



# Saint Christina's School Bulletin

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Parents,

It has been an action-packed week for everyone and I do hope that you enjoy reading about some of the very many things that we have been up to, in this bulletin.

The week began with Pi-Day. Many of you will be familiar with this event, but for those who are still puzzling through a conversation you may have had with your child about Pi-Day, it is simply a celebration of the number Pi on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the 3<sup>rd</sup> month ... 3.14. I lay down an annual challenge to the children to memorise Pi to as many decimal places as possible. The challenge has been adopted right the way through from Nursery, who made paper chains demonstrating Pi to 10 decimal places, through the whole school, and is used as an opportunity to introduce the children to this important number. I have been delighted with the effort made by the children to learn Pi with children achieving 30, 45, 70, 95 decimal places. In Year 6 this year, however, the School record, which was set last year at memorising Pi to 220 decimal places, has been smashed with a new record being set by Millicent... of 320 decimal places!

I am also very pleased to see that I have a number of 'Cubers' cracking on with the Rubik's challenge. If your child has not had a go yet, please do get a cube and use the instructions that I have shared via the office. The process of solving the cube, as with many puzzle based activities, is excellent for children and their cognitive development. Chloe will be very happy to send you the solution again, if you are interested or have had any trouble clicking on the original link.

We have also been enjoying Science Week and today, have our very own visiting scientist running talks and workshops for the children. On Wednesday, we had our Science Week Assembly where the children had the opportunity to share all that they have been doing, from space related activities to horticulture.

You will know that we have been keen to try to create opportunities for more interaction between school and home, and I would like to thank Parents' Link for their support in creating appropriate events over the term. The pyjama parties were very well received, and tonight's Quiz Night is a real signal that we are getting back to some semblance of normality. In this vein, on Thursday we had our Spring Open Morning in person, and were really encouraged by the high levels of interest in Saint Christina's School and the very positive buzz that we experienced. Indeed, we had four children enjoying a taster day today partly on the back of the event. I know that this interest is in large part due to your speaking favourably about the School amongst your friends and in your workplaces, so thank you very much for all your support.

Just a word about Covid. There appear to be three strains of 'interest' as the number of cases increase again (the R number is thought to be up to about 1.2). Two of the so-called recombinant viruses are a mix of Delta and Omicron (deltacron) while the third is a blend of two strains of omicron. Deltacron is moving very quickly through the community and there has been a very significant increase in the number of people being admitted to hospital particularly amongst the older age groups. Whilst we are not changing our operational arrangements at this time, we will be advised by the authorities as and when they choose to do so.

With regard to the road, we have been informed that there will be roadworks on St Edmund's Terrace next week – fibre is being installed as part of a general upgrade. This may affect drop-off and pick-up.

I hope that you all have an enjoyable weekend.

Alastair Gloag  
**Headteacher**

## Year 3 Sacrament of Reconciliation

Nine children in Year 3 received the sacrament of Reconciliation on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March in the school Chapel along with Fr Tom, their parents, classmates and children in KS2. The sacrament of Reconciliation is a very special time in our lives when we are given an opportunity to say sorry to Jesus for all the things we have done wrong.

The whole class beautifully dramatized the story of 'Zacchaeus' giving us the message that Jesus loves us no matter what we do. Thank you to Sara for playing the violin exquisitely during the service. Soon after, with butterflies in our tummies, we approached Fr Tom and confessed all that we were sorry for. It was truly surprising how light we felt when we returned to our seats.

Here are some of the thoughts of the children who received the sacrament of Reconciliation:

*I was so nervous I didn't want to go at first but I was relieved I went. I felt clean (Apolline)*

*I felt like there was a boulder on my head and it totally disappeared (Hugo)*

*I had butterflies in my tummy and was very nervous but later I felt clean and peaceful (Isabella)*

*I felt a million times lighter. The priest said I needed to say my prayers every day (Alex)*

We are now eagerly looking forward to receiving Jesus in our hearts through First Holy Communion on 20<sup>th</sup> May.

