



*St Catherine of
Siena Catholic
Primary School*

NEWSLETTER

November 2011

Dear Parents

Welcome back!

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable half term break! It was lovely to see all of the children again. They seem very enthusiastic about the many experiences their teachers have planned and the new challenges they will face during the year.



The first day ended with great excitement because of our Halloween Discos. A lot of thought and effort went into the costumes the pupils wore. We were amazed at the creativity of many parents and the expertise with which face paint was applied. It was great to welcome Henry back. He was the resident DJ years ago, when Mr. Heathcote was



Headmaster. Henry was a firm favourite with past pupils, parents and staff.

Pupil feedback and photos evidence that the evening was a resounding success – lots of food, fun, games and of course dancing!

The PTA raised over five hundred pounds!!! We do appreciate all the hard work and effort that goes on behind the scenes in preparation for any event – never mind on the actual day.

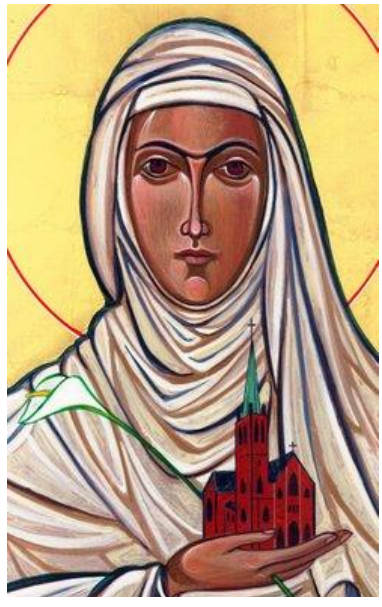
On behalf of staff and pupils, a big thank you to everyone for their ongoing support so far this term.

The Watford New Hope Trust were grateful for your Harvest contributions and have asked, us to pass this message on to you.

On the second day back the whole school walked to Our Lady & St. Michael's Church – bringing traffic to a standstill.

The feast of All Saints brings to our attention the countless host of men and women who have lived the spiritual life to the full and now enjoy the life of heaven – eternal life. We had a wonderful celebration Mass with Father Peter.

Doing the right thing was further reinforced by the brilliant year five assembly "Stand Up". Do look at their class page for photos.



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More treats were in store for the pupils. A coach from TopGolf visited the school to introduce our pupils to this increasingly popular game. They will run free sessions, once a week, for six weeks, for each class in key stage two. Year three have had their first one and have assured me that it was “amazing” and “brilliant.”



There will be follow-on opportunities for pupils to continue their golf programme at TopGolf, using the Junior Golf Passport Programme, which has been designed specifically to take beginner golfers to a standard where they can play competently on a golf course. Next week KS1 will have a free tennis lesson, which we will follow up.



This Monday the whole school was treated to a modern day version of the classic Pantomime, Dick Whittington. It was thoroughly entertaining and enough to add that, by popular demand, we have already booked them for next year.



I would just like to draw parents’ attention to the fact that the school will more than, likely be shut on the last day of this month, Wednesday 30th November because of strike action. Please do make provision for this.

Our topic in Religious Education at the moment is “Signs and Symbols”.

How fitting that one of the most well recognised and respected symbol is the Poppy and that we are supporting the British Legion Appeal. Along with the rest of the country, we observed the two minutes silence today for Armistice Day. The children learnt a special song to mark the occasion and produced some fantastic and moving poems and prayers. November is month when we also remember our own dearly departed loved ones.



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace, Amen.

God Bless

Pauline Curran



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