

### Uniform Reminders

*Please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform at all times. The children are reminded regularly of the importance of the correct school uniform.*

**Shoes**—Black school shoes (Please ensure your child is able to tie themselves or with Velcro fastenings) and black plimsols for indoor wear

**Tie**—Maroon tie—**Shirt/Blouse**—Pale Blue—**Trousers/Skirts/Pinafore**— Grey

**Hair** must be tied back at all times

**Strictly NO NAIL VARNISH allowed. No jewellery allowed.**

*Children do play outdoors in all weathers, please ensure your child has a suitable coat.*



Tuesday 21st March

*Parents Evening (all classes except Y3)*

Tuesday 21st March

*Down Syndrome Awareness Day - Odd socks*

Friday 24th March

*Own Clothes Day - Easter Egg donations*

Monday 27th March

*Easter Bingo for Children*

Friday 31st March

*Break for Easter*

Monday 17th April

*Return to School 8.40am*

*Look out for updates on our school website [stcharlescatholicprimary.com](http://stcharlescatholicprimary.com) or follow us on Twitter [@CharlesPrimary](https://twitter.com/CharlesPrimary)*



## St Charles' Catholic Primary School Newsletter



**"Love, learn and grow together"**

Headteacher Mrs Rebecca Dean

3rd March 2023

### World Book Day 2023

The children celebrated World Book day on Thursday by dressing in either their PJ's or character outfits. The children completed activities during the day which culminated in a prize giving assembly. If you haven't already seen our little video head to the website or Twitter to watch!

*Well done everyone!*





**Have you been an Attendance HERO this week?**

**Congratulations to Year 2** for being our best attenders this week.

### Absence = Lost Opportunities

**We have noticed a significant increase in the number of children arriving late in the mornings.**

**Our school gates open at 8.40am each morning. All children should be in school before the gates close at 8.55am.** Children begin their learning as soon as they enter the classroom in the morning. Lessons first thing include Phonics which is vital in helping children to read.

**All children need to attend school regularly to benefit from their education; missing out on lessons leaves pupils vulnerable to falling behind and achieving less.**

Class	Attendance & Punctuality for this week
WHOLE SCHOOL	93.19% 36 Lates
Reception	91.67% 4 Lates
Year 1	95.63% 4 Lates
Year 2	96.25% 3 Lates
Year 3	91.25% 6 Lates
Year 4	94.27% 7 Lates
Year 5	91.83% 5 Lates
Year 6	88.00% 2 Lates

## Down Syndrome Awareness Day



On March 1<sup>st</sup> all the children planted their sunflower seeds as part of the Sunflower Challenge for Down Syndrome UK. As part of a countdown to World Down Syndrome Day on March 21<sup>st</sup> we will be planting Sunflower Seeds. For 21 days we will be watching them take root and grow.

Each child, just like our Sunflowers, grows and blooms in different ways. Children will then be able to take their Sunflower home to continue to watch it grow. Suggested donation is £1 which goes to supporting Down Syndrome UK.

On 21<sup>st</sup> March, children will have the opportunity to take part in activities to learn more about Down syndrome and celebrate that we all are special and unique.

Down Syndrome UK works hard to raise public awareness, advocating for the rights and inclusion of people with Down syndrome. So as well as having some fun growing sunflowers, it is a wonderful opportunity for us to raise funds for this amazing charity, helping them to continue to empower, enlighten and educate families and professionals involved in all children's care and education.

We would also really love to see your pictures of your Sunflowers over the 21 days. If posting on Social Media, make sure you tag us @positiveaboutdownsyndrome or use the hashtag #DSUKSunflowerChallenge.



## Owen McVeigh Fundraising

On Friday 10th February we held an own clothes day. We raised £170. We have more fundraising for the next couple of weeks in our Lenten Charity Challenge. Classes have been busy thinking of what they would like to do.

**We will also be holding another own clothes day on Friday 24th March for an Easter Egg donation and Easter Bingo on Monday 27th March. Details to follow.**

## Pupil Premium Funding

If your circumstances have changed recently you could be eligible. Please look at the link below to see if you are entitled to Free School Meals.

Statistics indicate that more children in our school are entitled to pupil premium, free milk and meals.

- Income Support Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support from NASS (National Asylum Support Service) under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, Working Tax Credit run-on, Universal Credit

How do I apply for pupil premium and free school milk? Access Liverpool City Council's Website via <https://liverpool.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/grants-and-funding/free-school-meals/>

Please inform school as soon as you know.

## Ofsted

Thank you for your support with our recent Ofsted inspection. The report should be ready by the end of April.

