

St Charles Newsletter

6th March 2020



LENT

Religious Life of the School

The Year 3s will take part in their First Holy Communion preparation Mass on Sunday in our local Parish church. Please pray for them on their sacramental journey.

RE Home Learning

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

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?

- What does transfigured mean?
- Who were Elijah and Moses? What do you know about them?
- What did God say?
- Why did Jesus tell the others not to tell anyone about what had happened until after he had died?

Ash Wednesday and Lent

We celebrated Ash Wednesday last week marking the beginning of Lent. We are marking this season in the church's calendar by making our Lenten promises. These are displayed in the hall to remind us about our promises and how we want to live and be more like Jesus during this time.

During Lent our KS2 classes will have the opportunity to attend the 10am Mass on Wednesdays which Fr Peter celebrates in our Parish church.



Parent Election

Mr Lynch wrote to you yesterday inviting parent nominations for School Governor. Parent Governors are elected to office for a maximum of four years. Although they may stand down if their child leaves the school, they do to have to. Any parent of the school is welcome to nominate themselves. Please consider coming forward so that you can influence and support our wonderful group of governors who work so hard on our behalf in a voluntary capacity.

Afterschool childcare

Fruity Club started on Monday 24th February and is going very well. The sessions run from 3.15pm to 6.30pm and the cost is £9 per session.

Each afternoon, the children get the opportunity to do their homework and play together. They also enjoy a hot meal. If you are interested in this for your child, please email the team at admin@fruityclub.co.uk for more information.

Music at St Charles

On Wednesday this week 5/6H enjoyed a fantastic workshop led by Opera Holland Park followed by a one hour concert in the afternoon with service users from Chamberlain House. It was a truly wonderful experience enjoyed by all.

Today the Albert's Band from the Royal Albert Hall visited St Charles and spent the afternoon with Year 3 making music and having great fun! This culminated with a short concert for KS2 - great preparation for our trip to Classical Spectacular in a couple of weeks. Next week is another busy week with 2T taking part in the Infant Voices Festival on Thursday at Kensington Town Hall and on Friday students from the Royal College of Music are coming into school to deliver workshops to four classes. Also on that day some of our wind and brass players are heading to the Town Hall for a 'Playing Day' with children from across the TriBorough.

Look out for pictures from all these events on our twitter.

Coronavirus

The advice about maintaining Personal hygiene is the most important way we can tackle COVID-19, especially washing hands more; and the catch it, bin it, kill it strategy for those with coughs and sneezes. Wash your hands more often for 20 seconds with soap and hot water. In addition to handwashing before eating and after sneezing, both children and staff should also wash hands after using toilets and after travelling on public transport.

Please help us in sharing simple and effective hand hygiene messages which are displayed throughout our school.

World Book Day

Yesterday, we celebrated World Book Day. St Charles was a sea of colour despite the rain. Thank you to all our mums and dads who went to huge lengths to ensure our children dressed up as their favourite book character.

During the week beginning Monday 23rd March, we will be having our annual book fair. After school each day, you will have the opportunity to visit our fair and buy books for you and your children to share at home. Miss Flynn is distributing the book vouchers today.

Gold Level accreditation

Thank you to Miss Thwaite our PHSE coordinator who submitted our travel award application.

St Charles has been awarded the gold award in recognition of achievement for active and safer travel initiatives.

Scooters

One of the reasons we were awarded our gold accreditation for active and safe travel is because of the amount of children who cycle or scoot to school instead of coming by car.

Please park your child's scooter/bicycle in the area provided beside the outside Reception learning area. Bikes and scooters should not be parked near the office as they can be a trip hazard.

Attendance

The attendance this academic year to date is 95.56%.

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.



Learning and Action Heroes

Congratulations to the following children who were recognised for making good choices during the week beginning 24th February and 2nd March:

	Action Hero		Learning Hero	
	24/02	02/03	24/02	02/03
RMS	Kathleen	Isla	Nancy	Kody
1D	Shay	Oscar	Antoine	Beau
1/2F	Precious	Precious	Livia	Amelie
2T	Elisha	Kara	Sean	Frankie
3H	Zeena	Juliette	Sarah	Joshua
3/4D	Mrad	Isabelle	Imran	Naiara
4H	Luliyana	Rebecca	Marlon	Olivia
5A	Vini	Jessica	Dominik	Islan
5/6H	Amaiyah	Star	Ezekiel	Sophia H.
6F	Tianha	Mikias	Xyryl	Olivia

Uniform

Thank you again for the significant response to the reminder about wearing full school uniform. There is now a minority of pupils who are not wearing full school uniform including our school coat, but I am delighted that this number is diminishing.

If your child is missing an item of uniform, you will receive a note from the class teacher.

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: 24 th February - 6 th March					
Class	previous	current	Class	previous	current
NA	264	202 🤗	3/4D	81	101
RMS	206	43 🤗	4H	128	85 🤗
1D	75	97	5A	167	82 🤗
1/2F	265	174 🤗	5/6H	118	108 🤗
2T	443	253 🤗	6F	145	28 🤗
3H	93	262			

Huge congratulations to **6F** who were the most punctual class over the last week. They get Charles, our 'early bird' trophy, this week.

One You RBKC: Free Healthy Lifestyle Service and Free Training

One You Westminster is a free healthy lifestyle service offering a range of stop smoking and healthy lifestyle activities to residents of Westminster and RBKC.

They offer a one to one stop smoking service where participants will get support from one of their specially trained advisors to help quit. Alternatively, residents can access a free health assessment with healthy lifestyle advisors who will take measurements such as weight, waist, blood pressure and cholesterol, before helping participants decide which activity, they would like to take part in. Classes/ workshops on offer include: weight management, exercise classes, healthy cooking classes and a range of holistic wellbeing workshops.

To find out more about what is offered offer please visit <https://oneyou.rbkc.gov.uk/> or call **020 3434 2500** to speak to the support team.

Term Dates 2019-20

Spring Term - 2020

Last Day of School - Thursday 2nd April - **1.45pm** - School Closed

Easter Holiday - Monday 6th April - Friday 17th April

Summer Term - 2020

First Half Term

First Day of School - Monday 20th April

Bank Holiday - Friday 8th May - School Closed

Last Day of School - Friday 22nd May