Mr Broccoli gamely joined in all the activities. Thank you and well done to Year 5 for such a fun week full of achievements!



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Year 6 Trip to France



What a wonderful week Year 6 have had in France. Fascinating visits to Nausicaa, La Boulangerie, the goat farm and time to reflect in the war cemetery provided us with many opportunities to soak up and use our French along with delicious cuisine, including snails, and a quick tip to the beach, all aided by perfect weather! My thanks to Miss Warner, Mrs Oakley and Ms Goodson for their never ending patience, support and good humour along with the girls who were a pleasure to be with.



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Amanda Holden Visit



Last week, the girls in Key Stage 2 enjoyed a surprise visit from Amanda Holden. They were given the opportunity to ask questions about her education and childhood, who has inspired her, and to learn more about the most notable moments in her career. The girls also performed a fantastic medley of songs from Mary Poppins in front of the world famous talent show judge. Much fun was had by all. Many thanks to Ellen and her Dad, Neil, for arranging!



First Holy Communion

Last weekend was **First Holy Communion** Masses at many of our parishes and we were fortunate to be able to attend as many First Holy Communions as possible. It was a lovely occasion for the girls, and for us too, to be able to share these very special celebrations.

Mrs Williams



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PE Updates

Olympic Athlete Event - Sports for Schools

On Wednesday 8 May 2019, athletes **Peter Bakare** (Olympic Volleyball player), **Steve Frew** (Commonwealth Gold Medal Gymnast) and **Malakai Mars** (Chelsea FC Scholar) organised a fantastic afternoon filled with exercise and music, as they inspired our prep girls to give it their all! The afternoon started with an engaging assembly by Steve Frew who discussed the power of perseverance and never giving up. Peter Bakare and Malakai Mars then joined in to conduct an energetic fitness circuit which had all the girls moving, dancing and cheering. It was a lively event aimed at inspiring students to lead an active and healthy lifestyle, pursue their dreams and raise money for the Sports for Schools foundation and St Catherine's Prep School PE Department.



Swimming Gala vs. Newland House (Intermediates)

We started the Summer Term with an outstanding gala win against Newland House (124-84). It was a brilliant effort by all our swimmers and was a great occasion for those who had never swam in a gala before. Some of our younger swimmers even swam up a year group to cover for any absentees and this provided them with excellent experience. Well done to all involved and thank you to all the parents who came to support.

Harlequins Visit

Year 5 had the fantastic opportunity last Thursday of being introduced to the basics of Rugby by



coaches from Harlequins. With the sun beaming down on them, they learned about ball handling, tempo, moving into space and scoring tries!

The coaches were extremely motivating and the girls thoroughly enjoyed trying something different. We look to continue this relationship with Harlequins and offer more opportunities to all in the future.



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Friends Of St Catherine's

Dear Parents,

Many thanks to those members who attended last month's AGM meeting, it was lovely seeing some new faces in the crowd whilst talking about our shared interests in supporting the students, teachers, and staff of St Catherine's.



The AGM was efficiently led by Polly Fox (Secretary) and exiting FOSC members Sarah Prain (Chair), Clare Murphy (Vice Chair), Denise Stewart (Estate Agent Coordinator) and Lelia West (Class Rep Coordinator) were thanked for their time and dedicated service during the past years. Simon Watkins (Catering), Paul Carless (Bar) and Laeona McGrath (Treasurer) will carry on in their positions.

New starters were confirmed and welcomed:-

Lelia West (Chair), Sarah Prain (Co-Vice Chair),
Andrea Sheehan (Co-Vice Chair), Simone Sheehan (Class Rep Coordinator) and Liz Campion (Estate Agent Coordinator)

will be carrying out their duties for the 2019-2020 school year.

We truly appreciate their enthusiasm and willingness to join the FOSC team!



Do you have a hidden talent, skill, interest, or passion for volunteering? Are you new to our school or looking for a unique way to get involved? If so, please join us! Being an active FOSC member will allow you to discover talents you never knew you had while helping to strengthen our St. Catherine's community.



Upcoming FOSC Events

- > Friday 21 June: Mufti Day
- > Sunday 23 June: Summer Fair
12pm-3pm

Upcoming FOSC Meetings

- > Monday 3 June Class Reps
- > Tuesday 2 July FOSC Committee
All are welcome to attend. Meetings commence at 7.30pm
Class Rep Meetings in the Drama Studio
Committee Meetings in the Lodge Classroom

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Huge thanks and deep appreciation for Debbie, Chrissie, and Lisa who have donated their time and energies over many years in managing the cake stall for the girls come rain or shine. They definitely put the SWEET in sweet treats!

On Thursday 2 May we kicked off a new cake sale format and had some sweet results. The home-baked treats mixed in with store bought favorites practically flew off the trays, and the girls definitely had requests for the next sale. We would love to increase our parent volunteers for this endeavor, so if you would like to help on the stall or donate home baked or shop bought treats, please do let your Class Rep know. Cake Sales will be back on 6 & 20 June and 4 July!



**ST. CATHERINE'S
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SUMMER FAIR**

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SUNDAY 23RD JUNE
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FABULOUS RAFFLE PRIZES
BBQ ★ PIMMS ★ CAKES
STRAWBERRIES & CREAM
MEGA SLIDE & BOUNCY CASTLE
SHOP LOCAL VENDORS
PLAY FUN GAMES & BOTTLE TOMBOLA

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* kids free!
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Hip-Hip-Hooray, let's give a big cheer - the St. Catherine's School Summer fair is nearly here!

FOSC cordially invites you to join your fellow St. Catherine's families, students, teachers, and staff for a fun-filled afternoon. This fair is one of our largest social and fund raising events of the year, and all monies are used to support our students and staff. Stay tuned for more information via your ClassRep and an informational letter home after term break.

We are happily hunting for raffle prize donations such as restaurant vouchers, golf passes, or other exciting experiences. If you or your company would like to donate new, unique or fun prizes please contact Andrea Sheehan at 07767 313112 or email sheehan.andrea@gmail.com

As always, thank you for supporting our St. Catherine's community. Please reach out to any FOSC committee member if you have questions!

Lelia West, FOSC Chair email: leliabess@yahoo.com or classlist.com/start/7u3rr