



ST. CATHERINE'S SCHOOL  
TWICKENHAM

# Prep School

## NEWSLETTER

Friday 20 September 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new academic year.

It has been wonderful seeing all the girls return to Prep and meeting our new pupils. A special welcome is given to Miss Conway, our new Year 1 teacher.

The term has started with some big events. Our Year 6 had a wonderful time at the Lensbury, experiencing all sorts of team-building activities. The girls have been taking advantage of a range of new activities, from philosophy to chess, along with our ever popular sports activities, but are also busy in the classroom too.

Year 5 and 6 parents benefited from our study skills workshops and twilight session. It was also wonderful to see so many parents at our Prep Information Evening on 11 September. We are looking forward to our Open Morning tomorrow and the much anticipated Bounceathon for Nursery to Year 3 next week, so do look out for sponsorship forms coming home.

Best Wishes, Mrs Marsh

Dear Parents,

It has been a wonderful start to the new school year and it seems the many days of sunshine have helped to usher us into our busy term in an especially happy way – it has been lovely to see the Prep girls enjoying the weather and the field during play time.

These early weeks have included my first meetings with Year 6 girls, and great conversations about their plans for being in the Senior School. I have also much enjoyed conversations with the new Nursery pupils and the many interesting chats with Prep girls in the dining room (I usually learn something interesting about who is going to 'be famous', who likes the desserts and who has a birthday coming up!)

It was also very good to see so many of you at the Early Years parents meeting and/or the Prep Information Evening and to, once more, focus on the important partnership we have in the care of your daughters. Mrs Hennis Rowe has also enjoyed receiving responses from Prep parents regarding marketing, and other topics, and she will soon report back on some of the central issues.

With best wishes, Mrs McPherson

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Fri 20 September	3.45pm - 4.30pm	Y6 Shakespeare in Schools Rehearsals – Drama Studio
Mon 23 September	5.00pm - 6.00pm	Y5 Parents Meeting – Y5 PGL Trip – Y5 Classroom
Tues 24 September	9.00am	Whole School Mass – Our Lady of Mercy – Sister Paula Thomas Hall
Tues 24 September	1.30pm - 2.30pm	N-Y3 Sponsored Bounceathon – Sister Paula Thomas Hall
Weds 25 September	All Day	Y5 Hampton Court Palace Trip by School Mini Bus – leave 9.30am
Weds 25 September	3.45pm - 4.30pm	Y6 Shakespeare in Schools Rehearsals – Drama Studio
Thurs 26 September	1.50pm	Whole School Languages Afternoon – Various Locations
Fri 27 September	3.45pm - 4.30pm	Y6 Shakespeare in Schools Rehearsals – Music Room
Fri 27 September	6.00pm - 8.00pm	FOSC Back to School Disco – 8.00pm – Sister Paula Thomas Hall
Tues 1 October	10.30am	Y4-Y6 Charity Bake Sale – Sister Paula Thomas Hall
Thurs 3 October	1.30pm - 2.45pm	EYFS & KS1 Harvest Festival Rehearsals – Sister Paula Thomas Hall
Thurs 3 October	4.00pm - 6.15pm	Parent Teacher Meetings – Classrooms
Fri 4 October	7.30am - 8.15am	Breakfast Club Pets' Service – Dining Room
Fri 4 October	12.30pm - 3.45pm	Y6 Junior Citizen by School Mini Bus – Bushy Park
Fri 4 October	3.45pm - 4.30pm	Y6 Shakespeare in Schools Rehearsals – Drama Studio
Mon 7 October	4.00pm - 6.00pm	Parent Teacher Meetings – Classrooms
Tues 8 October	9.00am - 9.45am	EYFS & KS1 Harvest Festival Rehearsals – Sister Paula Thomas Hall
Tues 8 October	9.00am - 12.00pm	Y3-Y7 Junior Swimming ISA – ACS Cobham
Weds 9 October	9.00am - 9.45am	EYFS/KS1 - Harvest Festival Assembly – Sister Paula Thomas Hall
Weds 9 October	3.45pm - 4.30pm	Y6 Shakespeare in Schools Rehearsals – Drama Studio
Thurs 10 October	8.40am	Y6 Prayers with Miss Ryan - Chaplaincy
Thurs 10 October	2.00pm - 3.00pm	Prep Welcome Afternoon – Small Hall
Fri 11 October	3.45pm - 4.30pm	Y6 Shakespeare in Schools Rehearsals – Drama Studio
Mon 14 October	11.00am - 4.00pm	Y6 Shakespeare Schools Festival Workshop – The Exchange in Twickenham
Tues 15 October	All Day	KS2 World Religion Day – Y6 Assembly and Classroom Work
Weds 16 October	3.45pm - 4.30pm	Y6 Shakespeare in Schools Rehearsals – Drama Studio
Thurs 17 October	8.40am	Y5 Prayers with Miss Ryan - Chaplaincy
Thurs 17 October	9.00am - 3.00pm	Y4 FSC London Field Course Trip – Bushy Park
Fri 18 October	3.45pm - 4.30pm	Y6 Shakespeare in Schools Rehearsals – Drama Studio



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# WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

## ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

The school day begins at 8:30am. From 8:15am onwards girls may be sent to the playground where they will be supervised by members of staff. Nursery and Reception parents are asked to accompany girls to the playground outside their classroom and may wait until the bell rings. Please never leave girls unattended.

