



St Charles' RC Primary School

17 February 2017

Together we follow Jesus' footsteps in our living and learning

This week's statement to live by was: ***"I cooperate with others in work and play"***

Dear Families

We are half way through the year already! The sun is shining and I hope you all have a wonderful half term holiday.

I want to say a special thank you to all of the children. They have worked so hard this year and we are delighted with their work. We are looking forward to seeing what other goals we can achieve over the next few months. I am sure you will enjoy science week coming up after half term! Will you save your teacher?



Lent



The season of Lent begins on Wednesday 1 March. To mark the beginning of our Lenten journey, all of our Key Stage 2 children will attend Mass at St Charles'

Church that morning, and there will be a liturgy in school for the Key Stage 1 children. This is at 1.15pm and families are welcome to join us. Any parents able to come and help walk the children to and from the Church, please let Mrs Ambrose or Mrs Siou know.

Lent is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday. As usual we have a number of fundraising activities planned and we will share the fundraising between CAFOD, and the following:

World Kidney Day	9 th March 2017
Red Nose Day	24 th March 2017

We will also be running some Fair Trade activities during Fair Trade fortnight (commencing 27th February).

Dance Festival

Year 3 children will be performing in the Newcastle Schools Dance Festival 2017 on Thursday 16th March. This will be in City Hall, Newcastle, 1:30pm – 3.45pm.

Children will leave school at approximately 12.15pm on the day.

More details about costumes will be sent out after half term.

The children will be dancing to a Lion King medley, and have loved the rehearsals so far!

Please note that there will be NO seat reservations despite the seat numbers that will be shown on the tickets. It is a "first come first seated" event.

Attendance

Our school target is 98% and so far we have achieved 97.41% attendance this academic year. Thank you also for your continued support with punctuality. The number of late marks has reduced by 115 for the same period as last year. It would be wonderful if we could have a week of 100% attendance.

World Book Day - 3rd March 2017

Here at St Charles' we will be celebrating our love of books and reading by participating in World Book Day. Although, the official date is Thursday 2nd March, we will be holding our events on Friday 3rd March.

The school theme this year is: 'Where will reading take you?' based the idea that reading can transport you anywhere you would like to go, be it through times, across the World or even in to other worlds.

Children (and staff) are welcome to come in costume as a character from one of their favourite books, if this character goes on a journey in the story that will be even better! Children will be issued with a passport on Monday 27th February to complete to bring with them to explain who they are.

We will be hosting a 'Come Read With Me' breakfast on Friday 3rd March and would like to invite families to come in to school with their children at 8.15am to enjoy breakfast and read together.

We will be asking for a donation of £2.50 towards the breakfast which will go towards restocking non-fiction books in the library.

We are delighted to have the Scholastic Book fair in school that week too and it will be open with books for sale from Monday 27th February to Thursday 2nd March after school every night. Please come and along and take a look at what's on offer as school earns free books based on the amount raised, all of which will be going in to the library for the children to enjoy.

Car Park



Please remember to take care when driving in the school carpark. Please do not sit in the car with the engine running whilst waiting to collect your child – the exhaust emissions are dangerous, particularly for young children. Help us to achieve our Eco School award!

Grass area next to School

We have received a complaint that some dog owners amongst our families are not picking up their dog mess. Many of our children play on the adjacent grass before and after school – please respect this public space and pick up after your dogs.

Nursery

2017-18 applications are now available from the website. The deadline for applications is 24 March 2017.

Sport

Well done to the Year 3 and 4 hockey team for making it to the finals afternoon. The boys and girls selected did themselves and the school very proud but were unable to bring home the trophy.

The boys' football team completed their round of fixtures in the Simpson League on Thursday evening with a win, a draw and a loss. The boys played extremely well throughout the three matches and were unlucky on occasions not to score more than they did. We started the matches in fifth place in the league and our results should

see us comfortably remain in the top half of the table. Well done boys for a thoroughly successful season.

Please note: The statement to live by for the week of the 27th February will be: ***“I try to use words that make the world a better place”***

Have a lovely break.

Mrs Nealings

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