

**WELCOME
TO OUR
NURTURE BREAKFAST PLUS**



22nd March 2018

Parents &
Carers

Teaching
Assistants

Grandparent

School Cleaner

Dinner Lady

Parishioner

Our School Community

Volunteer

Teachers

Senior

Playtime
Supervisors

Leadership
Team

Parish Priest

Head Teacher

Governor

Support Staff

Catholic Community
Group

mary's
meals

a simple solution
to world hunger



RE at St Catherine's

What is RE life like at St Catherine's?





Year 3 making Christingles at Chideock





Remembrance
Day address
By the
Royal British
Legion



Our School Community

5 Ws
Welcome
Witness
Welfare
Word
Worship

WELCOME

- We want you, as parents, parishioners, volunteers and support staff to feel especially welcome and involved in our school community.
- We welcome your involvement in the school – please come to our liturgies, masses and celebration assemblies.
- We welcome parishioners - Catholic Community Group – school and parishioners meet each term to develop parish links.
- We welcome links with other schools within CAST and within the area to share good practice.
- WE REALLY DO APPRECIATE ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT!



Our Celebration Assemblies every Friday





St Catherine's Runners from across Key Stage 2



Year 6 Bake Off



Children warming up to run, skip or walk
Julia's Mile, Summer 2017



Weighing and Measuring in Year 2

WORSHIP

- When we gather together as a community in church or in school and take time to reflect and pray, we become closer and share a special bond. We would like as many of you as possible to share that with us.
- Children are encouraged to develop their own relationship with God, to invite God to be part of their daily lives, to take time to listen to him and to ask him for help.
- We give children the opportunity to believe – we don't force them!
- EVERYBODY is welcome to our liturgies, masses and special celebrations.
- Our next school Mass is on Maundy Thursday, 29th March at 9:30 am in the parish church – you are all welcome.

Meditation



"If every 8 year old in the world is taught meditation, we will eliminate violence from the world within one generation."

~Dalai Lama



I have so much to accomplish today that I must meditate for two hours instead of one.

— Mahatma Gandhi —





Year 4 prepare for meditation..



Reception get ready to meditate by drawing a figure of 8, representing God without beginning or end.



Meditation – why do we do it?

- Meditation is a simple way of prayer, beyond words, accessible to all.
- Meditation is a gift we give the children at St Catherine's, a gift there for a lifetime, if they choose to use it.
- Meditation, in a time of constant technological distraction, allows children to simply be – allows the rhythms of our hearts to relax.
- During meditation children are not being judged, marked or rated.



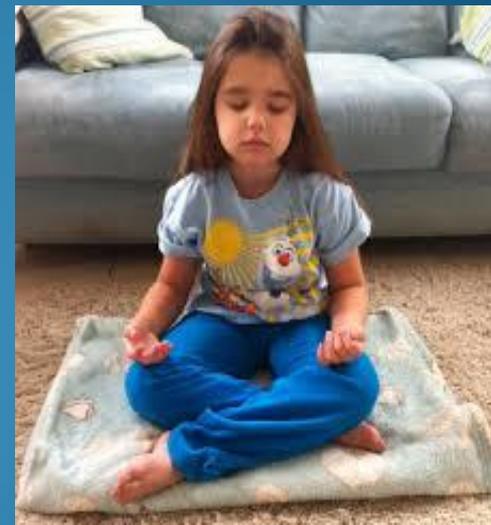
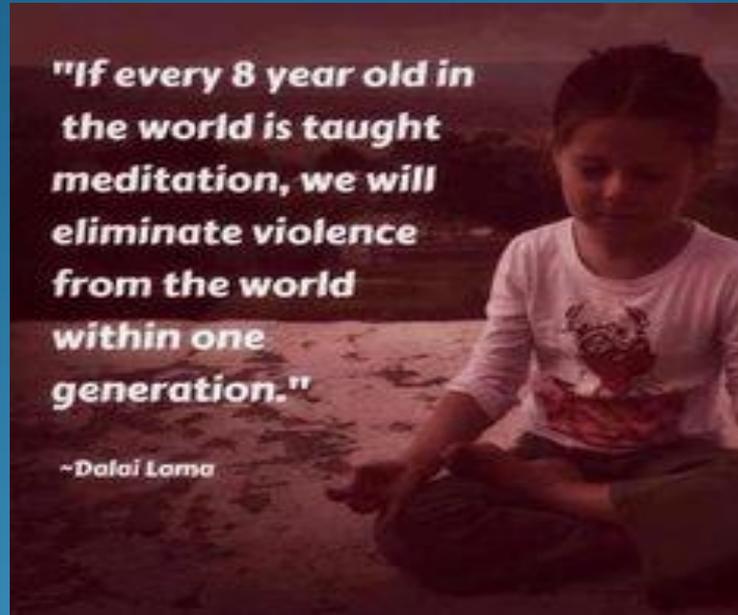
Meditation



St Catherine's children say

- It makes you feel as if God is there for you.
- It's a good way to get all the thoughts out of your head.
- It gets rid of everything if you're worried.
- I focus on saying it (Maranatha) rather than thinking about things.
- It's peaceful. It helps me relax.
- You forget about everything else.
- It makes me feel like Jesus is real.
- The light in the middle (candle) helps remind me that Jesus is with us.
- I've got used to meditation. It's good and I feel calm now. Closing my eyes helped.
- You can have a moment when you let go of all of your distractions – it gives you time to forget.

