

13 September 2019

Dear Families,

Welcome back to school for the start of a new academic year – I hope you have all had a lovely Summer break. It has been an absolute pleasure to see all of the children looking happy and so smart as they settle back into school life. I am sure we will have another amazing year at St Charles'. I would like to extend a particularly warm welcome to all of the new Nursery and Reception families. I look forward to working with you and your children. If you would like to speak to the teacher regarding your child either leave a message at the office or with the staff in the yard in the mornings. This will be passed onto the teacher and they will contact you as soon as possible when they are not teaching. Teachers are also available at the end of the school day in the playground.

### MacMillian Coffee Morning



Welcome to World's Biggest Coffee Morning

Mrs Clasper and our newly elected school council will be hosting a Macmillan Coffee morning on Friday 27 September 2019 at 9am. All are welcome to come and join us for a coffee and cake after drop off.

### Flu Vaccination Programme

Parents from Reception to Year 6 should have received their consent forms last week. Please return to the school office by Monday 16 September.

### Get Set to Eat Fresh



This term we're collecting Team GB stickers with **Aldi's Kit for Schools** for the chance to be one of 20 primary schools to win £20,000 to build a health legacy at our school!

From 6 September – 3 November, when you spend £30 or more in any Aldi store, you'll receive a special Team GB sticker. If our school works together to collect 300 stickers, we will automatically receive an exclusive school sports kit, in addition to entry into the £20,000 prize draw!

Please send any stickers you receive into school with your children, or bring them in yourself to the school office and we will add them to our Aldi's Kit for Schools sticker poster.

The Aldi's Kit for Schools campaign supports the aims of 'Get Set to Eat Fresh'. Aldi and Team GB's award-winning school's programme have already beaten its target to reach 1.2 million young people in the UK by 2020, reaching over 1.5 million young people since its inception.



Throughout the Autumn term, we will be trying out 'Get Set to Eat Fresh's' fun and engaging resources to create healthy moments in assemblies and the classroom, alongside setting occasional take-home tasks and challenges. We appreciate your support in helping pupils to complete these activities and hope you will enjoy finding out more about the campaign and the healthy challenges we complete.

We hope everyone will enjoy collecting Team GB stickers and exploring healthy eating this term. Remember, Aldi's Kit for Schools Team GB stickers are available until 3 November when shopping in any Aldi store. We will keep everyone up to date with how many stickers we have collected, and how many we have to go!

If you want to find out more about Aldi's Kit for Schools you can visit [getseteatfresh.co.uk/kitforschools](https://getseteatfresh.co.uk/kitforschools), or get in touch with the school for more information on our plans.

Thank you so much for your support on this project – we look forward to receiving any stickers you collect!

### **Ant and Dec Saturday Night Take Away**



We have been contacted by Saturday Night Take Away! They are looking for a family to take part in their 2020 show. It could be a super teacher who goes the extra mile for their pupils, a child who volunteers and helps others or a deserving family. If you would like to nominate someone click the link below. Good luck!

<https://itvuk.etribez.com/ag/itvta/snta16/welcome.html>

### **Harvest Festival**

The newly elected Mini Vinnies will be collecting tins to donate to the People's Kitchen from Monday 16 September. All donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your support.

### **School Blogs**

The class blogs should be up and running this week on the school website. They are updated every Friday so please do have a look at them to find out the wonderful things that have been happening in school.

### **Forest School**

We are hoping to roll out forest school opportunities to all children this year. This is a great experience for the children where they enjoy outdoor learning and develop skills. Please can we ask that parents do not enter forest school to remove sticks and twigs? Ms Owens carries out risk assessments and sets up the area for activities. Forest school is the area behind the outdoor activity trail.

Please remember that school equipment should not be used before and after school as it is not supervised by the staff team.

Thank you for your cooperation with these matters.

### **New Year Mass**

Fr Bill will be leading a Mass in school next week for the children to celebrate the new school year. We look forward to impressing him with our wonderful singing of the new hymns we have been learning. This year



each class in Key Stage 2 will visit St Charles' Church to join the parish to celebrate Mass. We hope this will improve further our relationship with the parish.