## HOME TIME

Nursery and Reception girls should be collected at 3:20pm from the playground. Year 1 and Year 2 can be collected at 3:30pm and Year 3 to Year 6 at 3:45pm from outside The Lodge.



## GOING HOME ARRANGEMENTS

Please remember to put **in writing** any changes to going home arrangements, as this is the only way we can be confident of a safe handover to parents and authorised adults at the end of the school day. If you have an emergency and need to make unexpected changes regarding the collection of your child, always telephone the School Office on 020 8891 2898.

## ABSENCE LETTERS

Please note that all absences from school must be authorised. If your daughter is absent because of illness or a medical appointment please call the office by 8.30am to ensure her class teacher is informed, or email [absence@stcatherineschool.co.uk](mailto:absence@stcatherineschool.co.uk). A letter signed by a parent must also be sent in with the child on her return to school. These letters are necessary to authorise an absence and are kept on file.

## HOLIDAYS TAKEN DURING TERM TIME

Holidays taken during term time are actively discouraged because of the disruption to pupils' learning. In the event of unavoidable circumstances written permission must be



## MEDICINES

If your daughter needs to take medicine during the school day, please ensure that a Consent Form (available from the School Office) is completed. The form, together with the medicine, should be handed in to the School Office. Please note we are not able to administer any medicines without your written consent.



## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please ensure your daughter **wears her hat** to school every day and that long hair is tied back with plain navy bands. Please ensure gloves and scarves for playtime are navy blue. The wool beanie hat is available from Stevensons. Please check that all items of uniform are named appropriately with sew-in labels.

## Stars of the Week

**Nursery - Everyone - For all trying so hard, having fun, and remembering to say please & thank you to one another.**

**Reception - Holly & Harbani - For super work in Reception, and to Holly for super name writing.**

**Year 1 - Tahlia - For making a fantastic start in Year 1. Charlotte for great focus in maths and having a go at tricky questions.**

**Year 2 - Sasha & Kiara - For a super first week at school. Mary for always being excited about what we are learning.**

## Meet Miss Conway—Year 1



Our new Year 1 teacher, Miss Conway, joins us having taught in Kent. She is a graduate of Reading University and brings her expertise from her philosophy degree and teaching to Year 1 and other groups through her Philosophy Club and her Zest and Refresh activity. I do hope you get the chance to meet her in the next few weeks.

## New! Prep Chess Club



Want to learn to play chess? Our new prep Chess Club is held every Friday at 7.15am in the Prep Library. For more info or to sign up, please send an email to: [info@premierchesscoaching.com](mailto:info@premierchesscoaching.com)



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## Fun at Food Tech

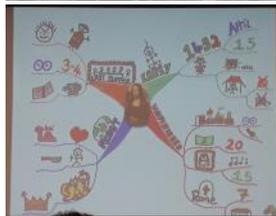
Prep girls learning valuable life skills whilst creating delicious food to eat!



## Year 5 & 6 Positively Mad Workshop

Years 5 and 6 and their parents were in for a treat on Monday with a 'Creative Approaches to Learning' workshop, led by the organisation, 'Positively Mad'.

The girls experienced an afternoon of fun, energetic, inspirational and creative madness with an entertaining presentation on how to learn in interesting and unusual ways.



## 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 Monday 7 October 2019

## Year 6 Lensbury Trip

On Friday 13 September, Year 6 visited the Lensbury Watersports Centre, where we did team-building activities — kayaking, raft building, and dragonboat racing. The girls assisted each other through each activity, and even though some of us girls fell in, we persevered. With the reliable instructors and terrific teamwork, we had a tremendous day full of adventure.



By: Olive, Lucy, Mya & Liara



On Friday 13 September, we went to the Lensbury Water Sports Centre. We got a lot of pleasure out of our three activities; raft-building, kayaking, and dragon boat racing! At first we were very startled

about the prospect of falling in, but we got through it as a team. In kayaking, we learnt how to do a 360-degree turn and played lots of great games. Then we went on to do raft-building, tied the knots, and placed the barrels to make our own unique raft.



Finally we did dragon boat racing. We had lots of races and finished the day smiling. The tremendous team taught us loads and we are very grateful.

By: Chloe, Ocean, Maddie, Summer, Claudia & Anya



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# Breakfast Club is 10!



On Friday 13 September, we celebrated our 10th birthday in Breakfast Club, with Minnie the Clown, complete with bubble machine, disco dancing, balloon making and of course, birthday cake!

Why not join us each day at 7.50am. For further details please call Ms Chantal Goldburn on 020 3261 0142.



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To celebrate the Feast Day of Saint Francis of Assisi  
Breakfast Club is holding its own  
'Pets' Service'

On Friday 4 October at 7:40am - £2.50 per child



Please call Ms Goldburn to register your  
daughter and pet on  
020 3261 0142 or email