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28 November 2022

Dear Families

We are now in the season of Advent and in school we are preparing the children for the coming of Jesus' birth. Year 6 celebrated the first advent liturgical prayer and shared the message of 'Hope'. This is a very joyous time in school as we all prepare for the coming of Jesus. We hope you can join us over the next few weeks.

Commando Joe's Days

All year groups enjoyed their Commando Joe's days throughout this half term where they worked together to complete various missions.



Y6 Faith in Action Breakfast

Thank you to all who came to the welcome breakfast and to Year 6 for hosting. We will continue to fundraise across the year.



St Charles' Feast Day

This month we celebrated our Feast Day. All of the children learned about St Charles Borromeo and the KS2 children attended Mass at the parish church. It was a lovely celebration and the children sang beautifully. The children chose to sing their school song '10,000 Reasons'. This was a song each class voted for last academic year. It is wonderful to see the children enjoying singing the hymn so much. I am sure you will all hear the children sing this over the coming year.



Laudato Leaders

This month the Laudato Leaders went on a litter pick around the local area. They collected lots of litter which I was not expecting. Thank you to Mrs Binney and all of the children for making a difference. The children are working towards the CAFOD Live Simply Award.



Forest School Open Evenings

We held two open evening for parents and children to explore the Forest School site to experience a taster of some popular Forest School activities: den building, mud kitchen and imaginative play in preparation for the Forest School extra-curricular club starting after school next year when the nights start to get lighter. This area is also used at lunchtimes as part of OPAL. The leaf necklaces proved very popular as was the hot chocolate.



Geography Field Trips

This term the children are following our Geography curriculum. The children in Year 2 have been visiting the High Street as part of their local field study. Thank you to all of the volunteers who came to support the children. It is wonderful to have trips and visits once again for our children.



Children in Need

We raised £263.48 for Children in Need on Friday 18 November. The children all used their design technology skills to design a T-shirt following the 'Spotacular' theme. This year's winning design was awarded to the children in Year 1. Each class participated in a fashion show, celebrating their end product. There was some fantastic cat walking by the models. Well done everyone.



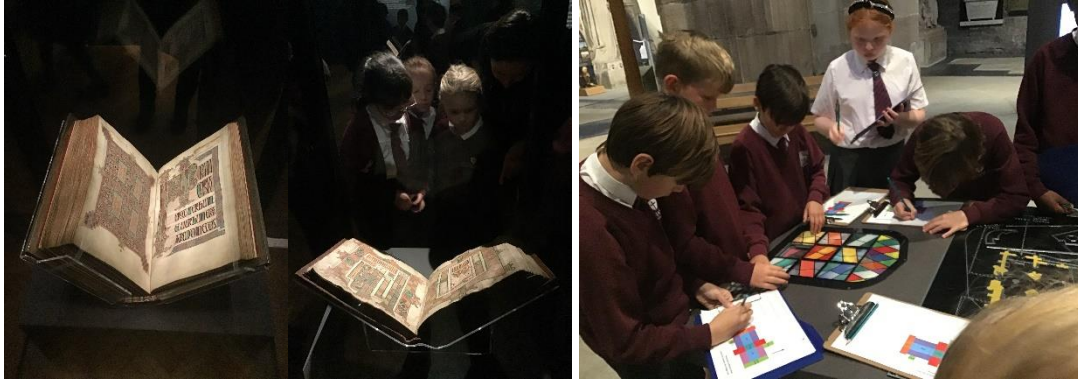
Reception Class Pizza Express Trip

Reception enjoyed their first school trip to Pizza Express. The children loved their ride on the Metro and were very sensible! The children had been reading the text 'The Little Red Hen Makes a Pizza'. The children loved making their own, stretching out the dough and adding the toppings. Of course, the best part was eating them! Thank you to the parent helpers that joined us for the trip.



Year 5 and Year 6 Visit to Newcastle Cathedral and Laing Art Gallery for Lindisfarne Gospels

Years 5 and 6 enjoyed a trip to Newcastle on 23 November to visit Newcastle Cathedral, Newcastle Library and the Laing Art Gallery. The children took part in many different activities linked to the Lindisfarne Gospels and were impeccably behaved.



Advent Liturgical Prayer

Year 6 and their parents held Week 1 Liturgical Prayer on Monday 28 November. We look forward to seeing parents of Year 5, Year 4 and Year 3 when those classes hold their Advent Liturgical Prayer – see Diary Dates below for exact dates and timings.

Extra-Curricular Activities for Children with Special Educational Needs/Disabilities (SEND)

If your child has additional needs, we are seeking their views on clubs they would like to attend. We are gathering information and hopefully we can try and accommodate their requests in the future. If your child has any suggestions, please email the school office, office@stcharlesprimary.uk, FAO Mrs Nealings.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform including footwear and no earrings as stated in the school policy. We have high expectations and all children should be wearing the correct uniform. There is a small selection of second-hand items available, please contact the school office for further information.

Wear Your Own Jumper Day

The PTA organised a jumper swap on 24 November. Children can wear a Christmas jumper or any jumper they like with their usual uniform on Friday 9 December 2022.

Safeguarding

Just a reminder that the designated persons for child protection and safeguarding are Mrs Nealings, Mrs Binney and Miss Micklethwaite. They can be contacted via the school office.

