



St Charles' RC Primary School

03 February 2017

Together we follow Jesus' footsteps in our living and learning

This week's statement to live by was: ***"I know we are happiest when we are united"***

Dear Families

Attendance

If you have any concerns regarding your child's attendance please contact the class teacher or Mrs Higgins. It would be brilliant if we could have one week this term with 100%. Let's see if we can achieve it!

The attendance for the week ending 27th January was 97.7%. Well done.

The late marks for the week ending 27th January amount to 0.4% and are a result of children in Years 2, 5 and 6 being late.

Eco Award

Melanie Wallace, Enviro Schools Officer for Newcastle City Council came to school and delivered two beautiful trees, presented in assembly today. The Eco Council won the trees after securing 3rd place in a competition to make a recycled Christmas tree last term. Well done to everyone involved. Pope Francis asks us in 'Laudato Si' to work together to protect our planet and our Eco council are already making a difference.

Homework

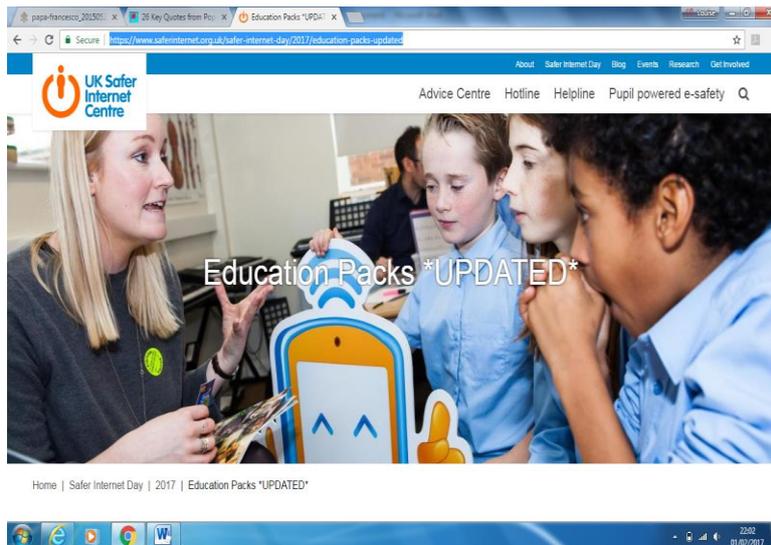
Thank you for the comments regarding Year 1 and Year 2 homework. We will update you before half term with the outcome of the parent views and suggested changes. Many thanks for your support.

Internet Safety Day - Be the change: Unite for a better internet'.

On 7 February we will be celebrating 'Internet Safety Day'. The children will be participating in an assembly in their Key Stages and then completing activities in class.

If you would like to see the resources the teachers are using you can find them at:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2017/education-packs-updated>



Reading – Out of this World

Mrs Damti has launched a reading challenge across the school today and information letters have been sent home with all of the children. We are all very excited about it and I thank you in advance with your support with this. Please can you ensure your child's reading book is in school every day?

If you are interested in coming into school and listening to children read we would love to hear from you. Please let Mrs Higgins know if you have any regular times or even 'one off' free time when you could come in and help. I have been listening to children this week and it is a wonderful way to spend your time!

PTA Disco

The PTA are hosting a Valentines Disco on Friday 10th February for Reception to Year 6. Payment can be made on ParentPay, where you will see further details.



Liturgical Dance

We are delighted that 'More than Dance' will be coming into school this term to work with Mrs Higgins and Year 6. I am sure the children will have a great day and we look forward to them leading us in reflection during collective worship.

Youth Friday Celebration at St Mary's Cathedral

Thank you to Michaela and Luke from Year 5 who represented our school at the Cathedral on Wednesday afternoon. They took along a donation from the money we raised on Good Samaritan day in support of the Youth Mission Team. We had a brilliant afternoon and they were both fantastic role models. They were asked to be the hands of Jesus and to be trailblazers for others, get off the sofa, put on their walking shoes and make a difference. I am sure all of our children will be brilliant trailblazers.



Sport

Hockey: Six children from Years 3 and 4 took part in a successful Quick Sticks Hockey tournament this week. The children won two of their four games, drew one and lost one. They were playing amongst 18 teams from across the City and qualified for the finals afternoon to be held in a couple of weeks. Well done!



Football: The boys' football team took part in the Simpson league on Thursday night this week, taking part in two games. They won the first one 1-0 against Kingston Park Primary and drew the second game 0-0 with Newcastle School for Boys. As it currently stands the boys are fifth in the table. Well done!

James in Year 6 took part in the Tyne and Wear Sportshall Athletics County Championships last weekend representing Newcastle. He did fantastically well placing second overall.



Nursery Applications 2017-18

Nursery applications are available on the school website. The closing date for applications is Friday 24 March 2017.

Safeguarding

Please note that Parents and carers collecting children at the end of the day must come to the classroom door; not wait for the child in the car. Teachers will not send children to the car park unaccompanied. Thank you.

Please note: Next week's statement to live by will be: ***"I listen to what you say. I show that I am listening to you"***

Have a lovely weekend with your families.

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