

# St Charles Newsletter

## 21st December 2018



### Religious Life of the School

Our Year 3s came together on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December for a First Holy Communion Mass. They will receive the sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time in May. We wish them well as they continue their sacramental journey.

### St Charles Published Results 2018

Last week, the Government published results for all primary schools in England. According to the figures, St Charles is in the top 10% of all schools in the country for progress for both Reading and Maths. This means that our pupils made significantly better progress between KS1 and KS2 than pupils with similar results in KS1 nationally. Compared with all other schools in Kensington and Chelsea, St Charles is ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> for Reading and 6<sup>th</sup> for Maths in terms of progress.

As we previously published, 91% of pupils achieved the expected standard in Reading and Maths and 88% in Writing. 81% of pupils achieved the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths combined. Again, these figures are significantly above the national figures where 64% achieved the expected standard for all subjects combined. The percentage of pupils achieving the higher standard in St Charles was high in all subjects with 58% achieving this standard in Reading, 26% in Writing and 53% in Maths.

I am sure you will join me in celebrating these outstanding results which are a testament to the hard work of all pupils and teachers. Well done St Charles!



### Attendance

I am delighted that attendance this academic year to date is 96.4%. This is a tremendous improvement 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.



% Attendance 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept. - 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec.	
3/4B	97.6%
3D	97.5%
1/2F	97.4%
RA	97.1%
4B	96.7%
2T & 5A	96.6%
5/6H	96.5%
6F	95.6%
1S	95.1%
NH	93.6%

### Punctuality

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



Minutes late: 10 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> December					
Class	previous	current	Class	previous	current
NM	150	260	3/4B	86	109
RA	208	167	4B	165	199
1S	230	219	5A	81	71
1/2F	177	198	5/6H	268	532
2T	143	108	6F	64	56
3D	185	202			

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.**



## Christmas Events

A huge thank you to all our wonderful teachers and support staff for the tremendous effort they put into our Christmas concerts. On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, the Nursery, who have not performed on our stage before, reminded us about the Christmas story with their Nativity play. Reception and KS1 followed. It is wonderful to see the progression from Nursery to Year 2.

On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December, KS2 came together in the church and presented their Celebration of Christmas. Thank you to all our parents who attended and waited patiently at the end so that our children could be dismissed safely.

Congratulations to all the children who performed with confidence and enthusiasm. The weekly assemblies prepare our children so well for these events. Thank you especially to Mrs Sebuyira whose musicianship is key to our success at this time of year.

During the KS1 show we had our annual raffle. Thank you to Jackie Domican for arranging this, to the staff who donated the prizes and to all of you who contributed so generously. The money raised was converted into Sainsbury's vouchers and presented to Father Peter to support those who do not have enough this Christmas.

On Wednesday last week the children all enjoyed their Christmas lunch.

Father Christmas visited the Foundation Years, KS1 and KS2 on Wednesday.

## St Charles Choir

Our choir has been in high demand and very busy in the run up to Christmas. On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, they performed at the Service of Light for St Charles Hospital in St Mark's Park. On the 7<sup>th</sup> December, they performed at our PFA Christmas Fair.

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December they performed at the RBKC Christmas Festival. They also performed during the KS2 celebration of Christmas on Monday night. Thank you to Mrs Sebuyira for leading the choir and this group of pupils which comes to school early every Wednesday to practise before school begins. The choir also performed at our end of term carol service this morning, along with our orchestra. They really have earned a break over Christmas!



## Food

Please remember that St Charles is a nut free school. We have pupils at school who are allergic to nuts. It is essential that pupils with packed lunch do not bring nuts as part of their meal. On a different but related note, the kitchen staff have been busy trying new menus which the children are enjoying. Please encourage your child to try the new options which this week included garlic bread, spaghetti Bolognese and pizza which we haven't had for some time.

## 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.**

## SEND Coffee Morning - 31<sup>st</sup> January at 9am

Please join Mrs Byrne in the Dining Hall for the Annual SEND Coffee Morning. This is an opportunity to meet informally, look at the SEN information report and talk about your child/ren.

Remember you can find information about the RBKC Local offer on their website [www.rbkc.gov.uk/localoffer](http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/localoffer)

## Mind Up Curriculum

Over the Autumn term your child/ren would have been understanding how their brains work and how their brains can influence their thinking. They have also been participating in "Brain Breaks" to prepare their minds to learn. Please talk with your child/ren about what they have learnt this term.

## Panto

Thank you to all of you who have responded so generously with panto contributions. The panto is only being offered to our pupils in Foundation and KS1 this year. Unfortunately we are no longer able to sustain the shortfall which always occurs and usually costs the school at least 50% of the fee.

We are hoping that KS2 classes will be able to enjoy Classical spectacular in March. However, this will depend on the take up of voluntary contributions provided by you. Sadly the school is no longer able to subsidise or absorb the costs of these events.

As I wish you all a happy Christmas and a Happy New Year, I take this opportunity to thank you for supporting us through this year. It is only by working collaboratively that we are able to achieve all we do.

**We will welcome the children back to School at 9am on Tuesday 8th January 2019.**

