

ST CATHERINE'S PREP NEWSLETTER

"Be who God wants you to be, and you will set the world on fire." St Catherine of Siena

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TAKE A PEEK!

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A NOTE FROM MRS MCPHERSON HEADMISTRESS

How wonderful it is to see Prep busy and full once again! I have been delighted to speak to many girls about their holidays – lots of tales about staycation and paddling pools in the garden – and to see their smiles. It has also been especially good to welcome our many new girls and to hear that they are settling in and making friends which is, of course, the best first step when changing schools.

The various new rules and processes of our bubbled life are quickly becoming ordinary to the girls and it has been pleasing to hear about lessons and activities that are as enjoyable and purposeful as ever. Thank you for your role in this, as you support us with the guidelines for health and safety, including the safe management of the school gates.

Thank you to the FOSC parents who prepared and ran a successful second hand clothes event this week. Their hard work and helpfulness was much appreciated by parents.

With best wishes,
Mrs McPherson

A NOTE FROM MRS MARSH HEAD OF PREP

It has been delightful to welcome the girls back to St Catherine's after what seems to have been the longest break ever. Immediately your daughters have started working with enthusiasm and producing some wonderful work, music, sport, art and conversation.

We had great fun last week with our 'Classroom Without Walls' day and it was wonderful seeing Prep pupils using all the parts of the school campus and beyond at Radnor Gardens, too.

We enjoyed seeing all of you at our Meet the Teacher Event on Thursday and we are now busy preparing for our virtual Harvest and Autumn Concert.

With kind regards,
Mrs Marsh

REMINDERS

Scholastic Book Club

For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 25p in Scholastic Rewards.

Go to <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/st-catherines-tw1> to browse the latest books and order online. The closing date for orders is 4 October. Happy reading!

School Council News

Our School Council met this week to discuss our new charities for the academic year. This will be the last half term for our current councillors and they are looking forward to finalising our fundraising ideas before new councillors are appointed.

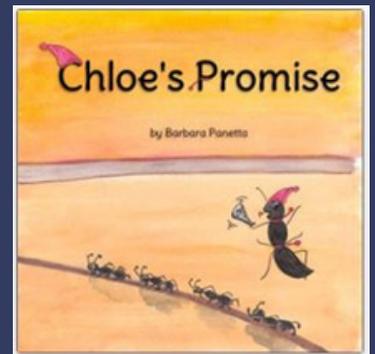
Earrings

Please remember that earrings should not be worn by Prep pupils, unless for religious reasons with approval by Head of Prep.

One of our parents, Mrs Panetta, whose daughter was in Year 6 last year, has written a book entitled *Chloe's Promise*, aimed at Years 1 and 2.

We hope she will come and read it to our pupils in the near future.

In the meantime, you can hear it being read by Ben Shephard at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4PPKo_m54SA



Ten years ago last week, Pope Benedict visited Twickenham, and shook hands with Jada, who is now our Head Girl.

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM



The entire Prep School enjoyed a day of 'Classrooms Without Walls' last week. Magnificent weather heralded the start to a fun day with an outdoor assembly, and a range of activities which included orienteering, a phonics treasure hunt, cooking and gardening. We look forward to all the spring bulbs flourishing along with the Year 6 flower bed. A huge thank you to all of the staff involved, with special thanks to Mr Spranger for the beautiful music and Mr Cox for his outdoor cookery and orienteering activities.



PREP SCHOOLING

NURSERY



Nursery and Reception girls digging and planting bulbs in the sunshine during our fun 'Classroom Without Walls' day.

PREP SCHOOLING

YEAR 1 & 2



Year 1 and 2 have had a fantastic start to the term. We loved the outdoor learning day – our favourite part was investigating bubbles on the field.

In Maths we have been learning about place value, and can use 10's and 1's to make and compare numbers to 100. We even had fun outside making numbers from 10's and 1's.

Our History topic has helped us explore what it would have been like to live in London in the 1600s, during the Black Plague and Great Fire. We have been learning about important people and writing stories from the perspective of children living in the period.



PREP SCHOOLING

YEAR 3

Year 3 learned outdoor cooking skills from Mr Cox, Geography teacher in the Senior School, as they learned how to operate camping stoves to make their custard creations.



Meet Mrs Oderda
Mrs Oderda has spent the last six years working at a local Prep school where she was a class teacher as well as the MFL coordinator. Being a Language Specialist, she is also teaching French to one group in Senior School and will soon start a French club for the girls in Reception, Year 1 and 2. She is looking forward to an exciting time at St. Catherine's school.



Meet Mrs Proudfoot
Mrs Proudfoot will be teaching Food & Nutrition to Prep and Senior pupils alongside Mrs Smyth, as well as teaching GCSE Textile students. She believes that the ability to design and create a meal for friends and family is a wonderful, unifying experience and she is looking forward to nurturing pupils interest in food and a healthy lifestyle.

PREP SCHOOLING

YEAR 4

Year 4 has had a great start to the year. We have enjoyed starting our class book, *The Firework Maker's Daughter*, and learning about The Celts in History. We have also been learning about sound, how it travels and what makes it loud or quiet. Well done girls, it's been a great beginning of term.



PREP SCHOOLING

YEAR 5

Year 5 pupils are using their mind-mapping skills from the Positively Mad workshop to help remember the details of the Battle of Bosworth Field. The girls have created battle scenes using cubes to represent the different armies.

Science Space Topic: Year 5 have done a great job learning about the order of the planets, their different characteristics and, using a variety of fruit, their relative distance from the sun. We are looking forward to eating Jupiter on Friday!



PREP SCHOOLING

YEAR 6

As well as making new friends and beginning new topics, Year 6 has also benefited from an inspirational Positively Mad Study Skills Workshop and made the most of the September sun during our 'Classroom Without Walls' day in Radnor Gardens.

