



Thursday 28th March 2024

Dear Parents/ Carers,

As we begin the Easter holidays, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support throughout an incredibly busy but rewarding term. The children have thoroughly enjoyed their learning journeys and have been thrilled by the various enrichment opportunities that they have taken part in. This has included chick hatching in Reception, VR experiences in KS2, a Year 5 local geography fieldwork trip, Crazy Hair Day, British Science Week, St Katherine's Book Week and, of course, Monday's Aspiration Day, which was a real hit with the children.

I hope that families have the opportunity to relax and spend some quality time with each other over the Easter break. I look forward to seeing the children recharged and ready to go for the final term of the year!

Aspiration Day

St Katherine's was home to an author, two pilots, bird handlers, a musician and a detective on Monday, for our wonderful 'Aspiration Day'. Throughout the event, the children attended workshops, played djembe drums, handled police equipment and watched an aerial bird display, in order to learn about the key skills and attributes needed to become a professional.



It was inspiring to see how engaged the children were in each workshop; they asked so many mature and thought-provoking questions! I hope that this experience will open the children's eyes to new and exciting professions, which are within reach to those who show high levels of passion, hard-work and resilience.

Thank you to all of the professionals, many of whom were parents, for giving up their time to inspire our children.



Year 6 with the EasyJet pilot.



Year 3 during their djembe drumming workshop.



KS1 & EYFS loved the owl ariel display.



Year 1 with the British Airways Pilot.



KS2 enjoyed listening to David Fuller read extracts from his books.



Reception were able to look at, and try on, a range of police equipment.

Pupil Voice: "I learnt that in order to become an author planning is essential. It takes time to write a book – you can't rush it. David Fuller was inspirational, as he personal challenges that he had to battle in order to become an author." (Skyla – Year 6)

Book Fair

Thank you to our Reading Ambassadors for promoting and helping to run our Book Fair this week. It was lovely to see many families purchasing new and exciting books by a range of popular authors.



CRIBS Performance

Our friends from CRIBS delivered a creative and thought-provoking presentation of the Easter story today. The children were highly engaged by the use of puppets, music and acting, which brought the story to life.



Pupil Voice: *"It was all about the news of Jesus and Easter! I enjoyed the puppets"*
(Emilia – Year 1)

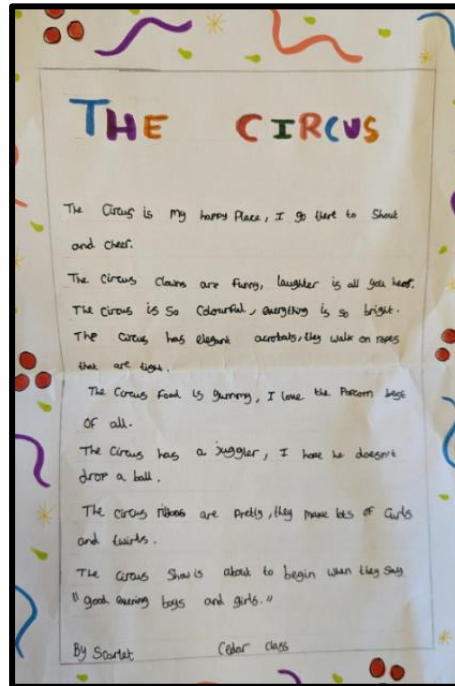
Easter Egg Hamper Raffle

A huge thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets for our Easter Egg hamper raffle. In total, we raised a fantastic **£608!** Half of the money raised will be donated to Miss Enston's London Marathon charity (Barnardo's), and the other half will be used to replenish books in our school library. Congratulations to the following winners: Keegan (Y1), Elliott & Ayla (Y3) and Ellis (Y5).



Circus Writing Competition

Well done to Scarlet (Year 5) for winning our circus competition. She created an excellent poem, which can be seen below, and has won a family ticket to the Santos Circus. We look forward to hearing all about your experience.



