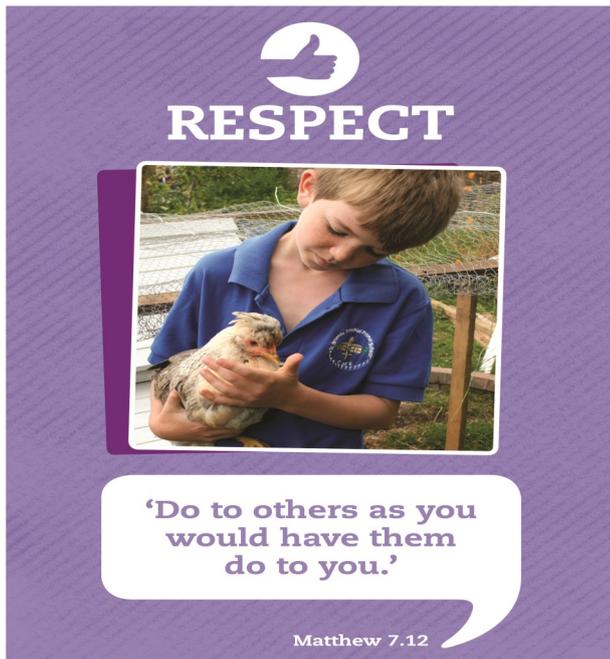


# Headteacher's Newsletter

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Christian Value for this half term:

**Respect**



have had quite a few changes to contend with with our staffing and we are still working on this. Getting the very best people in place is one of the biggest challenges as a Headteacher and one that keeps us up at night! Further information on staffing can be found later on in this newsletter.

We will be sending our questionnaires via Survey Monkey this week to gather feedback on what kind of provision parents and carers would like to see from the new Out of School Club. It is really important to us that we get the kind of service that you and your children want so please do let us know your views.

In addition we will be conducting a parental questionnaire via Survey Monkey. In the past this has been conducted every 2 years but we now feel that this isn't enough. It is essential that we get feedback on what you like and don't like about school and how we can improve things even more for our children.

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome to the June newsletter.

We hope that the children have had a wonderful rest in our extended half term and that they're fired up for the last half term of this academic year. Last half term was really busy and this term is no different. There will be the Year 1 phonics screening checks taking place, as well as testing in English and maths for Year 1, 2 4 and 5 pupils.

We are working hard to prepare for the new academic year, in particular with staffing arrangements. Unusually for St. Catherine's we

Best wishes,

*Mrs Graham*

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## Staffing Update

Mr Robinson was going to be out of class delivering PE and release for teachers next year. However he has since taken the decision to step back from his post at St. Catherine's from the end of this term. He has been with us for just over a year and will be missed. We wish him every success in this future.

Miss Smith has successfully been appointed as teacher at a school nearer to home and will also leave us at the end of this term. Miss Smith has been with us 3 years and despite being sad she is leaving we are delighted for her too. We wish her every success.

Key Stage 2 is therefore going to be very different in September! Mr England has been training with us for most of this year and will hit the ground running. Mrs Crook who was appointed recently is coming in for a few days in July to get to know us and the children and we are looking forward to welcoming her. That leaves one post to fill so watch this space!

Mrs Leather, assistant Headteacher, is a very experienced teacher and leader and she will mould and steer her new team with strength and vision.

## Inspiring the Future Careers Day



On Friday 13th September we are planning to hold an 'Inspiring the Future' careers day, where we will invite speakers to school to talk to the children about their career. We are looking to gather a range of volunteers together to speak to the children—some will be whole school and some class based.

We are looking to truly inspire our children to think about opportunities in the arts, sciences,

technology and trades. Speaking to the children will involve telling about the job you do and what they would need to do to pursue a similar career. You can bring photos, tools, create a presentation or video to show on screen or simply just speak.

If you—or anyone you know—would be able to give up an hour or two during the school day on Friday 13th September please let the office know as soon as possible. We want this day to truly set our children's minds alight with the possibilities out there and we can only do this if we have a fabulous range of inspiring people!

Thank you in advance of your support.

## School Trips

We are mindful that school trips are expensive, and even more so now that Governors are unable to subsidise the cost.



We are currently reviewing the trips our children go on and are looking at changing these for the next academic year so that there is more of a range from local to further away.

Inevitably the major bulk of the cost of a trip is transport. Typically even for a local trip to a museum the cost of a coach comes to around £200. That's before we've booked a workshop or paid the venue for entrance fees.

## Sports Days

We have organised our sports days for Thursday 20th June 9.30am for juniors and Monday 24th June at 1.30pm for infants. We're sorry that these have been shared with you so late—it was an oversight as we hadn't added them to the school calendar when we set out the school year. We hope that as many of you as possible are able to come and join us. Fingers crossed for good weather!

## Fish Fridays



The first of our 'Fish Fridays' is this week.

Fish Fridays are a way of us fundraising to keep the fish tank in school. Children love our fish and we are clear that to lose them would be such a sad loss. We often see children looking at them, talking

through the glass to them and spending time just watching them swim around.

For the next few Fridays children can come in their own clothes in exchange for a money donation. Thank you for your continued support with this. We are really grateful (as are the fish!)

## Attendance

Overall attendance for May is 95.8%. June attendance for each class for April is as follows:

Reception: **93.1%**

Year 1: 96.6%

Year 2: 96.4%

Year 3: 96.7%

Year 4: 96.2%

Year 5: **94.6%**

Year 6: 97.1%



Congratulations to Year 6 who have achieved the highest attendance again !!

Thank you parents and carers for ensuring that your children are in school and on time regularly—every day counts and every second matters.

## Class Photographs



Class photos will be taken on Wednesday 19th June. We will endeavour to get them done as soon

as possible in the school day so that hair still looks on point! We will also ensure that teachers give the children the 'once over' to ensure they look smart!

## Forthcoming events

11 June	Reception settling in sessions start
14 June	Non Uniform Fish Friday
18 June	Y2 to Blackpool Tower
19 June	Class photos
20 June	Junior sports day 9.30am start
21 June	Non uniform Fish Friday PTA disco
24 June	Infants sports day 1.30pm star
26 June	Y6 leavers' service at Manchester Cathedral
27 June	Y5 to Lightwater Valley Y4 Dance Festival
28 June	Non uniform Fish Friday
1 July	Athletics cluster competition
3 July	Strings concert performance 2.30pm— Y3, individuals and staff!
5 July	Non uniform Fish Friday
9 July	Cluster rounders competition
10 July	Report to parents out
11 July	Y6 trip to Crocky Trail
17 July	Nursery Ugly Bug Ball English and Maths Stars celebration
19 July	Front Row ukulele and guitar performance Break for summer