



*St Catherine of
Siena Catholic
Primary School*

NEWSLETTER

September 2011

Dear Parents,

Looking Back!

The end of term was very hectic and thoroughly rewarding. Years six and two parents and pupils must be very proud of their SATs results. We certainly are. The overall report is published in our Prospectus, so just click on the website link for details.

We were blessed with the weather - Our Summer Fete, Sports week, Sports Day and School Trips went smoothly, judging from the positive feedback from children and adult alike. I hope you have enjoyed reading the pupils' %St. Cath¢ Newsflash+ sections, which give an insight into events, from their perspective.



Year six parents were very appreciative of the regular informative updates from the Isle of Wight, which were posted on Twitter. Most photographs tell a story better than words can! One parent commented to me that this link made her miss her daughter less, as she was not wondering what she was doing. She could see for herself and feel part of the adventure.



Their Leaversq Assembly was very fitting. Our thanks to them for making it a lively and joyful occasion and affording us a final opportunity to thank them for their contributions to St. Catherine¢ and wish them every success and God¢ blessing in the future.

The celebration was obviously tinged with sadness at having to say Goodbye to our pupils, their families and staff but we know that it hopefully is only adieu!



Our special guests, who were experiencing this event for the first time, Fr. Peter, Mr Conway, Sr. Marie Henry and Sr. Bernadette were so impressed with the bonds that had been forged between Buddies. This is a tradition which we hold in high esteem.



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Looking Forward!

As ever, the overwhelming support from the vast majority of parents throughout the past year is heart-warming.

We know this will continue and we will keep on trying to do our best for the children we have the privilege to serve.

Together we can create an ethos and atmosphere in which the pupils can flourish and grow, knowing that they are loved and valued for who they are.



A lot of work has been going on behind the scenes during the summer holidays, in preparation for Monday 5th September. The whole school environment is looking conducive to learning, stimulating and inviting. The school diary is already filling up with all sorts of exciting events.

I hope you all are having a relaxing and enjoyable summer break and like us are looking forward to a new academic year. In addition to our thirty new Reception Class children, we will welcome four new Year Three pupils and all their families to St. Catherine's.

Until then, Take care, God Bless

Pauline Curran

Lord, as we are about to start another school year, be with us in all that happens; in good things, in problems, in surprises and in routines.

Whatever occurs Lord, stay with us because with You we will find strength to do the best we can in every situation.

AMEN.



N.B.

The Pret a Portrait Company will be in school on Friday 9th September to take class photographs. We will upload these to the website as soon as possible.

Years 5 and 6 were very busy in the vegetable garden last term and we are now reaping the fruits of their labour (excuse the pun!).

We have strawberries, broccoli, pumpkin, leeks, runner beans and tomatoes. As well as learning practical gardening skills, the knowledge gained also helped to consolidate topics covered in science and numeracy. We were all very grateful for the kind donations of time and money from parents.

A proposed list of clubs is now listed on the Info for Parents section of our website. These will be finalised once all staff are here, during our first week back. Hopefully all clubs will begin in the second week of term.

Swimming for year five starts on Wednesday 14th September 2011.



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