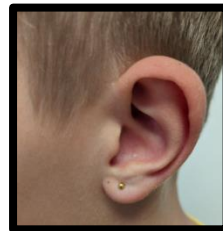
School Uniform Reminders

Our school uniform is extremely important to us. Our children look smart in their uniform, which reflects the tone and ethos of our school. It is one way in which we identify ourselves as a school community and it promotes a strong, cohesive identity, which supports high standards and expectations in all areas of life. A link to our uniform policy can be found [here](#).

I have noticed that towards the end of term, some children were not wearing the correct school uniform, particularly in relation to **PE kits, school ties, school shoes, plain silver or gold stud earrings and fake nails**. I kindly ask that parents ensure that children come to school dressed in the correct school uniform.

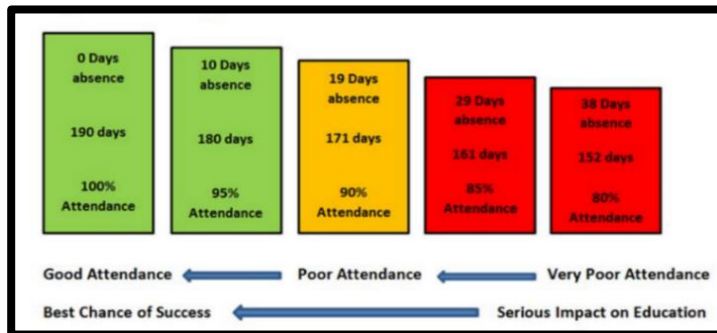
- Please note that children will be asked to remove any earrings that are not plain silver or gold studs.
- Please be reminded that fake nails are not permitted to be worn in school, at any time. If a child comes to school with fake nails on/attached, they will be unable to go out onto the playground (for health and safety reasons), until they have been removed.
- If a child does not wear their school shoes into school, they must have a note from their parents/ carers explaining why.
- If a child persistently wears trainers into school, despite receiving a letter from the class teacher and/or the senior leadership team, they will be unable to go out onto the school playground, until a pair of appropriate black shoes are provided.
- Letters will be sent to parents whose children do not wear the correct uniform into school.
- Parents of individuals who persistently do not wear the correct uniform into school, will be invited to meet with members of the Senior Leadership Team to discuss the reasons behind this.

If you have any difficulties in purchasing school uniform, please do not hesitate to contact the school in confidence to discuss how we can best support you.



School Ambassador Voice: "School uniform is important as it shows that we take pride in our school and we all belong to one community – St Katherine's!" (Zoe – Year 6)

Attendance Matters!



Weekly Attendance

Year	Classes		
N	Acorn 95.6%		
R	Bramley 97.3%	Gala 96.1%	Pippin 82.9%
1	Peach 98.0%	Pear 94.6%	
2	Cherry 96.6%	Quince 87.9%	
3	Almond 95.4%	Hazel 82.2%	Walnut 88.9%
4	Spruce 93.0%	Pine 91.7%	
5	Cedar 92.8%	Teak 92.0%	Mahogany 90.4%
6	Ash 93.0%	Oak 95.2%	

School Target: 95%

Key Dates



EVENT	DATE
Barnardo's Coffee Afternoon	Wednesday 17 th April (2.30pm – 3.20pm)
Year 6 SATs Parent Drop-in Session	Wednesday 17 th April (2.45pm – 3.15pm)
Year 5 Parents Meeting for the 2025 Residential	Wednesday 17 th April (6.00pm – 6.45pm)
Achievement Assembly	Thursday 18 th April
Drama Workshop KS1	Monday 29 th April
Year 5 Trip to Dover Castle	Tuesday 30 th April
Year 3 Trip to Kent Life	Thursday 2 nd May
Bank Holiday	Monday 6 th May
Year R trip to British Wildlife Centre	Thursday 9 th May
Last day of term	Friday 24th May

Have a great Easter holiday.

Mr. Lang
Headteacher