



20 July 2018

The statement to live by this week is:

'I stand up for people who are being treated unfairly.'

Dear Families,

Thank you for all of your support this academic year. The children have been a pleasure to teach and it has been lovely watching them grow. I hope they all have a restful break – they all deserve it!

Performance data

We are delighted with the end of year results across the school. Thank you to all of the children for their hard work throughout the year. The school website will be updated with the current performance if you would like to find out about our performance across the school.

End of Year Mass



Thank you to Fr Bill who came into school this week to celebrate the end of the school year with the staff and children. It was a lovely way to celebrate and pray for all of the children and staff who are moving on at the end of the academic year. We will keep them all in our prayers and I am sure they will keep in touch.

School Uniform

A copy of the school uniform policy has been sent out to all families. Please remember no jewellery and schools shoes should be worn all year with the exception of sandals in the summer term.



Children moving into Year 1 and Year 2 in September need to remember that the children only need a book bag and not a back pack. This is for storage reasons.

Olivia!



Well done Year 6! Their performance of 'Olivia' was amazing and they were all super stars. I would once again like to thank them for all of their hard work this year. I wish each and every one of them good luck as they begin the next part of their education.

Newcastle Summer Reading Challenge

Keep reading over the summer and take part in the library summer reading challenge!



<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Find out more using the web link or visit your local library.

Great Exhibition of the North



Thank you to all of the parents who have helped with our trips over the last few weeks. I hope you and your families continue to enjoy the exhibition over the summer.

<https://getnorth2018.com/>

First Aid

Please ensure that all medication is collected from school. If your child needs medication in school, please bring this into school when we return in September, ensuring all items (not just the boxes) are labelled. Forms are available from the school office. If their medical information has not changed can we please ask you sign and date your current form to agree no changes? You can do this with the school office.

Children entering school in September 2018

To ensure messages are communicated effectively throughout school and to help us keep the classroom floors safe and dry in the winter months we are changing the way the children enter school.

The children in Year 1 and 2 will enter through the right library door with Mrs Elizabeth.

The children in Year 3 and 4 will enter through the left library door with Mrs McCabe.

The children in Year 5 and 6 will enter through the door at the end of the Key Stage 2 corridor with Mrs Shuttle.

There will always be a member of staff to greet each group of children. If you would like to pass on a message or speak to your child's teacher, you can leave a message with the staff member. This slip will be passed on to the relevant teacher or staff member and they will get back to you. Staff will be teaching most of the day but will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible. Teachers will be in the classrooms to greet the children and they will be reading with children from 8.50am.

Children will be dismissed from their classroom door and all teachers will be available for any discussions you would like to have once all children are dismissed.

As usual, I will be available on the playground most mornings. Please do not hesitate to come and speak to me regarding any questions you have.

PE Survey Results

Mr Smith has collated the results of the recent PE survey. They are as follows:

Does your child attend any extra-curricular clubs held at school?

- 69% of parents responded with yes and increase of 4% from Autumn term.

Are there any particular clubs that your child would be interested in attending?

- A vast range of suggestions were received. These included, cycling, running, netball, hockey, art, dance, yoga, tennis, athletics, hammer throwing, music, science, history, basketball, gymnastics, multi skills, archery, badminton, foreign languages, football, swimming, rugby, cricket, cookery, drama and martial arts.

We aim to offer a wide range of clubs and have done so over the last three years. We will continue to offer further opportunities in the upcoming academic year.

When would you prefer to see extra-curricular clubs take place?

- 60% of parents responded with after school, 10% before school and 30% either before or after school.

As a result, we will continue to offer a variety of before and after school clubs next year.

Would you rather have the same selection of extracurricular clubs that last for the majority of the academic year or a variety of clubs that last for a term/half term at a time?

- 35% of parents responded that they would prefer to have the same club for the whole year.
- 47% of parents responded that they would prefer a variety.
- 18% were happy with either.

As a result, we will endeavour to offer some clubs that last for the whole year alongside a variety of shorter term clubs. A number of respondents noted that it would be beneficial to have clubs last at least a term rather than half a term and we will try to accommodate this request when possible next year.

What information about PE and sport would you find useful?

A variety of responses were received. A number of respondents requested that they be kept informed as to what their child is doing in PE. A copy of the PE curriculum is available to view on the school website and was also available at the curriculum roadshow at the beginning of the year. Some suggestions focused on information about clubs for the whole of the school year. As it stands, football, gymnastics, taekwondo, running, and Irish dancing take place throughout the school year. We are unable at this stage to outline all of the clubs that will be available for next year but we will endeavour to give as much notice as possible. One individual queried about the school's PE spend. This information is available from the school website.

Thank you again for all your responses. Mr Smith.

PTA

Thank you to the PTA for all of their hard work this year, including the fantastic summer fair. Many are moving on from St Charles' this year and I would like to thank them all for their time and dedication over the years. Thank you!

Staffing in September.

The staffing structure in September will be as follows:

Nursery – Miss Owens

Reception - Mrs Bickle

Year 1 – Miss Williams

Year 2 - Mrs Binney

Year 3 – Miss Bell

Year 4 – Miss Kane

Year 5 - Mrs Kelly

Year 6 - Mrs Brady (Mrs Damti is covering in Mrs Brady's absence)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff for their hard work and commitment to the children, especially to the staff members that are moving on this summer. On behalf of all the children, families and governors I wish them all well with their future endeavours.

Thank you for your support and I hope you all have a lovely summer break.



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