Ms Fernandes



## PE Update

The sun has been back out again for most of this week and the children have been working extremely hard. The Year 5 and 6 football teams enjoyed their football matches against Sarum Hall and achieved a win, a loss, and a draw in their three matches. There were some excellent performances during the afternoon, and the children all really enjoyed it - their first question to me after was 'when is our next football game'. A special mention must go to the star players Mercy for her excellent tackling and clearances, Sloane for her fantastic goal, and Amelia for her great attacking play. I must also congratulate Charlotte for her brilliant saves when in goal, and Lottie and Adriana for their strong performances. A huge well done to all the girls who represented the school, and a big thank you to Mr Artur for his assistance with the fixture. The children have impressed me so much with their determination and efforts in football this term, and I look forward to a few more football matches after the Easter break.

Most of the Key Stage 2 classes competed in their Inter House Cross-Country event during their PE lessons and there were some excellent performances and some fantastic improvements from their practise races, which they completed the week before. It was lovely to see the children being supportive towards one another and encouraging their friends during the race. The final results will be published in next week's

bulletin but a huge congratulations to the winners in each year group and the children who improved their time by the most in each class.



Year 2 continued to impress during their gymnastics lesson. The children focussed of different rolls and varied how they took off and landed the rolls. As well as this they were introduced to some simple balances, which they performed individually and then with a partner. The children then tried to create a short sequence in pairs using the different rolls and balances introduced during the lesson. It was lovely to see the children's creativeness shining through, and the group enjoyed performing their sequences to the rest of the class.

Last week we had an excellent victory for the Year 5 netball team, who successfully beat Devonshire House. Below are the match summaries from Christina and Sienna L. Well done once again to the Year 5 girls who played so well and were a credit to the school.

*Last Monday some of the Year 5 class played a netball fixture. Everyone played phenomenally. Alice and Amelia played fantastically with their amazing shots as usual. Frida and Audrey were fabulous defending and Sienna M and Martina made some amazing passes throughout the match. In the A team Frida and I (Sienna L) were awarded the star player.*

*On Monday last week we played a netball game against Devonshire House school and we beat them by one point. I really enjoyed this experience. I am very proud because this is the first match that we have ever won. My personal best players that I thought were excellent were Frida and Lottie with their defending and Alice was very good at attacking. In the B team me (Christina) and Lottie won star players. Remember there is no I in team!*

Next week the Year 4 Netball team are taking part in a netball tournament hosted by Pembridge House School. The event will provide the opportunity for the children to play lots of matches against other schools, and I know how excited the children are. I will update you further about this next week.

I am very much looking forward to continuing to develop the cricket program at Saint Christina's, and we have several matches planned in the summer term for the Year 5 and 6 groups against other local schools.

Last Summer I was so impressed with the efforts and improvements made by the children, and am looking to improve this further this summer.

I have been in contact with a lovely nearby cricket club who are very keen to continue to develop links with Saint Christina's. Primrose Hill cricket club is a fantastic club, which offers a wide range of coaching and cricket

camps throughout the year for children from age 5 upwards. A handful of our children are already members and it would be a great opportunity for anyone who enjoys the cricket in school to further develop and improve.

I have put some information below about the club and key contacts should you wish to explore cricket further outside of the school.

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## Bring and Buy Sale



The children in Year 5 have been busy bringing in items and crafting lots of wonderful things for our Bring and Buy Sale on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

Each class will have a chance to come to the Year 5 shop during the school day to help us raise money for Ukraine. There will be many items for sale including:

- Wonderful reading books, which are suitable for Nursery up to Year 6 children.
- Story writing set (suitable for age 6+) – (we only have one of these)
- Word flashcards (suitable for children in EYFS)
- Coats (we have two coats, both age 6)
- Cuddly toys
- Beautiful headbands
- Easter decorations- Hand crafted by the children in Year 5
- Jewellery made by the children in Year 5 (earrings, necklaces, bracelets)
- Games

The children in Year 5 are very excited to host the Bring and Buy Sale and encourage everyone to bring in some money so that they can buy something. If you are interested in the story writing set, flashcards or coats, please get in touch with me and I can provide more detail.

