St Charles' Catholic Primary School

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LINKS WITH THE PARISH

We were delighted that so many parents, family members, Governors and parishioners were able to join us in church for the Advent Service, which was held in church on 17th December. As always, all the children were wonderful and it was a lovely way to start the final week in school of 2018.

I have met with Fr James to set dates for the term. Please make a note of when the children will be taken to church to the 9.30 mass this month.

Tuesday 15th January – Year 1
Tuesday 22nd January – Year 6
Tuesday 29th January – Year 5

All friends and family members are welcome to join us in church for all masses.

PLACES AVAILABLE IN SCHOOL

Due to some families moving away from the area, we do have places available in some classes throughout the school. If you know of anyone moving into our area looking for a catholic school, please ask them to contact us directly. We were graded as Outstanding in our R.E. Inspection in January 2018 and we are very proud that the work done in school to share our faith has been recognised.

STAFF NEWS

I am pleased to let you know that Miss L Sanderson (Learning Support Assistant in Year 1,) was married during the Christmas holiday and all the children are now trying to remember her new name, Mrs Lester. I am sure you will all join me in offering Mrs Lester and her husband the very best wishes for their future life together.

INSPECTION OF LIVERPOOL CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS PROVISION

Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission will jointly be undertaking an inspection of Liverpool City Council's effectiveness in identifying and meeting the needs of, and improving outcomes for, children and young people who have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), from Monday 14 January 2019 to Friday 18 January 2019. They would like to gather the views of parents and carers. If you wish to find out how to do so, please go to the 'News' page of our website and follow the link.

CHOIR

I am delighted that our choir will again be performing at the Peace Proms at the Echo Arena later this month. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to sing with a live orchestra and hundreds of other children, and I know it will be a fabulous day. Tickets are still available at www.mandsbankarena.com. I am very grateful to all parents and members of staff who support the children and thus make events like this possible.

SAFEGUARDING

May I ask parents collecting their children from After School Club not to let other adults into the building as they leave. Only After School Club staff should admit people into the building, in order to ensure we keep all our children safe. Thank you for your support in this matter.

SCHOOL UNIFORM
The children looked very smart coming into school on Tuesday but can I please remind you that we do need all children to be wearing the correct uniform, including a tie and black school shoes and not trainers. I would ask that all items of school uniform are clearly labelled so that any lost property can be returned to the children promptly.

SCHOOL BAGS
Due to the limited amount of space we have in our cloakrooms, we cannot allow pupils to bring large back-packs or similar into school. Pupils need a school book-bag for their homework and, if necessary, a packed lunch box. We would ask that no large bags are sent in, even when the children are going swimming. PE bags can stay in the cloakroom for the half-term, but should be no bigger than the school PE bags which can be bought from the school office.

SWIMMING
All children in Years 3 and 4 will be taken for swimming lessons this term. The lessons will be in the afternoon, so it is advisable that children are not sent into school wearing their swimming kit. The kit needs to be in a labelled bag. It is really important that all children are able to undress and dress themselves and be accountable for their own clothing whilst at the swimming pool.

PE THIS TERM
Y1 and Y2 – Thursday Y5 and Y6 – Wednesday Y3 and Y4- none this term

PAYMENTS
I would remind parents / carers that payments for dinner money, Breakfast Club and After School Club, can only be accepted in school on Mondays. This is to ensure that all administrative tasks involving payments are completed promptly and all monies banked. Thank you for your continued support.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
Monday: Elite Soccer
Monday: Recorder (Y2 – at break time)
Tuesday: Choir (at lunchtime)
Wednesday: Multiskills
Thursday: Change4Life
Thursday: Ukelele

The children who are to be invited to take part in Multiskills and Change4Life will be given letters by Mr Cross in the next few days.

I know that Christmas would have been a very busy time for most people but I hope that you all managed to have some rest during the holidays. I wish everyone the very best for 2019 and thank for your continued support for the school.

Mrs A Roberts