



ST. CATHERINE'S SCHOOL

TWICKENHAM

Prep School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 11 October 2019



Dear Parents,

The girls have had a very busy few weeks and it has been wonderful to see so many parents in school for our parent teacher meetings and prospective parents viewing the school at our Welcome Afternoon this week. Our Key Stage 1 and Early Years Harvest assembly was colourful and uplifting and a real delight and again it was wonderful that so many parents could join us.

The Shakespeare in schools project is progressing well with our Year 6 pupils, who, along with Year 7 and 8, will be at the Exchange Theatre on Monday for the a major workshop, held by actors from the Shakespeare Schools Festival. I am looking forward to seeing this whole school project.

Our School committees are busy with fundraising events and our Prep food committee recently provided valuable feedback that I was able to action with our catering company.

Half term is nearly upon us, so do remember our popular Holiday Club will be running for the first week of the holidays. Should you wish to book, contact smarsh@stcatherineschool.co.uk.

Best Wishes,
Mrs Marsh

Dear Parents,

Although autumn has set in, and the weather has been a little varied, Prep life continues very cheerfully. As always, it is lovely to speak to the girls as they make their way about the school, and to hear their views.

Their positive approach has been easy to see over these last weeks in their various activities, including the recent Harvest Festival, where the audience was charmed not only by excellent harmonies, but also by some wonderful vegetable costumes. It was also clear at this event that our new pupils are now thoroughly part of the School, and smiling along with their new friends.

The Year 6 have continued to be very welcome visitors as they come for their Senior School interviews, and I have also been very pleased to see their confidence and poise as they guide prospective families at open events.

You will find the term dates for 2020-2021 in this newsletter and attached, for your convenience, as a separate document.

Lastly, we now have some attractive St Catherine's car stickers, which are available if any of you would like to add the School's name to your car, and thereby take it with you wherever you travel. Do please see Mrs Marsh, or the School Reception, if you would like one.

With best wishes for the half term, when it comes,
Mrs McPherson



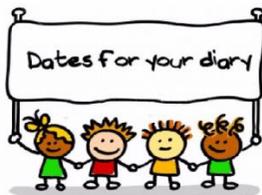
Autumn Term 2019

Date	Time	Event
Fri 11 October	3.45pm - 4.30pm	Y6 Shakespeare in Schools Rehearsals – Drama Studio
Mon 14 October	1.00pm - 4.00pm	Y6 Shakespeare Schools Festival Workshop – The Exchange 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	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

HALF TERM - Mon 21 October to Fri 1 November 2019

HOLIDAY CLUB - Mon 21, Tue 22, Wed 23, and Fri 25 October 2019

Mon 4 November	8.40am – 9.00am	Whole School Assembly – SPT Hall
Tues 5 November	8.40am – 9.00am	Prep Police Safety Assembly – SPT Hall
Tues 5 November	4.00pm - 5.00pm	Y3-Y6 Swimming Gala vs. Kew College
Weds 6 November	8.40am – 9.00am	Whole School House Assembly – Various Venues
Weds 6 November	3.45pm - 4.30pm	Y6 Shakespeare in Schools Rehearsals – Drama Studio
Thurs 7 November	12.50pm	Prep Food Committee Meeting – Prep Library
Fri 8 November	3.45pm - 4.30pm	Y6 Shakespeare in Schools Rehearsals – Drama Studio
Mon 11 November	All Week	Anti-Bullying Week
Mon 11 November	8.40am – 9.00am	Whole School Assembly – SPT Hall
Mon 11 November	9.00am - 11.30am	Remembrance Morning – Radnor Gardens (Y5 to Y6 and Cubs to attend)
Tues 12 November	8.40am – 9.00am	Y5 Anti-Bullying Assembly – SPT Hall
Tues 12 November	9.15am - 2.15pm	Y1 Windsor Castle Trip
Tues 12 November	9.00am - 12.20pm	Y6 Practice Assessments – Classrooms
Weds 13 November	8.40am – 9.00am	Whole School Hymn Practice – SPT Hall
Weds 13 November	3.45pm - 4.30pm	Y6 Shakespeare in Schools Rehearsals – Drama Studio
Thurs 14 November	2.00pm	Y3-Y6 (including Senior School) House Music Competition – SPT Hall
Fri 15 November	3.45pm - 4.30pm	Y6 Shakespeare in Schools Rehearsals – Drama Studio
Mon 18 November	8.40am – 9.00am	Whole School Assembly – SPT Hall
Mon 18 November	Afternoons	Y3 Safe Walking (3 consecutive days)
Tues 19 November	4.00pm - 5.00pm	Intermediate Level Swimming Gala vs. Newland House
Weds 20 November	3.45pm - 4.30pm	Y6 Shakespeare in Schools Rehearsals – Drama Studio
Weds 20 November	4.00pm - 5.30pm	Y3-Y6 London Swim League – Notting Hill & Ealing High School
Fri 22 November	7.40am - 8.15am	Breakfast Club Dolly Day Special – Dining Room
Fri 22 November	3.45pm - 4.30pm	Y6 Shakespeare in Schools Rehearsals – Drama Studio