Mrs Ellisdon – Year 5 Class Teacher

## Pi Day in Year 5

We had a fantastic start to the week learning about Pi. We started the week off learning songs about Pi to different tunes. We put together a medley and you can watch this on the Google Classroom. We then came up with a list of as many words beginning with pi as we could. Next up we wrote some 'pi-ku' poems. The children got to choose whether each line of their poem would follow the number of syllables as pi e.g. line 1 three syllables, line 2 one syllable, line 3 four syllables etc, or whether their poem would have the number of words in each line that followed pi e.g. line 1 three words, line 2 one word, line 3 four words etc. In Maths each of the girls recited pi to as many decimal places as they could. Congratulations to Frida who learnt pi to 120 decimal places and Christina who learnt pi to 96 decimal places! What a huge achievement, well done! We then learnt about how to use pi to find the circumference of a circle. The girls spent time measuring diameters and radius of circles. They then drew circles of different sizes, measured the diameter and radius and used their measurements to work out the circumference using  $\pi r^2$

Some of the girls made pies at home and shared the photos of them with the class. Aren't they fantastic!

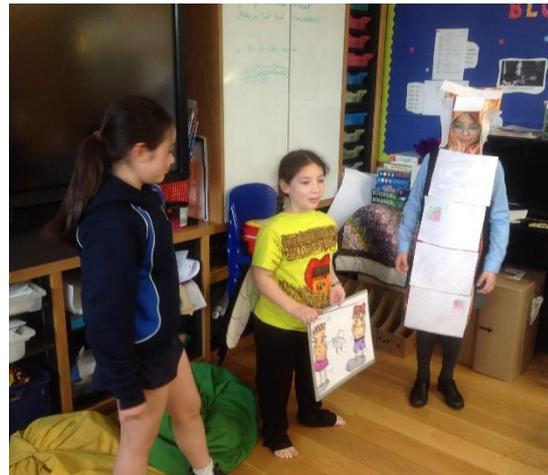
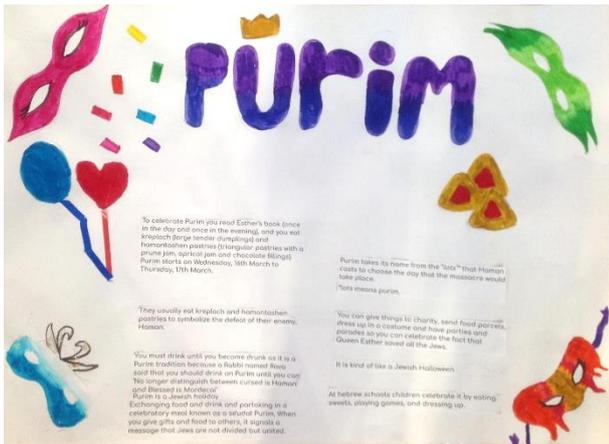
Mrs Ellisdon – Year 5 Class Teacher



## Year 6 Activities

This week Year 6 have been occupied with many different activities. They were summarising their work on Rivers, by creating posters on the Uses and Abuses of Rivers (enclose photo 432).

They also studied Purim, as part of their education into how Other Faiths celebrate different festivals (choose from photos 433, 434 or 435).



And finally, they created a variety of different adverts to advertise the Health Bars that they had created. The photo you see here is a shot from one of the more creative adverts that had been performed!

## School Record Smashed!

As you will all know, Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March was Pi Day. One of the Year 6 girls managed to smash the school record by reciting Pi to 320 places, a stunning improvement on the record that she had created (220 places) when she had been in Year 5. Our congratulations go to Millicent – we are all very proud of this record, and the effort that she put into achieving it.

