

25 October 2019

Dear Families,

This first half term has flown by and all of the children have settled into school life.

### Parking

Thank you for following our parking charter and parking responsibly. Please remember to park considerately when parking in the streets around school as we have received complaints from local residents.

### Staffing

We were all sad to say goodbye to Miss Elizabeth who left school this term for a career change to work for her family business. We wish her every success in her new ventures. We welcomed Miss Salter who will be working across the school. Miss Salter has worked at St Charles' for a short period in 2015 and she has settled in very well.

### Special Educational Needs

Mrs Higgins will now be leading SEN provision across the school. If you have any concerns or queries regarding your child progress or attainment, please speak to the class teacher in the first instance. Mrs Higgins is looking forward to working with some of our children and families more closely over the coming year.

### Curriculum



This term we have had several trips and visits to provide children with experiences to enhance their curriculum. Reception class have visited Pizza Express and they all enjoyed making a pizza. Year 2 have visited Beamish Museum and have really enjoyed learning about the past. They all have compared their life to their parents and grandparent's lives. Year 3 have visited Sacred Heart High School to see the RSC performance of the Merchant of Venice. Year 5 have visited Castle Keep as part of their History topic (and survived the rain). Year 6 visited Eden camp as part of their History topic and all enjoyed the experience. Year 6 also had the pleasure of joining Sacred Heart High School for an Opera performance of 'Laika the Space Dog' last week and they thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

## Uniform

From **September 2020** girls will be required to wear **grey** skirts, pinafores or trousers as part of our school uniform **not navy**. I wanted to give you as much notice as possible for this change. This will ensure our uniform policy is compliant with current equality legislation.

## School Dog

Mrs Higgins dog Pippa is currently in training and we are all looking forward to her joining the school team. Have a look at our Twitter feed for a look at our newest member of the staff team.

## Peoples Kitchen Food Donations



Thank you to all of you who donated food for our Mini Vinnie collection. The Peoples Kitchen collected the food this week and would like to pass on their thanks. Our School non uniform day raised a total of £270.24 for the Catholic Agency For Overseas Development CAFOD.

## MacMillan

Thank you to Mrs Clasper and the school council who organised the MacMillan Coffee morning last month. They raised £334.40. The cakes were fantastic and everyone enjoyed the treats whilst raising money for a good cause.

## MAD Week

This week has been a focused Art and D&T week. All of the children have been learning about Endangered Animals and they have explored cross curricular links with Geography, Maths and History. The children have been developing their art skills and they are producing work for our art exhibition. Thank you for your support and the amazing turnout for the Art Exhibition. Any money raised from the sale of the art works will be used to buy more resources for art and D&T for the children to use this year.



## Anti-bullying Week 11 November 2019



This year's anti-bullying week theme is 'Change starts with us'. The Junior Leadership Team (made up of school council and House captains) will be leading a launch assembly at the start of the week. This will be followed by work in class for Key Stage 2 pupils with GEM Education workshops. Please see times below for you to come and see their work and learn more about safety.

If you would like to find out about how to keep you child safe whilst using tiktok please use the link below:  
[https://parentzone.org.uk/article/tiktok-everything-you-need-know-about-video-production-app?utm\\_source=Parent+Zone+Newsletter&utm\\_campaign=589105154e-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2019\\_10\\_15\\_08\\_56&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_1ee27d9000-589105154e-178779649](https://parentzone.org.uk/article/tiktok-everything-you-need-know-about-video-production-app?utm_source=Parent+Zone+Newsletter&utm_campaign=589105154e-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_10_15_08_56&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_1ee27d9000-589105154e-178779649)

### Parents Evening

Thank you to everyone who came to one of the parent's evenings. I hope you found the conversations useful and informative. If you did not attend please make another appointment to meet your child's class teacher. Please remember that you can speak to us regarding your child's progress at any time and do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

### Newsletter

Thank you to everyone who completed the communication survey. Most people were happy with communication via newsletters and the class blogs. If you would still like a paper copy of the newsletter, please just let Mrs Ambrose or Mrs MacLellan in the school office know and they will arrange this for you. Class blogs are updated every Friday.

Did you know we also have a sports blog and a Junior leadership? This will keep you up to date with all of the sporting events taking place this year. The Junior Leadership Team (JLT) are made up of our School Council, Eco Council, Art Council, House Captains, and Well-being group – take a look and see what a difference they are making within school.

### Reading

Miss Kane is leading reading across the school this year. Mrs Clasper is overseeing the library with the assistance of the young librarians. All of the classes visit the library once a week and there are library competitions running for the children to win quality books. The KS2 winner was Anna Mathews with Annie Ramsey and Florence Walton as runner ups. The KS1 winner was Joseph Dubois with Maryam Dambatta and Olivia Rose as runner ups.



Thank you once again to our PTA for all of the money they have donated to help us purchase our class reading lists. The children are all enjoying listening to the books during story time. If you have any spare time and would like to come and volunteer in school helping in the library or listening to children read, please let Mrs Ambrose or Mrs MacLellan know.

### Parent workshops

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the reception reading workshop. We received extremely positive feedback and we hope to offer more opportunities for families in the future.

### Head Teacher Awards

Last Year, achievement awards were given out for those children who attained highly in a range of subject areas. This year, Head Teacher Awards will be awarded to a group of children every half term. These awards will recognise effort, progress or achievement and can be given for any curriculum area. Children's success is also celebrated by the 'Star of the Week' awards in each class and through positive praise and feedback within school. We are all extremely proud of all of our children and we like to celebrate all of their successes. We also want to make the children resilient and help them appreciate that we need to celebrate other people's success.

