



St Charles' RC Primary School

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Together we follow Jesus' footsteps in our living and learning

This week's statement to live by was: "I try to use words that make the world a better place"

OFSTED

We had our OFSTED Inspection on Tuesday and I was extremely proud of all the children and the staff team. The children were wonderful and the inspector commented on how everyone made her feel welcome. Once we have received the formal outcome a letter will be sent home in approximately 14 days. We really appreciate your support as we continue to do the very best we can for all our children.

There are the parent views that were collected as part of the inspection:

Question/Statement	Agree	Disagree	Don't Know
My Child is happy at this school	97%	3%	0%
My child feels safe at this school	99%	0%	1%
My child makes good progress at this school	93%	5%	1%
My child is well looked after at this school	97%	0%	3%
My child is well taught at this school	97%	2%	0%
My child receives appropriate homework for their age	94%	4%	1%
This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	94%	4%	1%
This school deals effectively with bullying	80%	3%	17%
This school is well led and managed	95%	2%	1%
This school responds well to any concerns I raise	96%	3%	1%
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	93%	7%	0%
Would you recommend this school to another parent?	96%	4%	0%

We will continue to collect your views later in the term, however if you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mrs Higgins.

Lent

This week marked the start of Lent and all of the children from Reception Class up to Year 6 received ashes to remind us that we should live our life to the full.

Mrs Higgins has sent home a leaflet with information about opportunities for friends and families to join us during Lent. We are having a time of reflection and prayer every Wednesday morning during Lent. Prayer stations will be set up in the hall and families are invited to come and spend time in quiet reflection. Our Good Samaritan day was extremely powerful and I am sure you will appreciate the opportunity for quiet prayer. I hope that lots of you can join us.



All of the classes have a CAFOD box for any spare change or donations the children would like to bring in as alms giving. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Fairtrade

This week was the start of Fairtrade Fortnight. The children will be learning about Fairtrade in all of the classes next week. It is also “waste week” so we will be trying to not waste water, to recycle, and it would be lovely if we could make the effort to walk to school to reduce pollution. There will be a Fairtrade cake sale on Friday 10 March. This will be an opportunity for families to have fun baking together, using Fairtrade ingredients. Cakes will be sold on the day for 50p each.

World Book Day

Today we celebrated World Book Day in school and it all started with the family ‘Come Read with Me’ breakfast. Thank you for all of the wonderful costumes, everyone looked fantastic. Mrs Damti led the assembly to launch the day and then all of the children worked on writing a description for a setting. We are continuing to try and raise funds to provide a wide range of books in the library for all of the children.





Science Week

We are all getting very excited for science week coming up (week beginning 13 March). The theme is 'I'm a teacher get me out of here'. Being a core subject we want the children to have the opportunity to get hands on experience at using their scientific investigation skills.

Families are invited into school on Friday 17 March at 2pm to look at what has been going on during science week.

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations will take place on 22 and 29 March 2017. Parents can sign up from after school on Wednesday 8 March. Teachers will have timetables on the classroom doors. Please do not ring the office to book. You will have the opportunity to have a look at your child's progress in their books, look at the work on display around the classroom and meet with your child's class teacher. Teachers will talk about your child's progress and update you whether they are on track to be working towards, meeting or exceeding end of year expectations. The new assessment framework the children are being assessed against is more demanding than in previous years but the children are all working extremely hard and rising to the challenge. Please remember consultations are only 10 minutes long. The purpose is to update you on the **progress** your child has made this year and we will share with you what the next steps in their learning will be. If you have other areas you would like to discuss you may want to consider making an appointment with the class teacher at another convenient time.

Nursery Stay and Play

For our Nursery parents we offer stay and play sessions when you can come into school and see your child within the nursery environment and share their learning journal. The times of these sessions went out this week to children who attend the end of the week. If your child attends the beginning of the week you will receive your letter on Monday. If your time allocation is not convenient please let Miss Pattison know.

Levy on Soft Drinks

Below is a link to BBC News regarding the Levy on Soft Drinks and its implications for Schools.

"The levy on sugary drinks will provide £415m for sports and healthy eating in England's schools", says Education Secretary Justine Greening.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-39106820>

ParentPay

Please note that with effect from 1st April 2017 ParentPay will no longer accept American Express ('AMEX') cards as a means of on-line payment.

School Meals

Please remember to inform the office in advance of any changes to your child's meals pattern. We ask that you give two weeks' notice, if possible, of any change between school meals and packed lunch, and that children remain on the same meal arrangement for each half term. Please keep an eye on your ParentPay accounts and keep in credit for meals by at least one week.

The Big Pedal

As in previous years we will be participating in The Big Pedal between 20 - 30 March. Please make every effort to cycle or scooter to school that week (adults as well as children). Please have a look at the website for more information: <http://bigpedal.org.uk>

The statement to live by for next week will be: "I try to appreciate the beauty and the wonder in the world around me".

Have a lovely weekend.

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