St Catherine's Term Dates 2020/21

Autumn Term 2020

Staff INSET	Tuesday 1 – Wednesday 2 September
Autumn Term begins:	Thursday 3 September
Half term:	Monday 19 October – Friday 30 October
Autumn Term ends:	Friday 11 December at 12.30pm

Spring Term 2021

Staff INSET	Monday 4 – Tuesday 5 January
Spring Term begins:	Wednesday 6 January
Half term:	Monday 15 February – Friday 19 February
Spring Term ends:	Friday 26 March

Summer Term 2021

Staff INSET	Monday 12 April
Summer Term begins:	Tuesday 13 April
Half term:	Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June
Summer Term ends:	Friday 2 July at 12.30pm

Whilst every effort is made to ensure that dates remain unchanged, we reserve the right to make adjustments if circumstances require.



European Day of Languages 26 September 2019

What an exciting day the Prep pupils had! The afternoon started with an internationally themed lunch (the Spanish paella and the Belgian waffles were a big hit!), followed by an immersive performance in French by The Freshwater Theatre Company for Years 1 - 6, which involved lots of audience participation and repetition of key phrases, which the girls thoroughly enjoyed. Madame Goodson was very impressed with the girls' full engagement, and even more impressed by Year 6 who have since asked for all their French lessons to be delivered 100% in French. So far, so good!

Meanwhile, Early Years pupils were treated to a Flamenco Workshop by a visiting specialist teacher, and it was magical to watch the girls performing in sync with their guide.

The afternoon was rounded off with a pupil-led language and culture fair in each of the classrooms. The girls prepared lots of activities weeks in advance for their visitors (a carousel of Prep pupils) and learnt many interesting facts along the way. The pupils were issued with passports to fill in (with greetings, numbers and flags) each time a country was visited. It was lovely to see that the pupils had thought very carefully about the age range of their target audience and prepared activities suitable for Early Years through to Year 6 ... and even for the teachers (Miss Beacroft particularly enjoyed the karaoke in Sweden!). The pupils agreed it was a huge success, having immersed themselves in many different cultures (such as having to take their shoes off on entering Japan!) and experiencing traditional and modern customs.

Since the event, Year 2 have been busy keeping up their knowledge of numbers 1-10 in Swahili and perhaps there has been pressure applied at home to book your next holiday to Greece, or possibly Italy?

Quelle journée!





Nursery ~ All of nursery for super singing in the Harvest Festival

Reception ~ Holly & Harbani for super singing & rhyme saying in Harvest Festival

Year 1 ~ Aimee Lau & all of Year 1 for a fantastic Harvest performance

Year 2 ~ All of Year 2 for a great performance in our Harvest Festival

Nursery—Year 3 BOUNCE-A-THON!



The Prep School held their first ever sponsored Bounce-a-thon event on Tuesday 24 September. The goal was for all pupils from Nursery to Year 3 to bounce on rotation for one hour in aid of our two local charities: Momentum and A.R.C. Safe to say, the girls smashed it! They soared off the trampolines, even pulling tuck jumps and straddle jumps, and we caught some brilliant swivel hips too. With help from our Year 6's, we recorded a massive total of 6,151 bounces! A big well done to all involved - we cannot wait to run it again next year - and all in the name of charity.

Reminders

Please remember that girls should not wear earrings nor nail varnish to school. Hair should be tied back with navy-coloured hairbands.
Thank You



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Harvest Assembly EYFS and KS1



The girls in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 put on a lovely Harvest Assembly on Wednesday afternoon. We were so proud of the songs, poems, and artwork created and performed by the girls.

A very hearty thank you for all of the generous donations to The Upper Room charity.

The Upper Room was absolutely delighted and had to make two journeys to collect all of our Harvest gifts! Your kindness is very much appreciated.



Harlequins Rugby Coming to St Catherine's

Following on from their visit last Summer, we are excited to announce that Harlequins RFC coaches will be visiting St Catherine's again, and providing Year 4 and Year 5 with a fun, active and exciting rugby 'taster' lesson in December. This will be followed by a series of rugby lessons in the Spring Term for Year 5 and Year 6 during their PE lessons. We see this as an incredible opportunity for our pupils to experience a different sport and increase female accessibility and participation in rugby. You can read more about the Harlequins 'Switch' programme they will be delivering here: <https://www.harlequins.foundation/switch-2/> We will provide more information and details to parents nearer the time.



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Computer Club—Beebot Fun

The girls at computer club had a great time investigating the Beebots. We learned how to make them turn, stop and move forwards. We even managed to work out how not to crash into each other!