Fr Rudolf Loewenstein – Year 6 Class Teacher

## Pi Day in Year 3

To celebrate Pi Day this week Year 3 carried out a survey to find out what their favourite pies were and showed the results on a pie chart. They learnt that pie charts represent data in a circle, which is divided into segments.

They also learnt some new vocabulary associated with circles- radius, diameter and circumference. They measured the diameter of different circles in centimetres and, using a calculator, multiplied these measurements by Pi (3.14) to calculate their circumferences.

Lisa Sephton – Year 3 Class Teacher

## REMINDERS

### Late collection of children

Children who are collected late at the end of the school day or after a club will be sent to Homework Club and parents will be charged accordingly. Homework Club runs from Monday to Thursday from 3.30- 5.00pm. A late fee of £40 will be charged if children are collected after 5.00pm.

### Absences

If your child is absent from school due to illness, please ensure that you email your child's Class Teacher or email/telephone the School Office before 8.30am. If your child is absent from school and we have not been contacted by a parent by 9.30am, the school will contact you to find out the reason for the absence.

Requests for any other absences during term-time should be requested in writing and addressed to the Headteacher at least two weeks in advance of the planned absence. Holidays during term-time are strongly

discouraged and absence will only be authorised under exceptional circumstances. We follow the strict guidelines with regards to children missing school issued by the Secretary of State for Education.

### **Items left in the front office**

Please ensure that your child has everything they need for the school day before they arrive in the morning: e.g. snacks / PE Kit. Items are regularly being left in the office by parents and carers throughout the day and, whilst they will do everything they can to help you, this causes disruption not only to the office staff but also to the children, Class Teachers and TA's who have to come to the office to collect the items. Thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

## **Saint Christina's School Covid Testing Summary**

### **What to do if your child is unwell:**

If your child is displaying any of the **three main covid symptoms**:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste – this means they have noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or that things smell or taste different to normal

### **You need to arrange for a PCR test.**

If your child is unwell with symptoms other than those above, examples below:

- headache
- sore throat
- aches and pains
- runny nose

**You should arrange for your child to have an LFD test.** Please note that this is not an exhaustive list and we recommend that your child takes an LFD if they are unwell in any way.

### **Other times when we recommend that your child take a test:**

- 1) **If your child has been identified as a close contact (for example if someone in their class has tested positive) – 7 days of LFDs (to be taken in the morning before coming to school).**

### **When to isolate**

If your child has any or the three main symptoms listed above, they must isolate pending the result of their PCR.

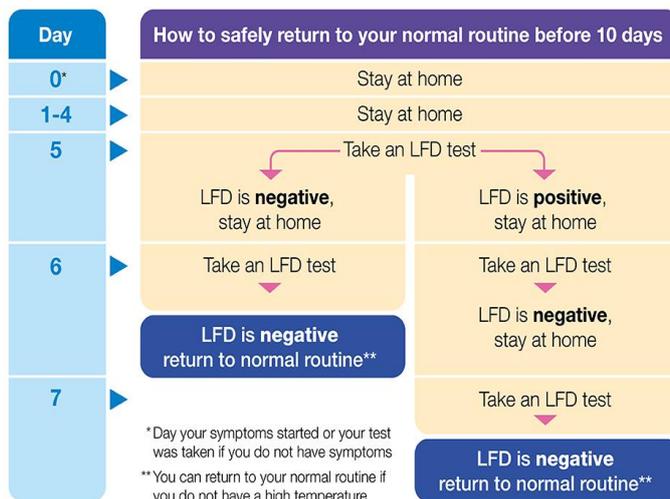
If your child tests positive on an LFD or PCR then they must follow government guidelines and isolate for up to ten days.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

Please note confirmatory PCRs are not required following a positive LFD.

The ten day isolation period can be reduced following two negative LFDs taken on day 5 and the morning of day 6 (the tests must be 24 hours apart).

