



St Charles' RC Primary School

21 October 2016

Together we follow Jesus' footsteps in our living and learning

Dear Families,

Thank you all for your continuous support this term. The children and new staff have all settled in really well and I am delighted with the children's behaviour. They are a credit to you all! There have been lots of trips out and about and 'hooks' to engage the children in their topics. Allotment trips, Hawkthirst residential, Blue Reef trip and VE Day parties - we have had lots of brilliant learning experiences across the whole school.

Here is a snapshot of how your children make us smile every day!



Reception Stay and Play

Thank you to all of the families that joined us for Reception stay and play this week. Your comments were extremely positive and were greatly appreciated! Stay and Play sessions are coming up soon for Nursery children.

Ventures after school club

Ventures Childcare provides a before and after school club on our premises. I know how valuable this resource is to our families and we are very lucky to have this on site. The company is managed by Mrs Vent and although on school premises, the school is not involved in its operation. If you have any queries or complaints you can contact Mrs Vent or Ofsted directly.

Head teacher awards

Today we celebrated the children's achievements with our first set of Head Teacher Awards for the year. Well done every one for all of your hard work this term.

School Blogs

Please remember to have a look at all of the class blogs on the school website. There are so many wonderful things happening in school and you can find out about what your child has been learning about.

NSPCC



All of the children from Year 1 upwards were involved in the NSPCC assemblies this week, and enjoyed the informative presentations. Workshops for Years 5 and 6 only will be held after this half-term holiday.

Children In Need Day

We will be supporting BBC Children In Need on Friday 18th November. The theme this year is 'The Big Spotacular'. Please send children to school in spotty clothes on the 18th, with a suggested donation of £1 towards the charity. We will be sharing the money we raise from our Children in Need fundraising day with the NSPCC to support the work they do with young people.

St Charles' Feast Day

We will be taking all of the children in Key Stage 2 to Mass at St Charles' RC Church on the morning of Friday 4 November. If you can come and join us or help walk the children to and from the Church, please let the class teacher know.

Crystal Conundrum

The children in Key Stage 2 received a letter yesterday from the King of Conundrum! They will be coming back to help complete the maths challenge on the first day back after half term. The children will be working with Lizz Bailey, a maths consultant, to help solve the conundrum.

This promises to be a very exciting first day back.

Anti-bullying week 2016

Steve Halliday will be coming into school on 14 November to work with all of the classes across the school on this year's anti-bullying theme. All of the classes will be looking at keeping safe, and also have a session on how to be a good friend. More information will follow after the half term.

On 9 November we will be wearing blue to support the PTA and raise awareness. The children can wear anything blue to school on that day (any shade). Please also wear your blue shirt and join us in solidarity to stop bullying and cyberbullying. Children can bring in a suggested £1 donation to wear blue. Proceeds from this day will be donated to an anti-bullying charity (to be decided).

Poppies & Remembrance

Year 6 children will be selling poppies in school after the half term at playtimes. Please bring in any donations and support this very worthwhile cause.

Year 6 will also be leading a collective worship to remember those who lost their lives in war. Families and friends are welcome to join them here in school at 9.10am on 11th November.

British Food Week

On 8th 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.

Boys Football

The boys' football team took part in the first round of the Bishop Cunningham Cup on Thursday evening (20th). Despite being unbeaten until then, and putting up some wonderful performances, the boys unfortunately lost out on penalties.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Your generous participation at this recent event raised just over £160.

Dates coming up:

8th November – Bangers & Mash for lunch (British Food Week)

11th November - Year 5 Gift Day at St Mary's High School

14th November - Anti-bullying Week

18th November- Children In Need Day –

Parents evenings – 9th and 16th November (lists to sign up are with Class teachers, not in the school office).

Lastly: follow us on Twitter for updates and news: @StCharlesPrimNE

Have a lovely week with your families.

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