

St Charles Newsletter

1st February 2019



Religious Life of the School

The Year 3s will come together on Monday evening as they continue their First Holy Communion preparation. On Sunday 10th February, they will attend a First Holy Communion preparation Mass on the theme of peace. In preparation for this same weekend, children are invited to bring their "Pennies for Peace" to school where they will be counted and presented to the parish to support the work of Pax Christi.

RE Home Learning

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

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 were the people astonished by what Jesus said?
- What did Jesus mean when he said, "No prophet is ever accepted in his own country"?
- What did Jesus say to make everyone so angry? What do you think he meant by these words?
- How do you think Jesus felt when he managed to slipped away from the crowd?

Parking

Thank you to the vast majority of you who park sensibly and legally outside our school. Please park in the designated bays. Double parking or blocking entrances/gates creates a potentially dangerous situation and may cause injury. The police and traffic warden will be outside school and issue fines over the next few weeks.



Parents' Evening

Parent teacher consultations will take place on **Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th February 2019**. Letters to reserve appointments will be sent out on Monday.



On **Tuesday 12th February**, school will finish at **3.15pm** and meetings with parents will run from 4.00-6.00pm. **All children must be picked up at 3.15pm.**

On **Thursday 14th February**, school will close at 2.30pm when children will need to be picked up. Meetings will run from 3.15-5.15pm.

Please be reminded that NO after school clubs will run on 12th and 14th February.

If you are bringing your children back to school for these appointments, please make sure that they stay with you so that they are supervised and safe at all times.

During both evenings, representatives from the Grenfell Health and Wellbeing Service will be available should any parent wish to talk to them about their children's wellbeing following the fire at Grenfell. This is a free and confidential service for children and adults affected by the events of the Grenfell Tower fire.

Wellbeing Week

Thank you to Miss Thwaite who coordinated our wellbeing week at St Charles this week. All our pupils enjoyed participating in a wide range of activities including PE, Yoga and Zumba.

Sadly, the whole school aerobics session was cancelled today due to the adverse weather.

On Wednesday morning, Mrs Desmond, MindUp coordinator invited parents to the MindUp Workshop. Carolyn Gelenter our consultant ran a very informative parent workshop where she introduced our MindUp curriculum and how this can be integrated into home routines. Carolyn spent the whole day with the school observing MindUp lessons and viewing the display boards around the school. She was very impressed with the ethos and all the school does for the wellbeing of the children. She is due to visit St Charles during the summer term when you will be invited to another session. Thank you to Mrs Desmond for her hard work.

Nursery Application Forms

Nursery applications for September 2019 must be as soon as possible. Children must have been born between 01/09/2015 and 31/08/2016 to be eligible to start in September. Practising Catholics should visit their Parish Priest for a reference. If you are part of the Parish of St Pius X, Father Peter is available to sign applications on Tuesdays between 9 and 10.30am.

Learning and Action Heroes

Congratulations to the following children who were recognised for making good choices during the week beginning 21st and 28th January:

	Action Hero		Learning Hero	
	21/01	28/01	21/01	28/01
RA	Lily Rose	Richy	Joanna	Beau
1S	Andrie	Angelica	Rafael	Sophia B
1/2F	Mia	Darcy	Imran	Demi
2T	Katelyn	Joshua	Cailida	Gloria
3D	Contessa		Christopher	
3/4B	Isabelle		Adriano	
4B	Chloe		Kai	
5A	Louis		Berta	
5/6H	Sienna		Paris	
6F	Nathalia		Freya	

Attendance

The attendance this academic year to date is 96.35%. This is slightly down on earlier in the 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 each day of absence.

Punctuality

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.**



Minutes late: 21 st January - 1 st February					
Class	previous	current	Class	previous	current
NM	260	266	3/4B	109	144
RA	167	261	4B	199	95 🤗
1S	219	112 🤗	5A	71	22 🌟
1/2F	198	330	5/6H	532	270 🤗
2T	108	152	6F	56	92
3D	202	281			

Huge congratulations to **5A** who were the most punctual class over the last week. They get Charles, our 'early bird' trophy, this week.

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.



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.

Uniform

As you know, we are a uniform school which includes: blue school coat, navy jumper/cardigan, school tie, black/navy leather shoes, white (girls)/black/grey socks, white shirt. If you allow your child to come to school without the correct uniform, you risk instilling in them a disregard for authority. This could have serious repercussions later on, for example being excluded from secondary school. Thank you to the vast majority who send their children to school in full school uniform. **Some pupils are being sent home with letters highlighting the piece of uniform they are missing.** Please ensure that your child's uniform is clearly labelled with their name and return to the lost property box in the office any uniform items that do not belong to your child.

Term Dates 2018-19

Spring Term - 2019

Last Day of School - Friday 15th February

Half Term - Monday 18th - 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 - 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 - Friday 31st May