



St Charles' RC Primary School

2nd December 2016

Together we follow Jesus' footsteps in our living and learning

Year A Advent Week 2 - Peace



The end of term is fast approaching and Advent is truly here. Year 6 led a beautiful Advent service last Monday and Year 5 will be leading on 5 December at 9.10am.

We are getting the stage out next week! Please check the website for the times and dates for the Nativity plays. Note: This year Nursery and Reception are performing their own nativity as an Early Years team. The Key Stage 1 nativity will only be for Years 1 and 2. Please be here in good time for the start of each performance.

Father O'Connor would love to see all of the children during Advent at Mass:

Saturday Vigil is at 6pm, and Family Mass on Sunday at 10.15am

Advent Service of Reconciliation at St Charles' Church is on 11th December at 4pm.

Many children have earned their Hope award on their Advent Challenge. Well done to everyone!

Good Samaritan Day

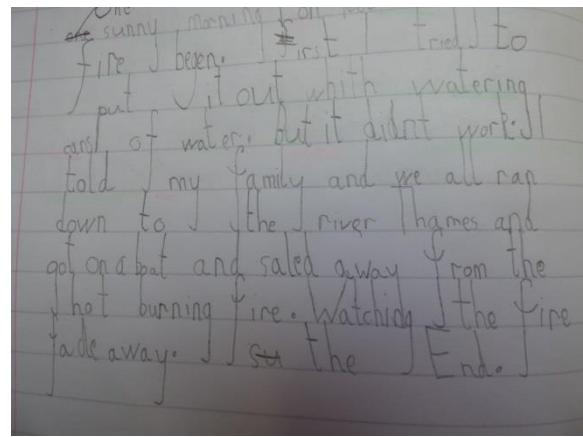
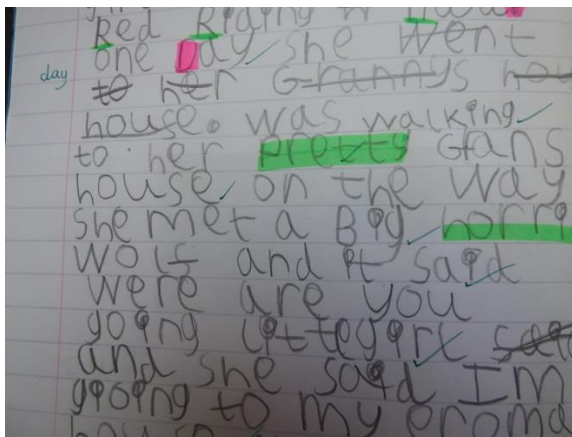
Please join us next Thursday 8th when we reflect on the Year of Mercy. All of the children are taking part in collective worship led by the Mini Vinnies, learning about the Good Samaritan, having time to reflect on the year and are fundraising to help others.

Please come along at 2pm to have the opportunity to spend time at our Year of Mercy stations representing the year. You will have the opportunity to have tea and coffee afterwards and purchase some of the handmade reminders and tokens of the Year of Mercy that the children have been making to sell.

Please bring along family and friends to join us.

Handwriting

We have been working on improving our presentation in our books and improving our handwriting. The children are following the Nelson scheme and I am delighted with the progress the children have made. Below is a sample of Year 1 handwriting at the end of September this year, and the fantastic progress made by the same child at the end of November. All of the children are making a great effort. Well done everyone!



Running club

Well done to everyone who has joined in running club this term. I finally turned up this week and it was great to see so many children there in December! Thank you to Mrs Ambrose and Mrs Hobbs who have kept the club going over the last few months.

Running club for Key Stage 2 takes place every Thursday lunchtime (weather permitting). If your child would like to join us they should bring trainers, top and leggings/shorts on Thursdays.

Yesterday we talked about the Mini and Junior Great North Run. This is the link if you would like to enter your child:

<http://www.greatrun.org/great-north-run/junior-and-mini-great-north-run>

Please encourage your child to join us –it is great exercise and a bit of fun. Next week we are running in Santa hats! Hopefully see you there.



Football

U9 Catholic boys football competition

Boys from Y3 and Y4 displayed great maturity when representing the school at the recent U9 Catholic Boys Football competition. They followed this up with some fantastic displays on the pitch where they finished as overall runners up. Well done boys, we are so proud of your display.

Girls football league

The girls' football team played four matches on Wednesday evening earning themselves two creditable draws alongside two losses.

Many thanks to Mr Smith who co-ordinates the football training and matches, with help from Mrs Histed for the girls' training on Friday lunch times.