The Beebots are a great way of developing our computing skills but also help us work together, problem solve and make a plan.

Many thanks go to FOSC for their help in purchasing the equipment.



Years 4, 5 and 6 held a magnificent cake bake in aid of the charities we are supporting this year: Animal Rescue and Care and Momentum Children's Charity. A total of £221.92 was raised. A fantastic effort from everyone involved and a particular thank you to the School Council for taking the organisational lead on this event.

Cub Scouts Learn First Aid

The Cub Scouts have made a great start with their First Aid activity badge, learning Dr ABC and how to put someone in the recovery position. Next week they will learn about burns and how to bandage wounds.



ISA London West Junior Qualifying Event

On Tuesday 8th October, we took 12 pupils to compete at the ISA London West Qualifying event for swimming. We were competing against 24 other schools at ACS Cobham International School to achieve Top 8 finishes which would enable qualification for the ISA finals. Our swimmers performed outstandingly and all our competitors in individual events achieved a Top 8 finish! We were also ecstatic for our Year 4 and Year 6 relay teams who won first place in the freestyle relay events! We are so proud of the Prep School team for their efforts, resilience and determination. We will provide more details and updates next week on the overall results and finals events.



Medalists

A. Hegarty - Bronze - Y4 50m Breaststroke

I. Sleep - Bronze - Y4 50m Backstroke

E. Terranova - Silver - Y6 50m Breaststroke

C. Wayman - Bronze - Y6 50m Backstroke

A. Hegarty, L. Owen, I. Sleep, S. Warner-Lacey - Gold - Y4 4x50m Freestyle Relay

C. Wayman, H. Rouse, J. Warner-Lacey, E. Terranova - Gold - Y6 4x50m Freestyle Relay



**Come along for some Autumn Fun this
October Half Term**

21, 22, 23 and 25 October 2019

7.45am-4.45pm (Core day 8.30am-3.30pm)

**Arts, crafts, trampolining, games, cookery, music &
swimming
Bring a friend!**

To enrol, please email smarsh@stcatherineschool.co.uk

Year 6 Maths Masterclass

Four of our Year 6 pupils attended the first of a series of maths masterclasses held at Kingwood House School. The mathematicians, Claudia, Caroline, Hanna and Olive, enjoyed a busy afternoon of challenges and investigations outside of the usual maths curriculum. They contributed very well to all the questions posed which involved factorials, prime numbers, giant frogs and pizza topping combinations!



Year 5 Hampton Court Palace

Year 5 made a terrific start to their Tudor topic with a visit to Hampton Court Palace last Wednesday. In our first workshop, the girls did a fantastic job acting out some of the life events of 'Young Henry', learning about his personality, lifestyle, appearance and the break with Rome.



In their second workshop, 'Performance, Painting and Propaganda', the girls looked at three famous Holbein paintings and, through drama, demonstrated the difference between what is portrayed in a painting, and reality.

In addition, we explored the Great Hall, the Kitchen Garden, along with some of the apartment rooms. A good time was had by all.



Year 6 Junior Citizen Activity Afternoon



On Friday 4 October, Year 6 went to Hampton Wick Cricket Club in Bushy Park for the Junior Citizen Activity afternoon. This involved different companies or services teaching us what to do in various situations that we might find ourselves in. Each organisation, for example The London Fire Brigade, London Transport, The Police Force and Nat West Bank, set up different scenarios to see how we would and should act in different situations.

We enjoyed visiting each scenario in groups and learning through role play how we should behave. Each time, we were marked on how well we reacted to the different situations. Our favourite one was the stranger danger challenge, which some of us really did find challenging!

We now know what to do in the event of a fire, and when things go wrong on long escalators and who to ask for help. It was also interesting to learn from the bank how to be prepared for the people who try to scam you out of your money!

Year 6 now feel well prepared, having had much laughter along the way.

By Year 6



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Breakfast Club Pets' Day Service

To celebrate the Feast Day of Saint Francis of Assisi, Breakfast Club held our very own Pets' Service.

Thank you to all the girls and their parents for bringing in their much-loved pets. We prayed especially for Mr Watson, Rascal, Honey, Nibbles and Whiskers.

Keeping up with an old St Catherine's School tradition, please don't forget to bring your dolly to breakfast club on Friday, 22 November.

Please call Ms Chantal Goldburn to reserve your place on 020 3261 0142.



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Breakfast Club Dolly Day

Friday 22 November at 7.40 ~ £2.50 per child



Keeping up with an old St Catherine's tradition, we are celebrating Dolly Day in Breakfast Club. Please do join us with your favourite doll on Friday 22 November. Please call Ms Chantal Goldburn to reserve your place on 020 3261 0142 or email cgoldburn@stcatherineschool.co.uk