



St Charles' RC Primary School

18th November 2016

Together we follow Jesus' footsteps in our living and learning

Dear Families,

The weather has turned and it is beginning to feel a lot like Christmas.....

Advent Service



The children in Key Stage 2 will be leading the school in a short advent service each week during advent. Everyone is welcome to join us as we prepare for Jesus' coming. It would be lovely to see families and friends helping us to prepare during advent.

Next week we will be sending home stars for you to add any loved ones names or messages on to decorate our school Christmas tree.

Year of Mercy

To celebrate the end of the Year of Mercy we are having a Good Samaritan day on 8 December 2016. The Mini Vinnies who were commissioned as TEAM (Tell Everyone About Mercy) at the start of the Year will lead the school in a collective worship to end the special year.

The school will be open that afternoon for families, friends and the parish to come and reflect and take time to think about how we have helped others through the corporal works of Mercy. The children will be making things that they will be selling to our visitors as an enterprise activity to raise as much as we can to help others.

Please come and visit at 2pm on 8 December for a time of reflection and to help raise some money to help others in need. More information will be provided nearer the time on the school website.

Attendance and Punctuality

Our overall school attendance target this year is 98%. I am delighted to say we are on track to achieve this. As at Thursday 17 November, our overall school attendance was 98.16%. The vast majority of children get to school on time. However, whilst the number of children arriving late is less than this time last year there have still been 86 recorded late marks since the start of September. Please try to ensure your children are in school between before the class doors are closed.

The attendance and late information for each class (from September to now) is:

Year Group	Attendance (%)	Punctuality (number of lates)
Nursery	96.91	6
Reception	97.31	2
Year 1	98.55	4
Year 2	98.66	19
Year 3	98.53	19
Year 4	97.41	4
Year 5	99.09	23
Year 6	98.00	9
Overall	98.16	86

Well done to Year 5 who have the highest attendance so far.

Well done to Reception class for only having 2 late marks.

Thank you for your cooperation. Every day matters.

In assembly today the winning classes from the attendance league have chosen a prize from a selection of envelopes.

Anti bullying week



Mrs Hill organised anti bullying week across the school. Steve Halliday, anti-bullying consultant, came into school to work with all of the children.

Each year group had a poetry and acting session with Mr Halliday to become more aware of the consequences of bullying, especially cyber bullying. The children have spent the week making 'Power for Good' items such as headbands and sashes to promote the theme. Next week we will be choosing a poster as our sign for the Good Friend bench in the playground.

Our collective worship statement to live by has been 'I try to be just and fair' and the children related this to how to treat each other with respect and kindness.



Thank you Year 6

Thank you to Year 6 who led the 'Bereaved liturgy' last Thursday 11th. The children were reverent and it was very moving. Year 6 we are all very proud of you.



Crystal Conundrum

The children enjoyed solving lots of maths problems for the King of Conundrum. They applied their reasoning and problems solving skills and loved the challenge! Here is another look at how much fun they had earlier this month.



Car Park

Another reminder to all to please ensure extra care is taken entering and leaving the car park. Please be aware of and observe the one way system. Only parking bays should be used. **Cars must not be parked on the grass verges.** As well as this being an extra safety risk it is costly to repair the damage created by the cars.

PTA Film Night

A wonderful afternoon was had by those children who stayed for Film Night. £343 was raised by the PTA. Thank you all for participating and boosting funds for the school.

Contact Details

Please remember to let the office know if you change your telephone contact number, or move house.

If you have not already had one yet, you will all be receiving a Data Collection sheet to check your contact details, and other important information for your child. It is vital that we have up to date information regarding your child's medical or dietary needs.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Nealings

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