

# St Charles Newsletter

## 7th December 2018



### Religious Life of the School

Last Monday evening, the boys and girls who are preparing for First Holy Communion came together with their parents to consider the themes of belonging and celebrating. They will come together again on Sunday when Fr. Peter will celebrate a preparation Mass in our parish church. Please pray for our pupils as they continue their sacramental journey.

### RE Home learning

**Gospel:** Luke 3:1-6

*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 do you think John was living in the desert?"
- What was a baptism of repentance?
- What is a prophet? Who was the voice crying in the desert?
- What is Isaiah describing?

### Medical Appointments

Medical and dental appointments should be made outside school hours. Our pupils need to be in school so that their learning can move forward. Every appointment during the school day interrupts their learning and will hinder their progress. Thank you for your support with this.



### Governors' Building Fund

Thank you to all of you who have responded so generously to our Governors' Building Fund; and a gentle reminder to those of you who would still like to make a donation to return it to the office please.

### Attendance

I am delighted that attendance this academic year to date is 96.89%.

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.

### PFA Christmas Fair

Huge thanks are due to Vikki Tarbuck and Katie Barth von Wehrenalp for the time and energy they put into arranging our Christmas event today. Any event like this depends on the support and commitment of willing volunteers.

Thank you to them and the other helpers who came today and who supported in the background for making this celebration possible.

### Music

On Sunday, our choir represented St Charles School at a Service of Light in St Mark's Park for the Pembridge Hospice, St Charles Hospital. They were a credit to the school and to you, their parents. Thank you for allowing us to take our choir to this service. It was very much appreciated.



Last Wednesday our choir represented us magnificently at the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations of the Voices Foundation. The children joined pupils from "Voices Foundation" schools all over the country at St John's Smith Square.

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December, the choir will represent St Charles at the RBKC Christmas Festival in the Town Hall.

Thank you to Mrs Sebuyira for leading our outstanding music provision at St Charles.

### Survey Monkey

The Borough is currently undertaking a Childcare Sufficiency Assessment (CSA). The CSA measures both the supply of, and demand for, early years and childcare provision across the borough. The Local Authority has a statutory duty to assess the local childcare market. In order to do this, they are consulting parents. To complete the survey, please log onto the link below:

[www.rbkc.gov.uk/childcaresurvey](http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/childcaresurvey)

## Clubs

Clubs have finished for this term. Spring term sign up will take place on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

Registration for KS2 Animation Club, which will run on a Wednesday, can be done online. Details were distributed to KS2 earlier this week.

## Christmas Shows

The dates for the Christmas shows are as follows:

The Foundation Stage (Nursery and Reception) Christmas Concert will take place at 10am on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**.

The KS1 Concert (1S, 1/2F and 2T) will take place at 11am on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**.

All concerts will take place in the school hall. On the same day, the children will have their Christmas lunch and are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers. Mr Lynch is writing separately about this.



On **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December** the Key Stage 2 (3D, 3/4B, 4B, 5A, 5/6H and 6F) will take part in a carol service in our parish church, Pius X at 6pm.

On the final day of term, Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December, we will have our annual carol service in the church at 10am.

The raffle will take place at the Key Stage 1 concert on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you to Jackie Domican for arranging this.

## Learning and Action Heroes

Congratulations to the following children who were recognised for making good choices during the weeks beginning 26<sup>th</sup> November and 3<sup>rd</sup> December:



	<u>Action Hero</u>		<u>Learning Hero</u>	
	26/11	03/12	26/11	03/12
RA	Darcie	Elijah	Joanna	Nathan
1S	Nayara	Noah	Elnathan	Romeyo
1/2F	Jimmy-Joe	Teo	Teddy	Phoebe
2T	Oliver	Victoria	Ana Gabriella	Sarah
3D	Sofia	Marlon	Contezza	Genesis
3/4B	Ezekiel	Ameenat	Mrad	Sophia H.
4B	Kai	Nina	Oscar	Naomi
5A	Jake	Joanna	Tania	Troy
5/6H	Sina	Amayyah	Star	Henos B.
6F	Billy	Mateus	Gregory	Emmanuella

## School trips

On Wednesday 5/6H and 5A visited Westminster Cathedral. They had the opportunity to participate in the annual carol service run by the Catholic Children Society.

## 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.**

## Punctuality

Huge congratulations to **6F** who were the most punctual class for the last 2 weeks.



<b>Minutes late: 26<sup>th</sup> November - 7<sup>th</sup> December</b>					
Class	previous	current	Class	previous	current
NM	179	150 😊	3/4B	144	86 😊
RA	191	208	4B	173	165 😊
1S	298	230 😊	5A	99	81 😊
1/2F	173	177	5/6H	198	268
2T	72	143	6F	58	64 🌟
3D	204	185 😊			

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.**

## Contact Details

It is a requirement that the school has a minimum of **2 emergency telephone contact numbers** for your child. We need to be able to contact you at all times. It is vitally important that we have your up to date contact details at all times. **If your phone number/s or address have changed, please inform the office.**

## Term Dates

### Autumn Term - 2018

#### *Second Half Term*

Last Day of School - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December - **1.45pm**  
- *School Closed*

Holidays - Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December - Friday 4th January 2019

### Spring Term - 2019

#### *First Half Term*

**Staff Training - Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January - School Closed**

First Day of School - Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January

Last Day of School - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February

**Half Term - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**