



## St Charles' RC Primary School

23 September 2016

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



### Curriculum evenings

Thank you to everyone for attending our curriculum evening and roadshows. We hope you found the information useful. We wanted to share our exciting new curriculum and the expectations for every year group. As always if you have any queries or questions please speak to the class teacher or any of the Senior Leadership team.

### Current school priorities

Our current priorities are to continue to improve Maths and English provision within school and embed our new exciting Cornerstones Curriculum. Read Write Inc., phonics and spelling programmes are well underway in school and are already having a positive impact on learning. All members of teaching staff have recently attended a training day led by Liz Bailey, a maths consultant, focused on Numicon, problem solving, reasoning and fluency and they are using lots of her ideas with the children.

We are continuing to improve the presentation of our work. We now follow the Nelson handwriting scheme across the school and we are all trying to increase the amount of work we produce in lessons. I am sure you will see the impact of this when you look at your child's books later this term.

I was delighted when Joe came to see me because he is enjoying Read Write Inc. so much he wanted to read to me!



## **New School Year Mass**

Father Carroll celebrated Mass with the whole school last week and it was a joyous celebration. All of the children were represented on class scrolls and they were given their class candles. The children in Year 6 are now taking ownership of writing all of our bidding prayers and they are doing a superb job. Thank you to Mrs Higgins for organising, and to all of the children for their reverence and joining in with enthusiasm.



## **Bike it breakfast**

We hosted our own 'bike- it' breakfast so you could meet our new staff and enjoy the last days of sunshine! Thank you for a great turn out - we will plan to host one every term.



## **Car park**

Please remember to drive slowly in the car park and please take care with parking. The school council will be on patrol later this term.

## Brighten up the Harvest



Please join us next week to celebrate Brighten up the Harvest led by the School Council and Mini Vinnies. Children can come to school in their own clothes on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September for our CAFOD Harvest thanksgiving. Please bring a suggested donation of 50p and if possible a tin of food for our collection for asylum seekers. Tins can be brought in from Monday 26<sup>th</sup>.

## Year 5 trip to Gibside

Year 5 have been blessed with a beautiful day for their trip today and have enjoyed being out in the fresh air. Thank you to the parents who have travelled with the children to help.

## Rugby Skills

Years 3 and 4 had a fantastic session this week learning different rugby skills and ball handling.





### **Attendance**

Our attendance target for this academic year is 98%. Please support your children by encouraging punctuality and ensuring that where possible any medical/dental appointments are made before or after the school day.

### **School Meals**

For Nursery and Key Stage 2 families: please remember to keep your child's meals account in credit on ParentPay. If you have any problems, please let Mrs Ambrose or Mrs Siou in the school office know. If your child wishes to change between school meals and packed lunch, please advise the office in advance of the change to ensure that our records are correct.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Nealings

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