### Attendance

Thank you for your support with attendance. If you would like to discuss your child's attendance or punctuality you can ask to speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Damti (Attendance Leader). Our school target is 98% attendance this year.

### PTA

Thank you to the PTA for organising a coffee afternoon this week. It was a lovely opportunity for everyone to get together before the half term break. The PTA are also organising a Quiz Night on Thursday 21 November 2019 7.30pm to 11.00pm in the Church Hall. Tickets are £12.50 and are available to purchase on Parentpay. Further information from the PTA will follow.

### Poppy Appeal 2019 ~ Royal British Legion

Traditional poppies will be on sale in school from Monday 4 November. Children can bring in a donation and receive a poppy to wear on their uniform. our Mini Vinnies will also be running a 'Pop-up Poppy Shop' during morning break time selling different poppy merchandise, ranging from 50p to £2.00.

### Carol Service at Church

Father Bill is organising a Carol Service at church on Sunday 22 December 2019 from 5.00pm. There will be singing, mulled wine and mince pies. If any families are interested in their children taking part in the carol service please contact Mrs Ambrose or Mrs MacLellan so we can inform Father Bill of potential numbers.

### Diary Dates

November 2019			
04.11.19	KS2	St Charles' Feast Day – Mass at Church	10.00am at Church
05.11.19	Rec – Year 6	School Nurse is coming in to measure children's height and weight	In school
05.11.19	Year 3	Year 3 Smart Scoot session	1.00pm – 3.00pm
06.11.19	Year 6	Year 6 Worship at Eagles Community Arena – more details to follow.	
08.11.19	Reception	Families of Reception children are invited into school to attend an Early Maths Parent/Carer Workshop	Families 9.10am – 9.50am



11.11.19	Choir	3.30pm Walk to Daft as a Brush. Sing 4.00pm – 4.45pm	3.30pm
12.11.19	Year 6	Forest School Afternoon	1.30pm – 3.00pm
12.11.19	Year 3 & Year 4	GEM education workshops - Antibullying theme	In School
13.11.19	Year 5 & Year 6	GEM education workshops - Antibullying theme	In school
14.11.19	Year 3	Year 3 visit to United Hebrew Congregation Synagogue – more information to follow.	9.00am
14.11.19	Year 2	Year 2 Visiting Sacred Heart High School for an Animal Workshop – more information to follow	10.00am
15.11.19	Year 3 & Year 4	GEM education talk and workshop for parents – more information to follow	9.10am
15.11.19	Year 5 & Year 6	GEM education talk and workshop for parents – more information to follow	2.30pm
15.11.19	Year 2	‘What’s in your Pants is Private’ session with the school nurse. – further information to follow.	PM
18.11.19	2020 Reception Intake	New Reception intake look around – for parents with children starting school in September 2020. Please contact the school office to book in a visit.	9.30am
19.11.19	Year 4	Holy Communion Trip launch meeting for parent. – information to follow	3.15pm
26.11.19	Year 3	Performance Arts Day at Sacred Heart High School	All Day
28.11.19	Rec – Year 6	Flu Sniff Vaccination	PM
29.11.19	Whole School	Liz Million Author Visit. More details to follow	In School
<b>December 2019</b>			
02.12.19	Year 4	Visit to Centre for Life	9.00am to 3.00pm
03.12.19	Choir	Daft as a Brush at Fenwicks – more information to follow	Early Evening
05.12.19	Choir	Choir singing at Partnership House. Meet at School 7.45am	8.00am
06.12.19	2020 Reception Intake	New Reception intake look around – for parents with children starting school in September 2020. Please contact the school office to book in a visit.	9.30am
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11.12.19	Year 3	Healthy Active Lifestyles Event at Walker Activity Dome	10am – 11.45am
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13.12.19	Choir	Choir signing at Partnership House. Choir to meet at school for 7.45am	8.00am
13.12.19	Whole School	Save the Children – Christmas Jumper Day	All Day
13.12.19	Whole School	Christmas Lunch	12.00am – 1.00pm
16.12.19	Year 5 & Year 6	Carols for Families	9.15 Holy Hall
17.12.19	Year 3 & Year 4	Nativity for Families	9.15am Holy Hall
17.12.19	House Groups	Christmas Cards and Crafts	1.00pm
18.12.19	Whole School	Whole School Party Day	All Day
18.12.19	Choir	Choir will be performing Carols	3.15pm
19.12.19	Whole School	Rock Band	2.00pm
20.12.19	Whole School	Head Teacher Achievement Assembly	9.10am
20.12.19	Whole School	Last Day of Term for Christmas Holidays. School reopens on 06.01.2020	School Closes 3.15pm

### January 2019

06.01.20	Year 3	Trip to Segedunum – Further information to follow	All Day
10.01.20	2020 Reception Intake	New Reception intake look around – for parents with children starting school in September 2020. Please contact the school office to book in a visit.	9.30am
21.01.20	KS2	Maths Parent Workshop – further information to follow	09.10am – 09.45am
28.01.20 KB	KS2 Maths Parent Workshop	Maths Parent Workshop – further information to follow	09.10am – 09.45am

### February 2019

13.02.20	Year 5	Rent a present Topic celebration – further information to follow	All Day
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### March 2019

04.03.20	Year 5	Hygiene session by school nurse - further information	1.00pm - 2.00pm
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<b>June 2019</b>			
<b>17.06.20 to 19.06.20</b>	<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Year 6 trip to Burrowdale – further information to follow</b>	<b>All Day</b>
<b>20.12.19</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	<b>Last Day of Term for Christmas Holidays</b>	<b>School Closes 3.15pm</b>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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