



# St Catherine's Catholic Primary School

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## Thank You

We would like to say a huge thank you for all the cards and presents received before the holidays. We hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas break.

Thank you

## House Point Competition Winners

An impressive 3586 house points were given out in the autumn term. It was a close run competition but Team Nightingale (red) came out on top, collecting 938. As their reward, team members are choosing between a film afternoon or an afternoon of sports outside with Mr Green. Well done Team Nightingale!

## Staffing Changes

We wish Miss Ertoprak well as she leaves the school to further her studies at university. We welcome Miss Andrews (Reception TA) and Miss Place (Year 1 TA on Thursdays and Fridays) to the school.

## Handwriting Heroes



To encourage pupils to present their work beautifully, we are once again running our Handwriting Heroes initiative for the whole of the spring term. Each morning, class teachers secretly choose a member of the class and if that pupil shows their best handwriting all day and presents their work to the best of their ability, they are announced as the Handwriting Hero at the end of day and are sent to Mr Croghan for a special prize.

## Topic Overviews and Knowledge Mats

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) have been added to our website for our new topics in KS1 and KS2. 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 once again sending home a paper copy to stick on your fridge!

## Matthew 3:13-17

'This is my son, whom I love, with him I am well pleased.'

## Getting In Early

Once the bell rings in the morning, learning starts in the classroom. Teachers use this time at the very start of the day to help pupils fill gaps in their learning and work with them on things they are finding difficult. Because of this, it is vital that all pupils get in to school before the bell rings so that they can access this important teaching and start the day in a purposeful way. For some, setting the alarm 5 or 10 minutes earlier than usual, might add up to hours of extra learning time across the year for pupils and make a real difference to what they can achieve.



## Diary Dates

### January 2023

Tues 24 Y3 Class Liturgy at 2.45pm  
Fri 27 YR to Y6 Film Night

### February 2023

Tues 7 EYFS Local Walk  
Wed 8 Y3/4 Dance Show  
Mon 13 - Fri 17 Half Term  
Wed 22 Y3 Forest School  
Tues 28 Y6 Class Liturgy

Word of the Week: embarrass