Until such a time that 2 negative LFD tests have been taken 24 hours apart from each other (the first on the morning of the 5<sup>th</sup> day) your child must continue to isolate for up to ten days.



## Dates for your diary

Date	Event
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parents' Link Quiz Night – PM</li> </ul>
W/C Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parent/Teacher Meetings via Google Classroom</li> </ul>
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Head from St Mary's Ascot visiting</li> </ul>
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coffee Morning / Art Exhibition for Reception parents in the School Hall – 9.30am</li> </ul>
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 2 Sponsored Talent Show for CAFOD Appeal</li> <li>Year 5 Bring and Buy Sale for CAFOD Appeal</li> </ul>
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 1 Mass</li> <li>Mini Movie Night for EYFS – TBC</li> <li>Deadline to bring non-perishable food into school for Fr Terry's Food Bank</li> </ul>
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nursery Sponsored Walk for CAFOD Appeal</li> <li>Year 3 Sponsored Times Table Test for CAFOD Appeal</li> </ul>
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 6 Passion Play Performance to Year 6 parents – 11.00am</li> <li><b>School closes for Easter Holiday – Please see collection timings below:</b>   <b>11.50 – Year 6 Class</b>  <b>12:00 – Nursery &amp; Reception Classes</b>  <b>12.10 – Year 1 to Year 3 Classes</b>  <b>12.15 – Year 4 and Year 5</b> </li> </ul>
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff INSET</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Children return – Children to wear Summer Uniform</b></li> </ul>
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 3 &amp; 4 Residential Trip Meeting for Parents via Zoom – 4.00pm</li> </ul>
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whole School Mass led by Staff</li> </ul>
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubs begin</li> <li>Year 5 &amp; 6 Football Fixture – away game</li> </ul>
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TFL Safety and Citizenship Presentation to Year 6</li> </ul>
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Athlete visit</li> </ul>
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Junior Mathematics Challenge</li> </ul>
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mass led by Year 6</li> </ul>

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED</li> </ul>
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Class Photographs – AM</li> <li>• Year 5 &amp; 6 Residential Trip Meeting for parents via Zoom via 4.00pm</li> </ul>
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mass led by Year 2</li> </ul>
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 3 &amp; 4 Residential Trip</li> </ul>
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 5 &amp; 6 Debate competition – 4pm-7pm</li> <li>• Year 5 &amp; 6 Cricket Fixture – away game</li> </ul>
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mass led by Year 5</li> </ul>
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saint Rafaela Feast Day</li> <li>• Year 5 &amp; 6 Cricket Fixture – away game</li> </ul>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Holy Communion – Year 3</li> </ul>
W/C Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 5 &amp; 6 Residential Trip to Buxton</li> </ul>
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 5 &amp; 6 return</li> <li>• Joan of Arc House Mass led by Year 3 &amp; 4</li> <li>• SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR THE HALF TERM HOLIDAY</li> </ul>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pupils and Staff return</li> <li>• Year 6 Cycle Training – all week</li> </ul>
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 6 Cricket Fixture – away game</li> </ul>
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mass led by Year 4</li> </ul>
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EYFS &amp; KS1 Sports Day – AM TBC</li> </ul>
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KS2 Sports Day – PM TBC</li> </ul>
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 6 Cricket Fixture – away game</li> </ul>
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 5 Cricket Fixture – away game</li> </ul>
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Buddies Mass led by Year 6 &amp; Reception</li> </ul>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Class Change Over</li> </ul>
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prize Giving – KS2</li> </ul>
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 6 Leavers' Mass</li> <li>• SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR THE SUMMER HOLIDAY – timings TBC</li> </ul>

## Autumn Term 2022

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> & Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
September

- Staff INSET

**MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

- **PUPILS RETURN**

Please note: Policies can be found on the School Website – please click link below:

<https://www.saintchristinas.org.uk/our-school/policies/>