

ST CATHERINE'S SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



NEXT WEEK'S ASSEMBLY **LOWEWOOD**

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ASPIRATIONS WEEK

We are very much looking forward to learning about different careers and encouraging children to think about what they may like to do when they are older. Children will be meeting a range of people who have careers in a variety of fields such as health, sport, the police, TV production and art – to name but a few.

FLOWER POT APPEAL

Have you got any flower pots floating around at home? Please allow us to reuse and recycle them...From next week there will be a collection box just outside the fence for small plastic pots. Thank you

SICKNESS REMINDER

Hertfordshire county council school health and safety guidelines:

With outbreaks of diarrhoea and/or vomiting the priority is the prevention of spreading the disease and the protection of unaffected pupils and staff. This will involve the exclusion of all affected pupils and staff. They should NOT return to the site for 48 hours from the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting.



FESTIVAL ON THE FIELD

We have decided to hold this year's festival on **Friday 10th July** – from 3.30 – 9.30
We are delighted that popular local band – **The Bonnet** will be headlining this year – so make sure you leave that date free in your diary!

LOWEWOOD MUSEUM

Next week, children will be invited to write letters to express concern about the proposed closure of Lowewood museum. We aim to send our mail to members of the borough council as well as MPs and HRH The Queen.

EASTER PLAYScheme

We are running an easter Playscheme in the first week of the easter holidays from 6th – 9th April. If you are interested in securing a place for your child, please take a form from the carousel in the entrance area. The cost is £18 per day with a special Early Bird rate of 4 days for £65 if booked before 2nd March.



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There is still time to book your Family Conferencing appointments via our Parents' Evening electronic booking system.

In order to book an appointment to see your child's teacher you will need to log in following the link below <https://stcatherineshodd.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

If you are a parent of more than one child, the system will automatically identify all of your children and appointment availability can be seen for all relevant classes, at the same time.

Please note that Mrs Lines' class (Lowewood) will have appointments on Wednesday 12th rather than Thursday 13th due to training commitments.

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

In October 2019 we advertised a vacancy on our governing board for a parent governor representative. In December 2019 the application period closed and we had one application for the parent governor representative. As there was only one application there will be no need to hold a parent governor election. The parent who applied to be a parent governor will now go before the governing body for consideration.

However, we now have a second parent governor vacancy and are opening up a second application period. This application period will remain open until Friday 14th February 2020. If you would be interested in applying to be a parent governor you can collect an application form from the School Office, or download the copy attached. If you would like to discuss your interest, before making an application you can talk to Mrs. A. Wallis or email the Chair of Governors, via the School email address (admin@stcaths.herts.sch.uk), and he will make contact with you.

What does being a School Governor involve?

As a governor you will be part of a corporate body known as the Governing Board. The role of the governing board is critical to the effectiveness of St. Catherine's School.

Governors come from every walk of life and there is no requirement for you to have an educational background. Your exact role will be discussed with the Chair of Governors, but will always contribute to the over-arching work of the governing body and link to the main focus of St. Catherine's School, thus ensuring our children and young people are able to achieve to the best of their ability, in a safe environment.

So, what would I have to do?

Commit to attend;

- Full Governing Body Meetings (1 per term, 2 hours long)
- A Committee Meeting (1 per term, 1.5 hours long)
- Attend training
- Make visits to the school during the day
- Work as a team



HISTORY THEMED DAYS IN SCHOOL – ROMANS AND EGYPTIANS

On Tuesday, year three children dressed as Egyptians as they learned all about what it was like to live in that time; looking at artefacts and experiencing an Egyptian banquet in the afternoon.

Today, year four children are joining a Roman themed day, there are several centurians as well as wealthy Roman citizens roaming the school – in addition to a very brave Celtic warrior!

Look on our website to see pictures from the days' activities.

SHROVE TUESDAY AND ASH WEDNESDAY

Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday fall during the week we return from school after half term. This year, all children will have the opportunity to watch pancakes being made and cooked – and have the chance to sample one with a topping of their choice – please make sure that any allergy information is communicated to the office before this date so that alternatives can be provided as appropriate.

On Ash Wednesday, children from Y3 – Y6 will be walking to church to join some parishioners in their Ash Wednesday service – led by Rachel, our vicar. As part of the service, children will be invited to be 'ashed' if they would like to, in keeping with the tradition of the service.

PTA NOTICES

Upcoming: Pancake tasting Tues 25th Feb.

Reminder: We collect all empty crisp packets/empty crisp multi pack wrappers, these can be placed in our recycle bin outside the school gates and you can place any unwanted clothing, bedding, towels, cuddly toys etc in our clothing textile bin.



ATTENDANCE

Class Name	Possible	% Attendance
Hoddesdon Market	100%	89.5
Rye House	100%	77.9
Barclay Park	100%	96.4
Tower Heights	100%	96.9
Lowewood	100%	95.3
Pound Close	100%	94.2
Rye Meads	100%	94.2
Clock Tower	100%	99.6
Rawdon House	100%	96.4
Lampits	100%	92.8
New River	100%	95.3
Dobbs Weir	100%	97.5
The Lynch	100%	87.9
Dinant Link Road	100%	93.4