### **First Holy Communion 2020**

If you have a child in Year 4 and you would like them to make their First Holy Communion please attend an information meeting on Tuesday 17 September at 6pm. **This meeting will be held at St Charles' Church Parish Hall.**

### **Drop off zone for morning drop off**

The car park now has a drop off zone if you would like to drop your child off at school without leaving your car. Thank you for driving slowly, parking in bays and following the schools parking charter.

### **PTA and the Giving Machine**

The PTA have registered with the Giving Machine. This is a website that can give school fundraising money when people shop on line. Please register using this link <https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/>. Before buying online, go through the Giving Machine website and then onto the shop of your choice and the PTA will get a small percentage.

Our PTA have already pledged money to purchase books for every class in school. We have created reading lists for every year group as part of our reading curriculum and, through your support, we have been able to order lots of wonderful new books to share with all of the children. Thank you!

### **School Photographs**

The school photographer, Paul Gemmell, will be in school on Wednesday 2 October to take photographs of all the children.

### **Uniform**

**Just a reminder we do not have storage for large bags.**

Children in Key Stage 2 should only be bringing in a small back pack or bag to carry a homework book, reading book and water bottle.



**Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 book bags**



**PE bags for all classes (these do fit in outdoor and indoor PE kits)**



**Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 back packs**



If you are purchasing your own back pack bag for a Key Stage 2 child, please ensure they are small. Your child needs to fit their coat, PE kit and bag on their peg.

## Diary Dates for Autumn term 2019-2020

September 2019			
16.09.19	Whole School	Tin donations for Harvest Festival welcome from this week	All Day
17.09.19	Year 4	If you have a child in Year 4 and you would like them to make their First Holy Communion, please attend a First Holy Communion Information Meeting held at St Charles' Church Parish Hall	St Charles' Church Parish Hall 6pm
17.09.19	Whole School	New School Year Mass	9.10 Holy Hall Children Only due to hall capacity
24.09.19	Year 3	Year 3 to attend Mass at Church. Parents welcome to walk with children or meet at Church for 10.00am.	10.00am at Church
25.09.19	Year 6	Year 6 at Royal Grammar School – Computing: Crazy Maze	All Morning
27.09.19	School Council	The school council are organising a Macmillan Coffee Morning. All parents welcome.	9.00am
October 2019			
01.10.19	Year 4	Year 4 to attend Mass at Church. Parents welcome to walk with children or meet at Church for 10.00am.	10.00am at Church
02.10.19	Whole School	School Photographer Year Group photos for Nursery, Reception and Year 6 Individual and sibling photos for Nursery – Year 6	All Day
04.10.19	Year 2	Beamish Trip – further information to follow	All Day
07.10.19	Mini Vinnies	Mini Vinnies Harvest Festival Celebration Assembly. All Welcome	10.45am All Welcome
09.10.19	Year 5	Year 5 to attend Mass at Church. Parents welcome to walk with children or meet at Church for 10.00am.	10.00am at Church
11.10.19	Reception	Families of Reception children are invited into school to attend a Reading and Writing Parent/Carers Workshop.	Families Welcome 9.10am – 9.50am



14.10.19	Whole School including Nursery	Parent's Evening	3.30pm
15.10.19	Year 6	Year 6 to attend Mass at Church. Parents welcome to walk with children or meet at Church for 10.00am.	10.00am at Church
16.10.19	Year 3	Year 3 at Sacred Heart High School to watch a RSC performance of The Merchant of Venice	1.00pm
16.10.19	Year 5	Healthy Active Lifestyles Event at Walker Activity Dome	10am – 11.45am
17.10.19	Whole School including Nursery	Parent's Evening	3.30pm
17.10.19	Year 1	Year 1 Real Life Superhero Party – further information to follow	In school
18.10.19	Year 5	Year 5 - Castle Keep History Trip	9.00am – 14.30pm
23.10.19	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
24.10.19	Whole School	Last day of Half Term	School Closes at 3.15pm
25.10.19	Whole School	Training Day School closed to children	All Day

#### Future Residential Dates:

Year 4 Holy Island residential 20 and 21 May 2020

Year 6 Borrowdale Residential 17, 18 and 19 June 2020

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

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