

20 December 2019

Dear Families,

Thank you for all of your support this term. All of the staff are very proud of all of the children and what they have achieved academically and socially this term. Particularly, the nativity and carol performances over the last few weeks. We definitely have some stars in the making!

### **Nativity Performances**

We all enjoyed the nativities this term. The children worked extremely hard learning lines and their singing has been wonderful. Early Years performed 'The Angel Express', Year 1 and 2 performed 'The Inn-spectors' and Year 3 and 4 performed 'Bethlehem'. Year 5 and 6 were absolutely amazing with their wonderful singing during their carol concerts. Thank you for all your contributions at the performances. We raised £100.31 to donate to the Youth Mission Team.

Well done to all of the children and staff.

### **Volunteers**

Thank you to Mrs Atkinson who comes into school every week to read with children. Thank you to Elizabeth O'Mahony for her help with the Choir. If you have any time spare and would like to volunteer to come into school, we would love to hear from you. Please just get in touch with the school office.

### **Mini Vinnies**

This Year the Mini Vinnie pop up shop raised £226.91 to donate to the British Legion.

Miss Bell took the Mini Vinnies to Wordsworth House Care Home this week. They wanted to take Christmas cards they had made to share good will and sing to the residents. They are definitely turning concern into action. Well done everyone.

### **Head Teacher Awards**

This morning we celebrated lots of wonderful things the children have achieved this term in our assembly. Well done everyone. The winners of this terms house groups were St. Benet Biscop (Mrs Bickle was delighted as this is the first time her house has won). Well done for demonstrating risk taking this term!

### **Mary's Wheels back pack project**

Sacred Heart Church in North Gosforth are collecting back packs for Mary's Meals. If you would like to get involved, you can donate filled backpacks to school and I will take them to Church. Staff have been donating and I thought I would share it with families in case it is something anyone would like to get involved in. You can find out more, including what to put in the bags, from the Mary's Meals website.

<https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/get-involved/campaigns/the-backpack-project>



## Flu Immunisations

I am delighted that I have had a response from the immunisation team and they will be coming into school on 9 January 2020 to administer the flu sniff to those who did not receive it last time. New forms have been issued and must be returned to school by 9am on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Please take care when filling them in and don't miss the box under the non- consent section.

## Bike Rack

I am delighted that the new bike rack, that was ordered in the summer, has now been installed in the car park. Please ensure if you are using this rack that your bike or scooter is securely fastened.

## Library Competition

Well done to the three library competition winners today.

## Christmas Lunch

Thank you to Teresa, Dawn and Lorraine in the kitchen for all of their hard work preparing the Christmas dinner for all of the children and staff. The children were all served by the teachers and all enjoyed the special occasion.

## St Charles' Church Community Christmas Market

Thank you to Mrs McCabe and Miss Bell for organising all of the items that the children and staff made for the Christmas Market. Mrs Ambrose and Mrs MacLellan were wonderful sales assistants and I would like to thank them all for giving up their time.

## PTA

Thank you to everyone on the PTA for all of their support this term. We appreciate all you do and for giving up your time to help fundraise to support our school.

## Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day



Thank you for all of your donations for Save the Children. We raised £177.76 to donate to Save the Children.

If you would like to know about how the money is used, you can find information on their website.

<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day/how-you-help>

## School Council

Thank you to the School Council for providing me with a list of books they would like me to buy for the school library. Hopefully, we will have all of the new books in the library in the New Year.

Next term, we are welcoming a visit from St Augustine's Catholic Primary School. Their School Council will be coming to meet our School Council and they will be finding out how the School Council works and what projects they are working on. Our School Council will then visit their school. We hope that the children can work together on some projects over the next few terms.



## Staff CPD

Mrs Kelly and Miss Bell enjoyed the hand jive dance competition they entered last year and were impressed at the quality of resources that we decided to invest in the dance programme for school. This term we enjoyed training from the DDMIX team. I am sure the children will enjoy the new dance scheme in school.

## Thank you from the staff

The staff have asked me to pass on their gratitude and thanks for their gifts. They really appreciate the kind gestures. Thank you.



## The God who Speaks

As we start the new Church year, we celebrate 'The God who Speaks'. You may want some time to read the scripture below taking a few moments peace during this busy time.

