

St Charles Newsletter

9th November 2018



Religious Life of the School

On 1st November Fr Peter celebrated Mass in Pius X which we all attended to mark the feast of All Saints. We also remembered our Patron Saint, St Charles at that Mass and again at our Friday assembly on 2nd November, which was presented by 1S.

RE Home learning

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

Using the Wednesday Word reflect on the questions below with your family.

You will have an opportunity to discuss them next week in School.

Gospel reflection: What do you remember from the gospel reading?

- Why did Jesus say to his disciples that they should beware of the scribes?
- What does 'making show of lengthy prayers' mean?
- Why is the poor widow better than the rich people?
- Can you think of a way we can be more like the poor widow without giving all our money to away?

Remembrance

November is traditionally the month when we remember the Holy Souls. At this time, we also remember those who died in war. We have been supporting the work of the British Legion in the run up to Remembrance Sunday who are very grateful for children's contributions.



Thank you also to 5A for their wonderful Remembrance Assembly this morning. Please take the time to visit our poppy display in the garden area near the KS2 apparatus.

PFA Christmas Event

The PFA are planning to run a Christmas Event on **Friday 7th December**. For this to go ahead and be successful, we need more parents to volunteer. The greater the number of volunteers, the better the event. If you think you may be available, please contact Vikki Tarbuck on 07970997243 who will put you on the pop up committee WhatsApp group!

Anti-bullying Week: 12th -16th November

Children will enjoy a range of activities throughout next week to explore bullying and what we can do to stop it from happening. The theme of the week is "Chose respect over bullying".



During this week, we want to help our pupils understand:

- The definition of Respect.
- That bullying is a behaviour choice.
- That not everyone has to be your friend, but everyone deserves respect.
- That we need to respect each other both face to face and on line.

On Tuesday, we shall celebrate World Kindness Day and on Thursday 15th November all children and staff are invited to wear blue to stand united against bullying.

Whole school evacuation practice

We practise fire drills frequently. However, in response to the present climate, we also need to practise for other eventualities, including evacuations and lockdowns. On Tuesday this week, we practised our fire drill and we all congregated in the KS2 playground within 2 minutes of the fire bell being rung.



Attendance

I am delighted that attendance this academic year to date is 96.96%. This is 1.4% up on this time last year.



Please inform the office in good time when your child has a medical appointment and bring the appointment card or letter for us to copy and keep on file.

If your child is not at school, please make sure that you contact the office before 10am on the morning of the each day of absence.

Medical and other appointments

The NHS Childhood Immunisation Team will be visiting St Charles on **Monday 26th November** when the pupils in Reception - Year 5 will receive their nasal flu vaccine. Please remember to return the permission slip to your child's class teacher.



There will also be a Dental Survey for 5 year old children on **Thursday 6th December**. Consent forms will be sent home in advance of this. Public Health England (London) has developed a short video for schools and parents that explains what happens during the survey. Please click on the link below to watch the video or search "PHE School Dental Surveys" on YouTube.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BzrjK8HRpD8>

Punctuality

Huge congratulations to **5A** who were the most punctual class for the last 2 weeks.



Minutes late: 29 th October - 9 th November					
Class	previous	current	Class	previous	current
NM	114	215	3/4B	93	60 🌟
RA	158	143 🌟	4B	94	42 🌟
1S	131	152	5A	70	7 🌟
1/2F	139	186	5/6H	198	172 🌟
2T	129	146	6F	17	19
3D	168	257			

If your child arrives at school after the 9 o'clock bell has rung, it is necessary for him/her to collect a late card from the office. Children will then give it to their class teacher. Parent/s of Reception children will be expected to wait with their child/ren for up to 15 minutes until a member of staff is available to take them over. **Parent/s are not permitted beyond the office after this time.**

Creating Even Stronger Communities

We know that our communities are strong and resilient, but we also know that we can make them even stronger. With this in mind, the Council has been carrying out a series of conversations, workshops and drop-in sessions to get the views of as many people as possible. This work has started in North Kensington, and the Council is keen to get everyone's views.

Everyone is welcome to come along to the Ideas Day the Council will be holding on 17th November at Kensington Leisure centre. This will be an opportunity for you to take a look at all the feedback received so far, have a further chance to have your say, find out more about the wide range of services and activities already available in the borough, and have the opportunity to talk to Council services. Refreshments and fun activities for children will be available all day. The information and priorities gathered on the day will be used to develop, with the community, a strategy and action plan for the future.

The website - strongercommunities.rbkc.gov.uk - is another way you can find out more, give your views and see what people have said.

Breakfast Club

Booking is now open for breakfast club Spring term. Breakfast club runs from 8am and costs £3 per child, per day. Bring your completed booking form to the office. **Booking is essential. This is not a drop-in service and parents will be rung and asked to collect their child if no booking has been made.**

Learning and Action Heroes

Congratulations to the following children who were recognised for making good choices during the weeks beginning 29th October and 5th November:

	Action Hero		Learning Hero	
	29/10	05/11	29/10	05/11
RA	Caelan	Amaia	Adon	Paulius
1S	Ruby	Sophia	Frankie	Elisha
1/2F	Teddy	Sofia	Demi	Ritchie
2T	Cailida	Joshua	Sofia	Valentina
3D	All Saints Mass	Leanne	All Saints Mass	Aferata
3/4B		Science Museum		Science Museum
4B		Malaika		Scarlett
5A		Louis		Javorn
5/6H		Star		Naila
6F		Buckden Towers		Buckden Towers

Term Dates

Autumn Term - 2018

Second Half Term

Last Day of School - Friday 21st December - **1.45pm**
- *School Closed*

Holidays - Monday 24th December - Friday 4th January 2019

Spring Term - 2019

First Half Term

Staff Training - Monday 7th January - School Closed

First Day of School - Tuesday 8th January

Last Day of School - Friday 15th February

Half Term - Monday 18th February - Friday 22nd February

Second Half Term

First Day of School - Monday 25th February

Last Day of School - Friday 12th April - **1.45pm**
- *School Closed*

Easter Holiday - Monday 15th April - Friday 26th April

Summer Term - 2019

First Half Term

First Day of School - Monday 29th April

Bank Holiday - Monday 6th May - School Closed

Last Day of School - Friday 24th May

Half Term - Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May

Second Half Term

First Day of School - Monday 3rd June

Staff Training - Monday 1st July - School Closed

Last Day of School - Friday 19th July - **1.45pm**
- *School Closed*