

St Charles Newsletter

9th October 2020

RE Life of the School

On Saturday 17th October, our Year 3 pupils will receive the sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time.

These children were preparing to receive their First Holy Communion in May and of course due to covid, this was postponed.

I am sure you join me in wishing them well as they continue their sacramental journey.

RE Home learning

Gospel: The Parable of the Wedding Feast (Matthew 22:1-10)

Using the Wednesday Word link below, read this Sunday's Gospel

and reflect on the questions below with your family.

You will have an opportunity to discuss them again next week in School.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/messenger?pid=MTA101634&v=5.5>

- What did Jesus say the Kingdom of Heaven was like?
- Why do you think the guests refused to go to the feast?
- Who is God in the parable? What does Jesus want us to learn from this parable?
- Why did Jesus want the chief priests and the elders to hear this parable?



School Photographs

The photographer will be taking the children's photographs in school

Monday 19th October. He will be taking individual photographs. In light of the current climate, sibling photographs will unfortunately not be available this year.

Please ensure that your child is in full and correct school uniform that day, as they should be every day!



Safeguarding and Security

In the interest of security and safeguarding, please do not hold the front gate open for anyone else if you have been given access to, or are leaving the site. At all times we need to know who is on site.

Medical Appointments

All doctor and dentist appointments should be booked outside school hours when possible. The office should be informed in advance when your child has a medical appointment and proof will be requested (text or letter).



Parking

Thank you for parking legally and safely outside our school. Please be aware that we are trying to keep our roads safe for our school community and our neighbours. Please make time to park safely so that you do not clog up the road and make it dangerous for others. A traffic warden has been outside the school in the recent past asking motorists to park in designated spaces. Earlier this week, cars were blocking the road outside the school making it impossible for any other vehicles to pass including ambulances/fire engines should the need have arisen.

Attendance

Congratulations to everyone on our excellent attendance. Our attendance figure is 94.4%, which is very good as we have had families isolating for up to 14 days due to covid symptoms.

Paulette and Mr Lynch will continue to monitor the registers and meet parents whose children have unexplained absences.

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.



Afternoon pick up

Thank you for supporting us with the new arrangements at the beginning and end of the day. Please ensure that your child is collected promptly by yourself or a responsible adult (**16 or over**). It is very upsetting for children to be left at school when everyone else has left and it is unfair to staff who have to care for children who are not collected on time because they are prevented from carrying out their planned tasks.

If you make an alternative pick up arrangement, please inform the school office **before 2.30pm** so the message can be relayed to the class teacher in good time. Nursery and Reception parents will be asked for a password.

Learning and Action Heroes

Congratulations to the following children who were recognised for making good choices during the weeks beginning 28th September and 5th October:

	Action Hero		Learning Hero	
	28/09	05/10	28/09	05/10
1D	Kien	Frida	Sofia	Kathleen
1/2F	Archie	Gabriella	Nancy	Zara
2T	Nicole	Joanna	Elijah	Shay
3H	Kassius	Joshua	Noah	Frankie
3/4D	Ritchie	Amelia	Amelie	Naiara
4H	Juliette	Zeena	Nojus	Freddie
5A	Jagoda	India	Matilda	Efrata
5/6G	Heidy	Maria	Dylan O.	Sophia H.
6F	Ralphy	Ralphy	Dominic	Rene

Year 6 positions of responsibility

Congratulations to Taina, our Head Girl for the forthcoming year. She will be assisted by Sofia who is taking on the role of Deputy Head Girl.

Monty has been appointed Head Boy and Oliver is Deputy Head Boy.

These pupils will be excellent ambassadors for our school this year and we wish them well. We have not appointed prefects yet or other boys and girls to other roles of responsibility as we are preserving the integrity of the phase bubbles. However, our Year 6s have made a great start and are enjoying being at the top of the school.

Scooters, Bicycles and Litter

Our pupils are encouraged to walk, cycle or scoot to school. For this reason, we provide an area at the front of the school where these should be parked.



We work hard to maintain our grounds.

Please help us with this and use the bins provided to dispose of litter.

Medicines

We are currently updating our medical records. If your child has an ongoing allergy or medical need, please inform the school. If your child has an allergy that requires an EpiPen or is prescribed an asthma pump, please bring in their Allergy Action Plan or Asthma Plan to the office asap.



There should be **two EpiPens per child** in school.



Our Neighbours

St Charles is on a residential street. Please be aware of this when you are coming to and leaving school. Recently, some of our neighbours have complained about the noise which our children and adults are making at the gate. Thank you for your cooperation.



Reading

In 2016, the National Literacy Trust recorded the highest levels of reading enjoyment to date, with nearly 6 in 10 children saying that they enjoy reading either very much or quite a lot

The report also shows that children who enjoy reading are more likely to do better at reading than their peers who don't enjoy it.

At age 14, children who enjoy reading



have an average reading age of 15.6 years, while those who don't enjoy reading have an average reading age of just 12 years, a difference of 3.6 years.

When you read with your child at home, please take the opportunity to talk to them about what they are reading. As well as actually reading with them, ask them questions on the text.

To improve their vocabulary and reading skills you can also ask them to summarise the main points as well as predicting what might happen next.

Term Dates 2020-21

Autumn Term - 2020

First Half Term

Last Day of School - Friday 23rd October

Half Term - Monday 26th - Friday 30th October

Second Half Term

First Day of School - Monday 2nd November

Last Day of School - Friday 18th December - **1.45pm**

- **School Closed**

Christmas Holiday - Monday 21st December - Friday 1st January 2021

Spring Term - 2021

First Half Term

Staff Training - Monday 4th January - **School Closed**

First Day of School - Tuesday 5th January

Last Day of School - Friday 12th February

Half Term - Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February