



St Charles' Catholic Primary School

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LINKS WITH THE PARISH

All the children will be taken to church to celebrate mass at 10.00am on Ash Wednesday, 6th March. As in previous years, Fr James has agreed to come into school during Lent to celebrate mass each week. The masses will take place at 8.15am in the school hall on Wednesdays. This is a wonderful opportunity for all our Parish community to come together to pray and I hope that many children, parents, carers and parishioners can join us each week.

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.

CLASSROOM REFURBISHMENT

The work to refurbish the classrooms and communal areas in Key Stage 2 is progressing well. I am very grateful to all the staff who have worked incredibly hard to ensure that learning is not disrupted and the children are able to access the curriculum. The completed classrooms look very smart and we are all going to work together to keep them that way.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

As part of our school policy, children should all be wearing black shoes to school and should have black pumps in school for P.E. With the new carpets and flooring now installed in the Key Stage 2 areas, we request that all children have their PE pumps in school that they can wear in the classrooms, to stop mud being brought onto the carpets. We thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

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 DINNERS

Some children who usually have packed lunch have said to staff that they would like to be able to have a hot meal on a Friday, when it is fish and chips. We always listen to our children and although it involves more work for our Chef and Admin staff, we want to try to give this a go. We would ask that if your child wants a Friday school dinner, that you must commit to the half term. There are five weeks left until the Easter holiday, so that would be a total cost of £10 which would need to be paid on Monday 4th March. All monies must be put into an envelope with your child's name, and a receipt will be sent home.

WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March and children will be allowed, if they wish, to come to school dressed as a fictional character from their favourite book. They may also bring their favourite book into school with them if they want to. The teachers have activities planned in school to celebrate the joy that books and reading can bring and I am sure that we will all have a lovely day.

RED NOSE DAY

Friday 15th March is Red Nose Day and children are invited to come into school wearing an item of clothing that is red. This could be a T-Shirt, sweatshirt, blouse, cardigan, pair of socks or tie. School trousers or skirts and school shoes need to be worn. We ask for a £1 donation for the charity. (Red noses may also be worn!)

CROSS COUNTRY

Well done to all the children who represented the school at the Cross Country event on Thursday. The final Cross Country race will take place on Tuesday 5th March at Wavertree. I am very grateful to Mr Cross and other staff and parents for supporting the children with these events.

CAR PARK

Can I please remind all parents/carers to use the pedestrian gate when bringing children into school and when collecting them and not to walk through the car park. Using the pedestrian gate will ensure that all children and adults are safe.

END OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Once you have collected your children at the end of the school day, please ensure that you keep your children with you and that you leave using the pedestrian gate. On several occasions recently, children have been allowed to run around the car park whilst parents are chatting. I do not want any accidents to happen and everyone has to be responsible for the safety of the children.

ONLINE SAFETY

There has been recent press and social media coverage about the dangers that children can face online and I wish to reassure you that we have approved firewalls in school so that children cannot access inappropriate content and we constantly remind children about online safety. However, I would urge all parents/carers to use parental controls to keep your children safe, to know exactly what your children are accessing outside of school and to remind your children of the importance of not giving personal information to anyone they do not know. I am very concerned that some of our children, outside of school, are accessing material which is designed for adult use and which contain very inappropriate language and levels of violence.

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

I hope you all have a restful weekend and I thank for your continued support for the school.

Mrs A Roberts