



ST KATHARINE'S CE  
SCHOOL

*Friendship, Effort, Respect, & Honesty*

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019

NEWSLETTER No. 2

*Our Value This Term Is...*



*Dear Parents,*

I hope this finds you settling back into the routine of school life, we certainly are and it is lovely to see the children settling into their new classes with their new teachers.

Thank you for your support with helping your children to be independent. Lots of you are using the turning circle meaning that children are taking responsibility for getting themselves organised and into class with everything they need. Whilst we recognise that these skills take time to develop please know that the work you do, supporting your child to self-organise, is much appreciated by class teachers and makes a real difference to how well your child can manage in the classroom environment. We have an exciting couple of weeks ahead and I will look forward to reporting back on the things that the children have been up to in the weeks to come.

*Niki Jones*

Principal

*'From little acorns, great oaks grow'*



### **Meet the Teacher**

As you already know next week we are holding our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions. Please try to make what is a valuable meeting; teachers will be outlining expectations and routines giving you all a good insight for the year to come.

### **Life Education Van – 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

We have the Life Van with us all day on 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Each class will visit the life van for a session of learning around themes of self-care, safety and good health. It is an exciting and interactive experience which the children historically have hugely enjoyed. Details will follow in a separate letter. You will be able to have a look around the Life Van yourselves, on that day, at a parent's session that runs from 14:55pm. Key Stage 1 parents can join after the reading meeting at 2:30pm on the same day.

### **Closing date for Primary and Secondary School admissions 2020**

If you are applying for a school place for either your Year 6 child or if you have a child due to start reception next September you will need to have done so by:

- ★ Primary (reception 2020) 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020
- ★ Secondary (Year 6) 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019

### **Open Morning**

We will be holding our Open Morning (9:30 – 11:30) on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October** for all parents wanting to see the school at work. This is primarily for parents who have children about to start school in September 2020 but anyone interested in a school place at St Katharine's are very welcome to come along. We currently have spaces in Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6. Our capacity (when full) is 105. We are never complacent about filling our reception places and as such really value your support when spreading the good word. Filling our spaces ensures that we remain a vibrant and exciting place to learn as we are able to access the necessary funding to provide the best for the children in our care. We are advertising in the G&H, we have a banner on the A4 and of course the date will be on our website in the coming weeks.

### **Parents Evenings \*please note data change**

Parents Evenings for Year 1-6 are now on the following days:

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 3:30 – 5:30pm

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 3:30 – 7:00pm

Letters will be sent out nearer the time so that you can book an appointment with your child's class teacher.

Reception parents have been invited to take up the offer of a short transition surgery with Mrs Baird in the coming weeks. We will then offer another parent meeting in Term 2 when the children have settled into school life more fully.

### Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating Harvest, in church on **Friday 11th October at 9:30 am**. As always we would love to welcome you all to join us for the service and for refreshments afterwards. We will again be supporting the Trussel Trust with their valuable work to help to feed vulnerable families in the local area. There will be a basket in the entrance foyer outside the office for you to place your donations. Please use the list below for the items that the trust would really like us to collect.

Please can all donations be with us by **9:00am on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October** at the latest.

#### Ideal items to donate are:

- *Cereal*
- *Soup*
- *Pasta*
- *Rice*
- *Tinned tomatoes/ pasta sauce*
- *Lentils, beans and pulses*
- *Tinned meat*
- *Tinned vegetables*
- *Tea/coffee*
- *Tinned fruit*
- *Biscuits*
- *UHT milk*
- *Fruit juice*

**These items help to make up much needed food baskets for families in need of support.**

#### Use of the school grounds after school

Every year we have a number of injuries to children after the school day as finished. We have at times needed to provide ice-packs and plasters which of course we are happy to help with in an emergency. The teachers do however have significant commitments afterschool; not least the preparation of lessons for the next day and the resources for those lessons to run well. There are also times when we are in meetings both in school and offsite. Please make sure that if you are staying for a short while after school with your children that you ensure they are well supervised and using the equipment safely – including the careful supervision of younger siblings. We also ask that children are not allowed to go onto the school field without a responsible adult to

supervise. Please understand that school will be closed (unless there are clubs running) from 3:45pm and that once your child is on the playground with you we ask that they **do not** come back into the building to use the toilet. It is not our intention to end what is a lovely feature of St Katharine's; that children don't ever want to go home but instead that we ask everyone to respect what is for teachers a working environment and a valuable time for them to complete essential work.  
Thank you for your support with this.

#### Nut & Sesame Free School

**We are a Nut and Sesame Free School.**

**Please note the addition of sesame in this paragraph.** We have children in school with severe nut and sesame allergies. We are a 'nut/sesame free' school. This includes packed lunches, mid-morning snacks, birthday treats etc. **Please be vigilant** when packing food for your children to bring to school.

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September	
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Meet the teacher evening: Hazel: 2.30 p.m. Oak: 3.15 p.m. Chestnut: 3.45 p.m. Sycamore: 4.15 p.m.
	Perform Theatre: Reception – Yr3 a.m.
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Chestnut class trip to Hampton Court
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>T D Day 2</b> – children not required in school
October	
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Sycamore Class trip to Science Museum London
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>DATE CHANGE</b> School, Governor, PTA meeting: 'This is Your School' 7:00pm Please join us for wine, cheese & biscuits all

	parents welcome.
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Reading meeting for parents of children in YR, Y1 and Y2 2:30pm in Oak Class <i>Children can be collected at the normal time of 3:15pm</i>
	Yr6 Open Evening at St Johns (For Yr6 pupils, parents and carers)
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Life Education Van visiting – whole school <b>Parents/carer session 14.55 – 15.10 p.m.</b>
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Flu Nasal Spray Vaccination YrR-Yr6
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Festival 9.30 am. In church
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Open Morning for September 2020 Intake: prospective parents <b>DATE CHANGE</b> 3.30 – 5.30 Parents Evening whole school
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	3.30 – 7.00 p.m. Parents Evening whole school
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Last Day of Term 1
<b>November</b>	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	First day of term 2
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	School Photographer 1.30 p.m. (portraits and siblings)
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>T D Day 3</b> – children not required in school
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Collective Worship in school (led by Michael McHugh and Sycamore Class )9.10 – 9.40 a.m.
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Bonfire Night

Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	St Kathrine’s Day Service in Church 9.30 a.m. – Parents are invited to attend
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>T D Day 4</b> children not required in school
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Excalibur Festival of Learning – details to follow
<b>December</b>	
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>1:30 -2:30</b> - tea and talk with Ms Jones and Mr Sandall; focus on learning and learning attitudes <b>2:30 – onwards</b> - time in classrooms to share your child’s learning

#### T D Days 2019/20

Please take note (underlined dates have changed from original TD days)

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2020**

