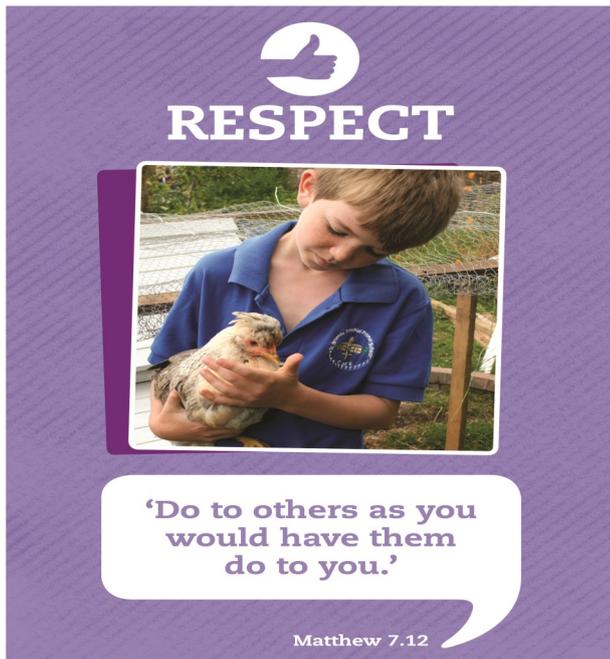


Headteacher's Newsletter

1 July 2019

Christian Value for this half term:

Respect



Dear parents/carers,

And so we come to the final newsletter of this school year.

It is always a bit of shock when we get to July as the months seem to flash past us so quickly.

The children have achieved so many things over the school year and the teachers have been commenting on how rewarding it is when writing end of year reports to reflect on the individual achievements of pupils in their care. There have been a multitude of fantastic highlights over the year such as our Harvest, Christmas and Easter services and performances, World Book Day,

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Christmas art and mulled wine, lantern parade and many, many more. Our children have been out on a variety of trips and sporting events and we have had nothing but praise for their conduct and attitude.

We still have our English and Maths star celebration event to come on Wednesday 17th July. The totals will be counted up after this week and invitations sent out. We know from our records so far that this year the vast majority of pupils have been earning their stars regularly so we expect the number of invites to be very high!

Our Year 6 pupils are getting to enjoy a less stressful time in school now that SATs are over. This week they will be selling their mini enterprise goods after school in the infant playground. Look out for them (although to be fair you won't be able to miss them!). Good luck to you all and I've had it on good authority that Sir Alan Sugar will be watching with keen interest!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our superb pupils for their achievements and zest for learning this year. I am hugely proud of them. I would also like to thank our staff for their commitment, dedication and hard work and our parents and carers for your continued support of St. Catherine's CE Primary School. As you know a successful school results from parents and staff working together

Thank you for your support in everything we do. We do have an amazing set of parents and families who work hard to ensure that we give our children the best we can.

Best wishes,
Mrs Graham
Headteacher



Staffing Update and classes for next year

We have been successful in appointing the staff we need for September and beyond and are delighted to welcome two additional teachers to St. Catherine's, both of whom have relocated. The first of these is Miss Urmston, who joins us from a school on the other side of Manchester. In addition we have appointed Mr Mistry, who comes from London, and will deliver PE across school as well as provide release for teachers for PPA and other cover needs.

Class organisation is as follows:

Nursery: Mrs Hart

Reception: Mrs Holloway

Year 1: Miss Simm

Year 2: Mrs Lightbown

Year 3: Mrs Crook

Year 4: Miss Urmston

Year 5: Mr England

Year 6: Mrs Leather

Mrs Kay and Mr Mistry will provide PPA and cover release across school

Inspiring the Future Careers Day



We still need more people to come in for this! 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!

Curriculum enrichment (trips)

As part of our redesign of the curriculum we have reviewed school trips for the next academic year. Moving forwards, although there will still be the majority of trips taking place away from school we have increased the



number of visitors to school. This means that across an academic year classes will have more of a mix of home and away experiences to enhance their learning or only 2 trips in a year to balance cost. Examples of these experiences are Fun Food chef, theatre companies, Bolton museum, Horwich Heritage Centre and The Lowry.

We will be reviewing these experiences as time goes on to see whether we will repeat them the following year or find other alternatives.

Sports Day

Infant sports day was cancelled due to the weather forecast (and typically the weather remained dry).

Our rescheduled day is Thursday 4th July at 9.30am. We look forward to welcoming you to enjoy the fun with us.

Fish Fridays

We have now had three of the four 'Fish Friday' own uniform days. We anticipate that we won't have raised enough money to keep the fish for another full year. We will calculate how many months it will cover the costs for and keep them for that amount of time. . Please don't worry about what will happen to them —Aqualease will take them back to headquarters and they will be rehomed somewhere lovely!

Attendance

Overall attendance for June is 97.5%. June attendance for each class is as follows:

Reception: 94.3%

Year 1: 98.2%

Year 2: 96.4%

Year 3: 98.9%

Year 4: 97.3%

Year 5: 98.2%

Year 6: 99.5%



Congratulations to Year 6 who have achieved the highest attendance again !! 99.5% is mighty impressive!!

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

Uniform

It always seemed so unfair to me as a child that as soon as the summer holidays came round the shops were full of uniform, taunting me. With that said I know parents and carers will be doing exactly what my mother did and start the process of preparing for the new academic year round about now!

Please can we remind you that we do not allow lace up boots—it must be shoes. We've had a few creep in recently and while we've let these go as it's nearly the end of the year they will not be allowed in September.

Fundraising message from Mr Ashton

On the 9th of August myself and the previous site manager Mr Cliff have decided to set ourselves a challenge! We will be climbing Ben Nevis to raise funds for music provisions for St Catherine's C of E Primary School. It's been a real joy to see how much the children have taken to playing musical instruments and how much they have achieved. We are raising money to help ensure that this continues so that all children at St. Catherine's get to experience the joy of learning to play an instrument.

Any parent/carer able to donate please send sponsorship to the school office. Thank you.

Change to Photo Policy

We have made a change to our photograph policy so that we may retain photos for use while when a child leaves. For example when we have used photos in already printed documents or as part of our history archive.

Forthcoming events

1 July	Athletics cluster competition
3 July	Strings concert performance 2.30pm—Y3, individuals and staff!
4 July	Infant sports day 9.30am
5 July	Non uniform Fish Friday Moving Up Day
9 July	Cluster rounders competition
10 July	Report to parents out Reception to Bolton Arena
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
4 Sept	School reopens for new academic year