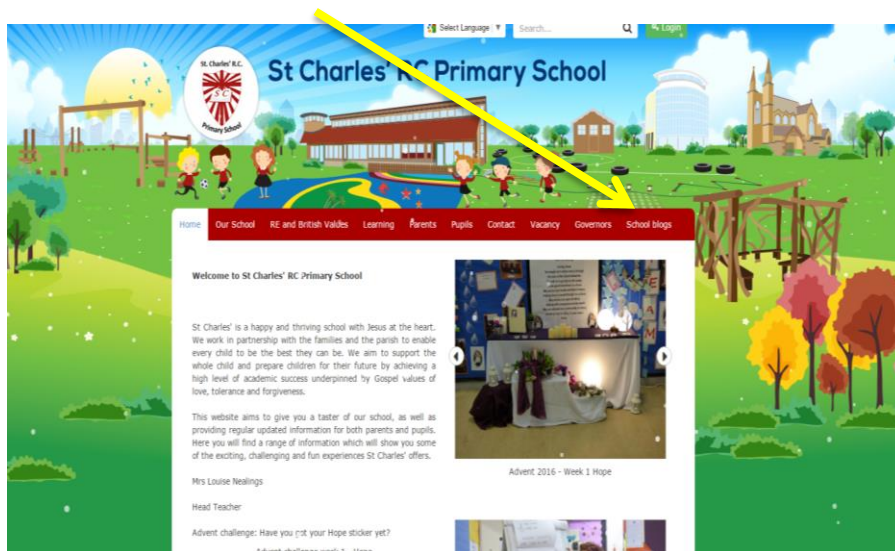
Multi Skills

Some of our play makers are going to a Trampoline event on Monday 5th, and 16 children from Year 6 will be attending a sports multi-skills competition next week. Good luck!

Autumn Progress Reports

You will be receiving a short report at the end of term to show what your child is on track to achieve at the end of the calendar year.

Blogs have moved



The class blogs have moved to a tab on the front page of the school website. There is a competition to see which class gets the most 'hits' on their blog and the staff are getting quite competitive about this. They really give you an insight into the life of our school so it is worth a look.

Lost Property

We have been collecting lots of belongings over the term and it is now time for them to be returned to their owners. Lost property will be available to collect after school today and next Friday (2nd and 9th December).

Any uncollected items will then be passed onto St Oswald's Hospice Charity.

Please claim your belongings before the 9th December 2016, and ensure that ALL clothing, shoes, bags, water bottles etc. are clearly marked with your child's name.

Eco Club

Thank you to Eco club who made me a lovely recycled candle holder last week. They are also entering a competition to make a recycled Christmas tree. They were all busy with Mrs Hill and Mrs Walsham this week. Hopefully there will be some good news to follow.



Mini Vinnie Enrolment Liturgy

Well done to all of our Mini Vinnies and thank you to Mr Wilcox who came to lead the liturgy in school. I am sure they will be fantastic Mini Vinnies and turn concern into action over the course of the year.

Choir

On Tuesday 6th December, the Daft as a Brush Cancer Patient Care charity will be hosting a private dinner at Fenwick Terrace Restaurant, to say thank you to those that have helped the charity in its work. We are delighted that the choir has been asked again to sing for the guests. I am sure they will do us proud!

Changes to staffing

We are sorry to say goodbye to Miss Smailes (Nursery) but wish her well in her new post for a charity. We are pleased to welcome Emma Clasper who will join us properly in January once she has completed her current role.



RSC – Julius Caesar

The first auditions have taken place this week. The whole school production will be on 6 July 2017 – a date for your diary.

Staff Training

This term we have had lots of professional development for our teaching staff. All staff have taken part in Safeguarding training this term to ensure they are up to date with relevant changes to 'The Keeping Children Safe in Education 2016' documentation. Many of the staff have attended Come and See training sessions run by the Diocese to support the delivery of RE. Mrs Damti and Miss Rutherford have attended training at the Theatre Royal led by the Royal Shakespeare Company as part the RSC project. Mrs Higgins has attended Bar Model training (maths) and various safeguarding training sessions. Read Write Inc. development days have taken place and a specialist trainer has worked with all of our reading teachers. PE FUNs (fundamental skills) training is the highlight of December.

Nursery

Nursery Applications will be available in the New Year on the school website.

Please see Diary Dates below. Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend

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Dates for your diary:

Nativity plays:

Early Years Nativity (Nursery & Reception): 19th December, 9.30am (coffee before)

Key Stage 1 Nativity (Years 1 and 2): 19th December, 2.15pm (coffee afterwards).

Key Stage 1 Nativity (Years 1 and 2): 20th December, 9.30am (coffee before).

Early Years Nativity (Nursery & Reception): 21st December, 2.30am (coffee before).

Key Stage 2 Carol Service at 6pm at St Charles' Church on 21st December.