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New Policies

We sent our new Attendance and Uniform policies to all parents and carers this week. These can also be found on our [website](#).

Vocabulary

As a school, we made huge progress with our [strategy to develop vocabulary](#) across the school last academic year. We are continuing the focus on vocabulary this year and are aiming to fix one common mistake in particular, the use of 'was' and 'were'. Please have a look at the examples on the next page and as we will be doing in school, make sure to explain the correct one to use if pupils make a mistake at home.

School Showcase Event

On the 11th of October at 10.00am we will be welcoming parents/carers of potential future students at St Catherine's to the school. Please pass these details on to anyone you feel might be interested.

Clubs and Booster Groups

Clubs will begin in the week beginning 26th of September and booster groups will begin in the week beginning 3rd of October. Look out for details of these in the coming weeks.

School Council

Those pupils looking to be on the school council this year will get the opportunity to make a presentation to their class next week. Please see the separate letter sent home today for details.

Queen Elizabeth II

Following the news of the passing of the Queen, pupils spent some time today in class learning about



QUEEN
ELIZABETH II

her life and posting messages of thanks to her in the hall.

On Monday morning we will hold a special celebration assembly in her honour.

Word of the Week: guard

Film Night

Our first film night will take place at 3.15pm on Friday September 30th. As mentioned at the end of the summer term, we will be reaching out to our school community to support events like this going forward. If you feel you are able to help out, please contact the school office.



Knowledge Mats & Topic Overviews

From Monday, Topic Overviews (overviews of all the learning going on in each subject within a topic) and Knowledge Mats (the information we want pupils to understand and remember for a topic) for our new topics in KS1 and KS2 will be available on our website. Our Knowledge Mats are becoming more and more of a focal point in lessons and can act as a great discussion starter at home about what pupils are learning. For this reason, we will be sending home a paper copy of these at the beginning of each topic with the instruction to stick it on your fridge!

Luke 14:25-33

'And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple'

Diary Dates

September 2022

Tues 13	Y6 Meet the Teacher at 9am
Wed 14	Y5 Meet the Teacher at 9am
Thurs 15	Y4 Meet the Teacher at 9am Y5 Swimming
Fri 16	EYFS Tea & Tapestry at 2:30pm
Tues 20	Y3 Meet the Teacher at 9am Marchants Hill Parent Meeting at 3:15pm
Wed 21	Y2 Meet the Teacher at 9am Y5 Forest School
Thurs 22	Y1 Meet the Teacher at 9am Y5 Swimming
Fri 23	French Afternoon
Wed 28	Y5 Forest School
Thurs 29	Y5 Swimming
Fri 30	Film Night

Whole School Grammar Focus

Was

- I** I was excited.
I wasn't excited.
- He** He was at school.
- She** She wasn't at school.
- It** It was a beautiful night.
It wasn't a beautiful night.

Were

- You** You were brilliant!
You weren't brilliant!
- We** We were late.
We weren't late.
- They** They were buying shoes.
They were so cute.