

12th Oct 2018

What's Coming Up

- 15.10 Last day to order individual photos
- 17.10 Family Conferencing 3.30-6.00pm
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**NEXT WEEK'S ASSEMBLY
TOWER HEIGHTS CLASS**

Harvest Festivals

Thank you to those who attended the church Harvest Festival. Thank you especially to Daniel and Ruth who presented an entertaining drama during the service.

Thank you too, for the very generous donations for the Broxbourne Foodbank during our Harvest service yesterday morning, we were overwhelmed by amount of food and toiletries that were contributed to this worthy cause.

Family Conferencing

Please remember, you have an opportunity to meet your child's teacher this week, on 17th and 18th October to discuss how they are settling in this term as well as how they are approaching their work and how you can support them at home. If you have not yet made an appointment; there's still time to do so.

This year, all conferencing sessions will be held in the upper (junior) hall.

School Birthday Service

You are warmly invited to join us for our school Birthday Service in the church on Monday 22nd October at 10.00am. It will be 200 years to the day since Easter Jones opened her school for girls in Hoddesdon and we will be marking the occasion with a special service as well as a party – with cake – in the afternoon for the children.

During the afternoon of Friday 26th October, there will be an opportunity for you to come and see an exhibition relating to the work children have been doing about the 200 years since the school opened. They have been considering 'If the school could talk, what would it say?' Please come along and find out their responses!

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**St Catherine's are introducing a Parents Forum,
new for 2018!**

The Parent Forum is an informal group who meet every half term – either a morning session (9.15) or an afternoon session (2.30pm). Each half term, discussions will be focused around a school improvement or change. It is an opportunity to bring together the collective voice of parents and carers in discussion with the school's leadership team and is a valuable way to influence, support and enhance the development and learning of all children at St Catherine's.

The details for our first Parents Forum are as followed

When: Wednesday 24th October 2018 at 2.15 (please note the earlier start time)

Focus: SEND Information Report
(as published on the school website)



More information can be found on the new 'Parents Forum' section on the website or from the school office.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Through discussion we aim to:

- Work together to improve the education and experiences for all children
- Share information, knowledge and skills to inform future developments
- Meet in a mutually supportive environment
- Further improve communications between parent/carers and staff/governors

We want the St Catherine's Parent Forum to be:

- Collaborative: participating together for the benefit of everyone in the school community
- Productive: helping to identify effective solutions
- Transparent: keeping everyone informed of meetings and their outcomes
- Encouraging: welcoming ideas and initiatives to foster a positive ethos

How can families be involved?

- Everyone is warmly invited to attend and contribute to the half termly Forum meeting
- Be active in promoting the forum
- Suggest areas for future Forums

We want to ensure a positive and respectful environment; therefore ask that those who attend the meeting:

- Listen to others' views and welcome diversity of opinions
- Treat speakers with respect
- Act politely
- Contribute & participate appropriately
- Avoid naming individual members of the school community

Please note that the Parent Forum will inform school developments but is not a decision-making body. It is also not the place to address specific concerns about an individual child or issues relating to individual members of staff. Parents/carers should continue to discuss these with their child's teacher or member of the SLT.

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Last week's Attendance Figures

Class	Possible	% Attend
Hoddesdon Market	100	93
<i>Rye House</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>99.5</i>
Barclay Park	100	95.6
Tower Heights	100	96.3
Lowewood	100	96.5
Pound Close	100	97.6
Rye Meads	100	94.2
Clock Tower	100	99.1
Rawdon House	100	97.2
Lampits	100	97
New River	100	97.8
Dobbs Weir	100	98.9
The Lynch	100	97.9
Dinant Link Road	100	97.1

Herts Catering Ltd

Please can you spend some time with your children and visit the website below where you can rate each meal your child has eaten over the three week menu choices in the Summer/ Autumn term menu.

This will give HCL a good understanding on what our children like and don't like so improvements can be made.

[www.hcl.co.uk/parents/menu?
schoolId=0285&name=St.%20Catherine%27s](http://www.hcl.co.uk/parents/menu?schoolId=0285&name=St.%20Catherine%27s)

Non-Uniform

Thank you to those who have brought in £1 for non-uniform today – we will let you know next week how much has been raised towards Mrs Staiano's music suite.