



## St Charles' RC Primary School

4<sup>th</sup> November 2016

*Together we follow Jesus' footsteps in our living and learning*

### Welcome back!

I hope you all have had a great half term holiday. We have had a great start to this half term with a visit from Her Majesty the Queen (AKA Mrs Bickle) as part of their 'Bright Lights Big City' topic. Zoolab have visited Year 2 and Year 5 with a selection of mini creatures, and Reception are going to visit Seven Stories next week.



Her majesty!



Zoolab creatures!



### **Message from Tyne and Wear Fire service**

As bonfire night approaches, Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service would like to remind and warn local parents and young people of the dangers of fireworks.

Two students and one ex-student from the same school in the Tyne and Wear area have all sustained firework related injuries over the last few days.

Using fireworks in a public place is illegal, and carries an on the spot fine of £80. Young people should be advised **never** to hold a lighted firework in the hand, or to throw fireworks.

The video, *Scarred for Life*, which features true stories of local children who have been badly injured by fireworks, can be viewed on the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VR-0CCLfEno>

Concerns are also being raised that some young people may be purchasing fireworks from unofficial, unlicensed sources. This is both illegal and dangerous. These fireworks often do not comply with safety standards, and can have a much shorter fuse, which increases the risk of injury.

## World Faiths

As part of our celebration assembly this week the children learned about Diwali, the Hindu 'festival of lights'. Last half term the curriculum focus was Judaism and some of the children's work is on display around school.

## Crystal Conundrum

On Monday the children in Key Stage 2 completed the 'Crystal Conundrum'. The children solved some tricky problems and were really engaged!



## Year of Mercy



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OF MERCY

This is the last Month in the extraordinary Year of Mercy. The theme for November is 'Bereaved'. Year 6 will be leading a collective worship next Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 9.10am. All are welcome to join us. The children in Year 6 are also selling poppies at playtimes.

### **Prayer – The Bereaved**

We pray for all those who are sad because they have lost someone.

#### *Loving God*

*We pray for all those who are sad because they have lost someone.*

*We ask you to console them and be with them.*

*During November we pray for all those who have died,  
especially members of our own families and friends.*

*(Pause to name family members or friends who have died).*

*In this month of remembrance we pray for those who have lost their lives through war. We pray for peace in our troubled world.  
Send your love and mercy to comfort all sorrows.  
We ask this in your name, Lord.  
Amen*

We will be celebrating the end of the Year of Mercy on 8 December with a Good Samaritan day. More information will follow soon.

### **Handwriting Competition**

I am delighted to say the children have all been working really hard on improving presentation of their work and their handwriting. Thank you to everyone who entered the handwriting competition. It was a very difficult decision but the following children have been recognised for their efforts:

Year 1: Eliot            Year 2: Julia            Year 3: Pedro  
Year 4: Adriana       Year 5: Mattea        Year 6: Ella

The fantastic entries can be viewed on the school website.

### **Sports Clubs**

Reminder that Girls' Football for Year 5 and Year 6 is on Friday lunchtimes. All Year 5 and Year 6 girls very welcome. Bring tracksuit trousers, sweatshirt and trainers.

### **PTA wear blue to say no to bullying**

Next Wednesday all of the children can wear blue to support the PTA fund raiser for our school library, and support an anti-bullying charity. Mrs Hill has sent out information to all families today (Reception to Year 6), regarding workshops for children during Anti – bullying week on 14 November 2016.

### **Road safety**

Please remember the safest way to cross the road outside school is to use the pedestrian crossing. If your child walks home from school on their own (usually Year 5 and 6 pupils) please remind them to use pedestrian crossings.

Please take care in the school car park. There are lots of very young children and the recommended speed is 5 miles per hour.

## **E safety**



Parent zone is a website with useful advice for parents about internet safety. I have ordered copies of their digital parenting magazine for all of the children which will be shared out once in school.

You can also view an electronic copy at <https://parentzone.org.uk/>

## **Attendance and Punctuality**

Our school target for attendance this year is 98%. Thank you for supporting your child to arrive on time. The number of late marks last term was less than during the same period last year.

A prompt start to your child's day helps prepare them for a busy day of learning and avoids disruption for others in the class.

## **British Food Week**

Reminder that on 8<sup>th</sup> November we will support this event by serving 'Bangers and Mash' only for the whole school (together with vegetarian option). We will need to know who will be having the bangers and mash (your child is welcome to join in if they normally have packed lunch) but please come and tell us in the office.

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