



23 June 2017

This week's statement to live by was: "I try to accept forgiveness from others"

Dear Families,

We have had a very warm week in school this week! Please remember to bring in water and sun hats as I am hoping this lovely weather will continue.

**Well done Year 2 and Year 3 Gymnasts**

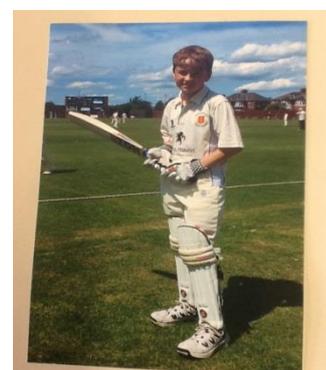
Congratulations to the gymnasts in Year 2 and Year 3 for representing the school so well at the citywide Key Steps gymnastics competition. The Year 3 children were a respectable 8th out of 14 teams whilst the Year 2 children won their heat. The Year 2 gymnasts will now go on to represent the city at the regional finals to be held early next month, and we all wish them luck.



**Other Sport**

A big well done to our athletes in Years 3 and 4 for competing so well in the Quadkids competition held recently. They were unable to win the competition but represented the school with great aplomb.

Well done to James in Year 6 for making his full county cricket debut earlier this week. James represented the Northumberland County Cricket Team at Under 11 level with great success. He was able to take his first wicket and was the third top scorer for Northumberland in a winning effort.



## **Oscar Romero Reflection**

Thank you to Mrs Higgins and to all of the families that joined us this week. It was a very emotional and moving experience. The reflections are open to everyone so please come and join us next year. Dates for next academic year will be published in September 2017.



## **PTA**

Thank you to the PTA for their kind donation of £4000 towards the school library. We hope to get it up and running as soon as possible.

## **School uniform**

The school uniform policy is now available on the school website under the Parents tab. Please note the change to PE shirts from September 2017. The blue shirts are available from Tots to Teams. The main reason for the change is safety when out of school. The children are wearing PE kits at sporting events; many schools have a plain white t-shirt and this makes it difficult to identify our children in a large crowd. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

## **Section 48 Inspection**

We had our Diocesan inspection this week and the outcomes will be shared with families as soon as the report comes into school. It was an extremely positive experience and I would like to thank all of the parents who took time to speak to the Inspector.

## **Staffing 2017-18**

We are delighted to have Mrs Ross and Mrs Watts return to school after their maternity leave on 3 July 2017 and 17 July respectively. Mrs Ross will be working across the school in September. For new families she has been at the school for 5 years and has taught in Year 1, Year 6 and covered classes throughout. Mrs Watts has worked at St Charles' for 9 years so lots of families know her very well. This means we have to say goodbye to some of the wonderful teachers that have been covering while Mrs Ross and Mrs Watts have been looking after their babies. Miss Pattison is moving to teach in Kiev and Mrs Hill is going to work part time. I would like to thank them both for their contribution to what has been an extremely successful year at St Charles'. Miss Rutherford is also leaving to work at Gosforth Central Middle School to continue to teach English across Key Stage 2 and 3. We all wish her every success and thank her for her contribution to St Charles' over the last two years. We are currently recruiting teaching assistants to work across school and will keep you updated as the academic year draws to a close. Mrs Higgins, Deputy Head Teacher will be leading on teaching and learning across the school.

Nursery	Mr Smith
Reception	Mrs Bickle
Year 1	Miss Williams (Joining September 2017 from St Oswald's Primary Gosforth)
Year 2	Miss Huscroft (Joining September 2017 from Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Esh Winning)
Year 3	Mrs Brady
Year 4	Mrs Watts
Year 5	Mrs Binney (nee Miss Walton)
Year 6	Mrs Damti
Teacher working across the whole school Mrs Ross	
Deputy Head Teacher Mrs Higgins	
Head Teacher Mrs Nealings	
Teaching assistant support Mrs McCabe, Mrs Shuttle, Mrs Clasper, Mrs Walsham, Mrs Jameson	

### **Healthy Mind and Body Week**

Next week is healthy mind and body week. The children will participate in sports day; we have visits to Year 5 and 6 from anti-smoking workshops; PSHE activities and the age appropriate Relationship Sex Education throughout the course of the week. The children will also be learning about a classical music composer as part of the music curriculum.

### **Parent Pay**

As the end of the year is fast approaching please can you ensure all your accounts are settled so we can balance the school accounts.

### **Macmillan Dress Up and Dance**

Next week we will be supporting the 'Dress up and Dance' campaign for Macmillan. Each Class has been learning a dance in PE lessons and they will perform these for the other classes during our Healthy Mind and Body Week.

A suggested donation of £1 on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June would really be appreciated to help support Macmillan in the fantastic work they do caring for cancer patients and their families.

Keep an eye on our website for an update about the different dances and the total raised for this charity.

As it is really busy here is an updated list of diary dates until the end of term.

### **Dates for your diary**

Year 3, 4 and 5 to visit St Charles' Church for Mass at 10am on St Peter and St Paul Day on Thursday 19 June 2017. If you are available to help walk the children to and from the Church on the day, please let Mrs Ambrose or Mrs Siou in the school office know.

Diary Dates until end of Summer term:

Wednesday 28 June - 9.30am and 1.15pm - Nursery sports day

Wednesday 28 June - Reception library trip

Thursday 29 June – Day of many colours – children to wear their house coloured T-Shirt for sports day

Thursday 29 June - 9.30am (approx. 1 hour) - Reception and KS1 sports morning

Thursday 29 June - 1.30pm (approx. 1 and half hours) - KS2 sports afternoon

Friday 30 June - Nursery school reports to parents

Friday 30 June - Year 5 at St Mary's High School transition day

Friday 30 June - School choir at Sage Gateshead - all day. Performance starts at 6.30pm.

Tuesday 4 July – End of year school reports to parents

Wednesday 5 July - Year 6 high school transition day

Wednesday 5 July - 2.15pm - Mini Vinnie coffee afternoon. Parish and all welcome.

Thursday 6 July - after school until 5pm - celebration of work. Families are welcome to join us in classrooms and look at their own children's books.

Friday 7 July - 9.10am - Year 2 class liturgy - all welcome

Friday 7 July - Year 6 high school transition day

Friday 7 July - PTA School Fair after school until 5pm

Tuesday 11 July - 1.30pm - Year 6 Mass at St Mary's Cathedral. If you can help please see class teacher.

Tuesday 11 July - 6.30pm - (change of start time) Year 6 end of year production 'School Daze' in school

Wednesday 12 July - 11.00am for children who attend first half of week – Nursery graduation celebration

Wednesday 12 July - 2.45pm for children who attend second half of week – Nursery graduation celebration

Thursday 13 July - Year 5 at Walker Activity Dome

Friday 14 July - 9.10am - Reception class moving on liturgy – Families of Reception class are welcome to join us

Friday 14 July - Nursery trip to Ouseburn Farm

Friday 14 July – 9:00 - 12:00 Year 2 at St Cuthbert's High School Skipping

Wednesday 19 July - Year 6 moving on liturgy - Families of Year 6 class are welcome to join us

Thursday 20 July - 9.30am - Saxophone and Clarinet concert for families of children in Years 4, 5 and 6 who receive lessons from Mrs Broughton

Friday 21 July - Last day of term School closes at 3.15pm

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Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Nealings

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