Reading at Home

Children are encouraged to read each day for at least 10 minutes. There is a wide selection of books in the school library and children have access to our home reading selection which has had significant investment over the last few years.

If there are any books your child would like to read and they are not available in school, please email the school office and we will try to add those to our collection.

FREE Parish Ceilidh at St Charles Church Hall on Saturday 17 December (6pm – 8.45pm)

A free joint parish event with Sacred Heart and families from St Oswald's. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. If you'd like to attend, there are sign-up sheets at the back of Church, or leave a message with the school office. No Ceilidh dancing experience needed – a caller will teach you and lead you in the dances.

Nativity Performances

We are delighted to invite parents, carers and families into school to watch the children perform their nativity plays. We do not have permission for all of the children to be photographed so we do ask in advance that you refrain from taking any photographs or video footage of the performances. There will be an opportunity at the end of each performance for you to take photographs of your child. Thank you in advance for your co-operation with this safeguarding matter.

We hope the performances help get you into the Christmas spirit. The PTA will be serving drinks before and after the performance. It will be lovely for the school community to be celebrating together in person once again. Tickets will need to be pre-ordered for the performances; a letter will be sent out soon with full details.

**NB: We have added an extra date for the Early Years Nativity on
Friday 9 December at 9.15am**

Staffing News

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Binney and Mrs Hague are expecting babies next year. Congratulations to both families and we pray for the safe arrival of their babies.

It is anticipated Mrs Binney will begin her maternity leave in March and Mrs Hague will begin her maternity leave in April. Recruitment will take place to cover her class teacher post in the new Year.

Congratulations to Miss Micklethwaite on her recent engagement. We wish her and her fiancé every happiness for their future together.

Lunchtime Supervisor Position

We have a vacancy in school for a Lunchtime Supervisor. This is a 7.5 hour per week position during lunchtimes. If you are interested, or know anyone who is, please contact Mrs Ambrose in our school office.

KS2 Carol Service in Church

This will take place on Wednesday 14 December at 4.45pm. The date was incorrectly advertised by the Church.

Carols Around the Christmas Tree 2.30pm on 22 December 2022

As the end of the Autumn term draws to an end, we welcome all families into school to join us in singing Christmas carols around our Christmas tree.

Contact with School via Email

A reminder that our school email address changed in February. Some families are still using the old email, which we no longer have access to. The school email is office@stcharlesprimary.uk. Also, please note that messages sent via the Teachers2Parents messaging app cannot support responses. Any email communication to the school should always be sent to office@stcharlesprimary.uk.

Late Arrivals

If your child arrives to school after the gates are closed at 8.50am, they are recorded as late. **Parents** will need to sign children into school using the sign in app at the school office. You will need to choose the following:

- Sign In
- Pupil integration
- Type child's name (it should pop up on screen)
- Sign in
- Reason for lateness
- Continue

Please complete this information thoroughly. Late is not a sufficient reason for being late; we need to know what caused you to be running late.

Meat in School

A reminder that the meat served at lunchtimes is not Halal. There is always a vegetarian option available for Halal children.

Medication in School

The school is able to administer prescribed medications provided they need to be administered 4 times a day. The medication must have a label on from the pharmacy. Parents are required to complete a form available from the school office.

Contact Details/Dismissal Arrangements

Please let the school know if any of your contact details such as home address, mobile number, email address and pupil collection arrangements have changed. We require a minimum of 3 contacts for each child.



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Forthcoming Diary Dates

Day	Date	December 2022	Class
Monday	5/12/22	Advent Liturgical Prayer – Year 5	9.10am for families of children in Year 5
Friday	9/12/22	Early Years Nativity – ADDITIONAL DATE	9.15am for Nursery and Reception Class
Friday	9/12/22	Christmas Lunch for the children	Whole school
Friday	9/12/22	Christmas / Jumper of Your Choice Day – children should wear their normal uniform. If they choose they can wear a Christmas jumper, decorate a jumper or wear a non -uniform jumper.	Whole school
Monday	12/12/22	KS1 Nativity	9.15am for families for children in Year 1 and Year 2
Tuesday	13/12/22	KS1 Nativity	9.15am for families for children in Year 1 and Year 2
Wednesday	14/12/22	KS2 Carols at St Charles Church	4.45pm - KS2
Wednesday	14/12/22	Early Years Nativity	9.15am Nursery and Reception class
Friday	16/12/22	Advent Liturgical Prayer – Year 4	9.10am for families of children in Year 4
Friday	16/12/22	PTA Christmas Fayre	Whole school – 3.20pm
Saturday	17/12/22	St Charles Church Christmas Family Ceilidh (St Charles Church Hall)	Whole school – 6pm - 8.45pm
Monday	19/12/22	Advent Liturgical Prayer – Year 3	9.10am for families of children in Year 3
Tuesday	20/12/22	School Party Day Children can come to school in their party clothes. Ensure they are warm enough and have sensible shoes. Children to bring a small plate of party food, that they will have after their lunch.	Whole school

Thursday	22/12/22	Carols around the Christmas tree in school	Whole school 2.30pm. Parents/carers welcome
Thursday	22/12/22	Last day of term.	School closes at 3.20pm.
Monday	9/01/23	School reopens after Christmas break.	School reopens at 8.40am