

ST CATHERINE'S SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER



NEXT WEEK'S ASSEMBLY **BARCLAY PARK CLASS**

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## WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday, 5th March is World Book Day and we're gearing up for it with lots of exciting plans! Don't forget to bring in your 'Book in a Jar' from Monday. Children will get a chance to show them off to their classmates, before putting them on display in the hall ready for judging on Friday. There will be prizes for the winning jars! Children will also be invited to design their own dream library next week and all entries will earn House Points, with extra points going to the top three in each year group.

We don't want families feeling left out so please feel free to come into class with your child/children at Soft Start on Thursday morning to share a story (or two!) with them before we begin our day.

## FLOWER POT APPEAL

Have you got any flower pots floating around at home? Please allow us to reuse and recycle them  
Thank you

## STAFF NEWS

We are sorry to have to inform you that today, we have said farewell to Mrs Heighington, who has worked at St Catherine's for 7 years.

Mrs Heighington has decided that the time is right for her to pursue other interests; we wish her every success as she explores different ventures.

## PRAYER SPACE

Our pop up Prayer Space has returned this week. Within the prayer space, children have had the opportunity to take time to reflect and think about the themes of Justice and Fairtrade in a safe, interactive and fun way. Within the session, children have been able to take part in the activities in their own way; it has been made clear that no one is expected to pray and that the activities provided are for everyone – of all faiths or none!

## PTA NOTICE

Thank you to everyone who brought in a gift or financial donation for the PTA's Mothers' Day event. Please watch this space for further details...

## 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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## ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

Several parents have been in touch to ask if we can advertise their businesses in school. As we have a responsibility to remain impartial, we are not able to distribute fliers or be seen to promote one business over another. However, if you would like to make people aware of your business, we are considering adding a page to our newsletter that is sent out to all of our families on a weekly basis and displayed on our notice board. The cost for a half term's advertising would be £20, which we feel is a very reasonable rate for this opportunity. If you are interested in advertising your business in this way, please contact the school office.

## SHROVE TUESDAY AND ASH WEDNESDAY

This week, all children were treated to a demonstration of how a pancake is made and cooked as well as being given the opportunity to sample a freshly made pancake. They learned about the tradition of Shrove Tuesday including the reason we cook using rich ingredients before Ash Wednesday. Thank you to John and Carly Perkins and members of the PTA who spent the morning tirelessly cooking pancakes!

Children in years 3 to 6 were invited to join the church's Ash Wednesday service where we learned a little about Jacob and Esau in preparation for a series of assemblies that will be running through Lent titled 'God in This Place'.

## KS1 NOTICE

From next week, we would like to give Key Stage 1 children the opportunity to use the school field during lunchtimes. If you would like your child to be able to use the field at lunchtime, please send them in with a spare pair of named trainers/boots/wellies. Your child is welcome to keep these in school.

## SONGS AND SUNFLOWERS – 4TH MARCH 2020

As many of you will be aware, on 4th March, it will be two years since the passing of Mrs Staiano. This year, we would like to mark the occasion by once again inviting children to plant sunflower seeds in her memory. We will be sending the seeds home to be nurtured – one to be returned when ready for planting, and the other to keep at home.

In addition, we will have a 'remembering assembly' where we will share memories of Mrs Staiano and singing some of our favourite songs.

In addition, there will be an opportunity to quietly remember Mrs Staiano or any loved ones throughout the day in a quiet space in the infant hall.

This will also be a non-uniform day where children are invited to wear colourful clothes in exchange for a donation towards the Music Suite fund.



## STATEMENT FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

As you will be aware, there has been a lot of information in the news about returning trips to Italy over half term in light of the recent measures put in place by the Italian Authorities on Coronavirus.

We would like to assure you that there is no cause for concern, none of the school trips run by Hertfordshire schools were within the ten towns which the Italian Authorities have put on quarantine measures and Hertfordshire residents remain at low risk.

If you have returned from the quarantines towns and develop flu like symptoms, please stay at home, avoid contact with other people and call NHS111.

Taking basic hygiene precautions remains the best way to reduce the chances of spreading any virus: sneeze or cough into a tissue, bin it, wash your hands frequently and don't touch your face unless you've just washed your hands. Using a normal detergent to clean the surfaces people touch regularly like door handles and lift buttons is also sensible.

**Please visit [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus) for the most up to date advice.**

### ATTENDANCE

Class Name	Possible	% Attendance
Hoddesdon Market	100%	84.8
Rye House	100%	77.4
Barclay Park	100%	98.4
Tower Heights	100%	97.3
Lowewood	100%	94.1
Pound Close	100%	92.6
Rye Meads	100%	97.5
Clock Tower	100%	98.3
Rawdon House	100%	96.8
Lampits	100%	89.3
New River	100%	98
Dobbs Weir	100%	98.6
The Lynch	100%	95.5
Dinant Link Road	100%	99.3