### ***Isaiah 7: 10-14 Isaiah Gives Ahaz the Sign of Immanuel***

*Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, 'Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven'.*

*But Ahaz said, 'I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test'.*

*Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you too weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.'*

## Dairy Dates

January 2020			
06.01.20	Year 1 - Year 6	Mathletics Parents Launch Meeting	Holy Hall 2.45pm – 3.10pm
07.01.20	Year 6	Ancient Greece workshop	In school
08.01.20	Year 2	Centre for Life Trip	All Day
09.01.20	Rec – Year 6	Immunisation Team coming to school for Flu Sniff catch up for all those who missed it	1pm
10.01.20	Year 5	Y5 Keswick Residential Launch Meeting for Parents	3.20pm
10.01.20	2020 Reception	New Reception intake look around – for parents with children starting school in September 2020. Please	9.30am



	Intake	contact the school office to book in a visit.	
15.01.20	Year 3	Trip to Segedunum – Further information to follow	All Day
16.01.20	2020 Nursery Intake	New Nursery intake look around – for parents with children starting Nursery in September 2020. Please contact the school office to book in a visit.	9.30am
17.01.20	Nursery to Year 2	Road Safety Training	9.30am to 12.00pm
20.01.20	All	Parent drop in session to talk to Dale Brown from Operation Encompass about personal relationships and domestic violence	3.30pm
21.01.20	Year 1 Maths Parent Workshop	Maths Parent Workshop – further information to follow	09.10am – 09.45am
21.01.20	2020 Nursery Intake	New Nursery intake look around – for parents with children starting Nursery in September 2020. Please contact the school office to book in a visit.	9.30am
28.01.20	KS2 Maths Parent Workshop	Maths Parent Workshop – further information to follow	09.10am – 09.45am
28.01.20	Year 3 & Year 4	Relationship Session by School Nurse Year 3 1.00pm – 2.00pm Year 4 2.15pm – 3.10pm	1.00pm to 3.10pm
31.01.20	2020 Nursery Intake	New Nursery intake look around – for parents with children starting Nursery in September 2020. Please contact the school office to book in a visit.	9.30am
<b>February 2020</b>			
05.02.20	Year 2	Visit to Walker Dome for Healthy Active Lifestyle	9.15am – 11.45am
13.02.20	Year 5	Rent a Peasant Topic celebration – further information to follow	All Day
14.02.20	PTA	Valentine Coffee Afternoon – details to follow	2.00pm
24.02.20	Year 1 & Year 2	GEM Education – Beebots	1.00pm
26.02.20	KS2	Mass at Church	10.00am
<b>March 2020</b>			
04.03.20	Year 5	Hygiene session by school nurse – further information to follow	1.00pm - 2.00pm
05.03.20	Whole School	World Book Day – Book Breakfast and Dress Up – Further information to follow.	All Day



10.03.20	2020 Nursery Intake	New Nursery intake look around – for parents with children starting Nursery in September 2020. Please contact the school office to book in a visit.	9.30am
23.03.20	Whole School	Parents Evening	3.30pm
19.03.20	Year 6	Free 2 Be Workshops: prejudice and discrimination in history and modern day society	9.30am to 3.10pm
26.03.20	Whole School	Parents Evening	3.30pm
30.03.20	Whole School	Easter Egg Parade – Further information to follow	3.00pm
<b>April 2020</b>			
02.04.20	Year 3 & Year 4	African Drums for Parents: Year 3 African Drums 1.00pm Year 4 Samba Drums 2.00pm	1.00pm to 2.00pm
02.04.20	Year 5	Centre for Life Science Trip. Further information to follow	All Day
22.04.20	Year 3	Beamish Trip. Further information to follow	All Day
23.04.20	Year 5 & Year 6	British Cycling Session  Y5 1.00pm – 2.00pm  Y6 2.00pm – 3.00pm	1.00pm to 3.00pm
<b>May 2020</b>			
05.05.20 to 07.05.20	Year 5	Year 5 Keswick Residential – further information to follow	All Day
19.05.20	Year 6	Body Changes session by School Nurse	1.00pm – 2.00pm
20.05.20 to 21.05.20	Year 4	Year 4 Holy Island Retreat	All Day
20.05.20	Year 1	Baltic Trip – Further information to follow.	All Day
<b>June 2020</b>			
01.06.20	Whole School	Staff Training Day – School Closed to Children	All Day
08.06.20	Year 3 & Year 4	GEM Education – Microbit Workshop  Year 3 - 1.00pm – 2.00pm  Year 4 – 2.00pm to 3.00pm	1.00pm to 3.00pm
09.06.20	Year 5 & Year 6	GEM Education – Raspberry Pi Workshop	1.00pm to 3.00pm



		Year 5: 1.00pm to 2.00pm Year 6: 2.00pm to 3.00pm	
19.06.20	Year 5	STEM Workshop at St Cuthbert's	All Day
17.06.20 to 19.06.20	Year 6	Year 6 trip to Borrowdale – further information to follow	All Day

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

I would like to thank all of the staff for their hard work and commitment to making St Charles' a great place to be.

Merry Christmas and all the best for 2020 from all of the staff at St Charles'.

*Nealings*

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