

# St Charles Newsletter

## 22nd March 2019



### Religious Life of the School

During Lent our KS2 classes have been participating in the 10am Mass on Wednesdays in the Parish.

This week our classes in lower KS2 went to Mass with their teachers.

Our Lenten promises continue to be displayed in the hall as a reminder of the promises we made.

### Mass for people with Special Needs

On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March, Fr. Peter will celebrate Mass in our parish church, Pius X at 1pm. This Mass is being celebrated for those with special needs and their families and friends. There will be refreshment served after Mass in the new parish centre. Fr Peter is extending an invitation to all parishioners who would like to attend this Mass.

### RE Home Learning

**Gospel:** Luke 13:1-9

*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 the man want to cut down the fig tree?
- What did the servant say?
- Why do you think happened next?
- What was the meaning of this parable? What message was Jesus trying to give?

### Safeguarding

We all share a collective responsibility to keep our children safe. Please do not go into the children's toilets to accompany your child to the toilet at any time. If your KS1 child wishes to use the toilet before school, they can use the ones near the Reception classes. You are welcome to wait outside for them. KS2 pupils are able to use their own toilets independently. If you need to accompany your child, please use the toilet in the office. You will appreciate that we need to protect and safeguard all children.

### Parking

I have written to you previously about parking legally and safely outside our school. Last week, our neighbours complained about the congestion around the school in the mornings and the afternoons. Could I please remind you about the need to park in designated areas in the interest of the safety of our pupils, parents and neighbours. When the road is blocked it means that emergency vehicles including ambulances cannot pass by.



### Afterschool childcare

Thank you for the great response we have received regarding the proposed afterschool childcare provision.

The response so far would suggest that the Energy Kidz offer will start after May half term for a trial period. Details will be confirmed as soon as possible.

### KS2 SATs meeting

There will be a meeting on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 3.20pm** in Mr Fowle's classroom (6F) to discuss the Year 6 end of year SATs tests. The aim of the meeting will be to explain what the tests involve, to go through the arrangements for SATs week and to share ideas to help you support your child during that time.

### Book Fair

Following our celebration of World Book Day when our children and staff

enjoyed the opportunity of dressing up as their



favourite book character, we

will welcome our annual Book Fair next week. This will give everyone the opportunity to browse through and buy some books which you can share with your children at home. Thank you to Miss Flynn who will be arranging this.

### The Learning Pit

We have introduced The Learning Pit at St Charles as a tool to help children during their learning. The Learning Pit was developed by James Nottingham as an analogy to help children recognise and understand why challenge leads to enhanced learning. It fits in well with our MindUp agenda and Growth Mindsets. At St Charles we will be using The Learning Pit to assist children to visualise their learning journey and see the purpose in what they are learning as well as understanding why challenge and effective feedback are important.

## Learning and Action Heroes

Congratulations to the following children who were recognised for making good choices during the week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> March:



	Action Hero		Learning Hero	
	11/03	18/03	11/03	18/03
RA	Paulius	Louisa	Shay	Mesuna
1S	Jacob	Kassius	Aaliyah	Isha
1/2F	Franky	Amelie	Mia	Aseey
2T	Kimberly	Juliette	Gloria	Ana Gabriella
3D	Darasimi		Laurie	
3/4B	Monty		Aleksander	
4B	Scarlett		Aron	
5A	Luiz		Troy	
5/6H	Elettra		Jermaine	
6F	Emaan		Jack	

## Attendance

The attendance this academic year to date is 96.45%.

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: 11 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup> March					
Class	previous	current	Class	previous	current
NM	174	217	3/4B	43	67
RA	205	256	4B	67	110
1S	95	142	5A	23	30
1/2F	104	132	5/6H	49	50
2T	122	57 <sup>🤪</sup>	6F	36	28 <sup>🌟</sup>
3D	113	161			

Huge congratulations to **6F** who were the most punctual class over the last week.

## 5A Museum London Visit and Mud larking on River

Last Friday, 5A visited the Museum of London and went mud larking to find old pieces of material from many years ago. Firstly we learned about where the materials may have come from and sorted them into groups. We were surprised to find animal bones amongst glass and bricks with inscriptions.

Along the foreshore of the River Thames, we took part in some challenges that were fun but quite difficult. One of the challenges, the "Pottery Challenge" involved finding old pieces of pottery from different time periods in history e.g Roman, medieval, Tudor or Georgian. It was tricky to find Roman pieces- can you guess why?

As a class, we found a large collection of interesting items such as a phone, jawbones containing teeth, an old pair of glasses, Victorian pottery and a piece of blackened clay from the Great Fire of London! We thoroughly enjoyed our trip and learnt a lot about how people lived and how some items ended up in the river. We definitely recommend the trip and thank Ms Afolabi for planning the trip and letting us go!  
Written by Isabella and Tania

## Term Dates 2018-19

### Spring Term - 2019

#### Second Half Term

Last Day of School - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April - **1.45pm** - School Closed

Easter Holiday - Monday 15<sup>th</sup> - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April

### Summer Term - 2019

#### First Half Term

First Day of School - Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April

Bank Holiday - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May - School Closed

Last Day of School - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Half Term - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May

#### Second Half Term

First Day of School - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Staff Training - Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July - School Closed

Last Day of School - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July - **1.45pm** - School Closed

## Term Dates 2019-20

### Autumn Term - 2019

#### First Half Term

Staff Training - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September - School Closed

First Day of School - Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

Last Day of School - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October

Half Term - Monday 21<sup>st</sup> - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

#### Second Half Term

First Day of School - Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October

Last Day of School - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December - **1.30pm** - School Closed

Holidays - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2020