Meditation – let's have a go!



Crossing Over





Liturgy

Liturgy happens every Monday morning at 8:40 and takes about 15 minutes.

You are **ALL** very welcome to join us any **Monday**.

Just turn up - we do not need to know in advance!

Gathering

The school & parents
come together
and become united
through prayer and
music.



Liturgy



Responding

We respond in
prayer and song.
There is a ritual
(words & actions)
to how we
respond.

Listening

We listen to the
Word of God
and we reflect on
what we have
heard.

Going Forth

We go forth putting
into practice what
we have learned
from the Gospel in
our own lives.

Some Liturgy Themes

Peace

Joy

Love

Listening

Generosity

Acceptance

Thankfulness

Use your talents

Healing

Wisdom

Togetherness

Forgiveness

Compassion

Faith

Take care of our world

Hope

Going Forth...

Each week the Monday liturgy sends children forth with 3 action points. Examples include:

- **Look for small but important ways to show that you are choosing to listen to your friends, your parents and your teachers.**
- **Use your talents generously to help and support others**
- **Make a real effort not to judge others because they are not like you.**
- **Be friendly with someone you find it hard to get along with.**



Liturgy – what the children say

- ❖ I like listening to the prayers.
- ❖ Looking at the pictures help me understand the message from the Gospel.
- ❖ When we flick through the pictures there are questions to think about.
- ❖ I like singing all the songs.
- ❖ Classes take it in turn to be in charge and I like that.
- ❖ We reflect on God's word. It's different every week and it's related to the theme.
- ❖ We think about what we're going to improve in the week ahead.



Canon Richard talking to Year 3 about the Eucharist.



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WITNESS



We aim to bear witness to our Christian values in our relationships with everyone we meet in our school community and to encourage the children to do the same.

Focus 2017/18

- To deepen children's awareness of other world religions and cultures, celebrating social, ethnic and cultural diversity in a variety of ways.
- How are we going to do this?



Learning all about Nepal



More interesting facts about Nepal

WITNESS



People & Places – charity working to promote ethical volunteering in projects around the world. KS2 classes to do in-depth country study

Year 3 – Nepal

Year 4 - Gambia

Year 5 - India

Year 6 – South Africa

Focus on Refugees – Summer term – CAFOD workshop

Mary's Meals – Fundraising for this fabulous charity during Lent – feeds 1.2 million children daily in a place of education. Costs just £13.90 to feed a child for a whole school year!



Mary's Meals Assembly

The children are so committed to raising funds for this great charity.

Huge thanks to the Catholic Women's League for their help.



A CAFOD
Workshop
on
inequality
and
unfairness
in countries
around the
world.

WORD

- Teaching of RE follows Christian ethos and values broadly in line with the liturgical year.
- Children learn about religious stories and make links between beliefs and actions.
- They ask themselves – what does this mean for me? How is this relevant to my life?
- Children learn about other major world religions such as Judaism, Hinduism, Islam and Sikhism.

Our Judaism Workshop



RE

Come

Holy Spirit,

kindle

in us

the

fire

of

your

love





The children loved meeting Bishop Mark at our 50th Anniversary Celebrations last year.

Our Nurture Breakfasts



WELFARE

ELSA

- Live, Love and Learn – we all work hard to live our school motto each day and encourage the children to do the same.
- Nurture Breakfasts – continue to deepen our connection with the children, the wider staff, volunteers and the parish
- When times get tough - Supporting children and families who are experiencing difficulties (ELSA, Weldmar Trust, Mosaic and linking with other agencies)
- Time to Talk - Teachers try to be available at short notice for parents who need to chat through any concerns.
- Rewards – Star of the week, Shining Wall,
- Superheroes, Golden Table, Heart & Hand tokens

What visitors say about our Nurture Breakfasts...

- Lovely way to start the day..I made lots of new and interesting friends.
- What a lovely school! Children were SO welcoming.
- Great seeing a different side to the children. There was time to hear all about their interests and hopes for the future.
- An intellectually lively breakfast!
- Lovely to see a school community offering hospitality to visitors. Wonderful visionary education with a heart! Every school should try this!

What our children say...

They

- Love meeting the visitors and learning about them.
- Like hearing stories about when our visitors were at school.
- Really like the croissants and the jam!
- Enjoy having a chat
- Like the different class room with the tablecloths and flowers
- Enjoy telling the visitors all about our school

Sharing our Learning





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④ Faith - believe in God
Church
St. Catherine's school

The joy of discovery...

WELCOME



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Enter this
Loving school
Consider yourself
One of the special
Members of our school and God's
Extraordinary family

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Any Questions?

