

Together we follow Jesus' footsteps in our living and learning.

Article 17: Children have the right to access information

17 February 2023

Dear Families

Thank you for all of your continued support. It was lovely to see so many families this week for parent consultations. We hope you found the consultations useful and informative after the changes we have made to ensure a consistent experience for all families across the school.

Safe Squad

The Safe Squad have been meeting to discuss how we can keep everyone safe. We have two children who are our journalists. Their newsletter on page 5.

Staffing Updates

Some families are already aware that Miss Micklethwaite is leaving on 30 April to relocate to Gloucester to join her fiancé. Miss Micklethwaite has been an amazing member of the staff team and an inspirational leader in our school. We will all miss her dearly. We wish her and George every success and happiness for their future together and George success in his rugby career.

I am delighted to inform you that we have Mrs Birkbeck joining the staff team on Monday 17 April as our new Early Years Leader. Mrs Birkbeck is a very experienced and skilled teacher and she is looking forward to joining our team. She is hoping to start visiting school next half term to start getting to know all of the children.



Mrs Birkbeck Early Years Leader

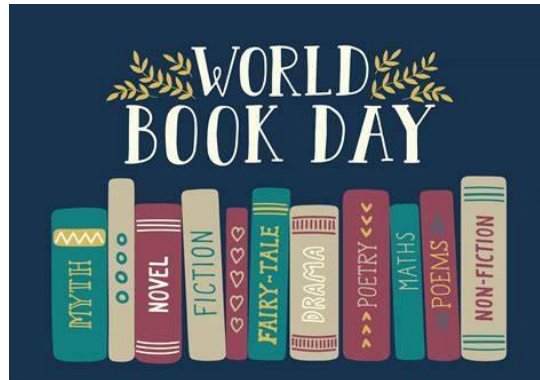
Mrs Binney will be starting her maternity leave on 13 March. The staff team would like to wish her and her husband Dan good luck as they prepare for the arrival of their third child. Mrs Binney has been Deputy Head Teacher since last April, and I would like to thank her for all of her hard work and recognise the significant impact she has on the education we provide for the children in our school. We will all miss her and are looking forward to her returning later this year.

Mrs Hague will be starting her maternity leave on 27 March. We are all excited for the arrival of her first child. We all wish her and her husband Adam good luck as they prepare for the birth. Mrs Mills, who taught in Year 5 last year, will be returning to our school to cover Mrs Hague's maternity 4 days a week. Miss Salter will teach Year 2 on a Friday. I would like to welcome Mrs Mills back to the staff

team. She has taught the Year 2 class when they were in Year 1 and is delighted to be teaching them again this year.

The children in Reception class and Year 2 will meet Mrs Birkbeck and Mrs Mills after the half term break. We have planned a period of transition for the children to ensure they have a smooth handover with their new teachers.

World Book Day



We are looking forward to lots of reading and book related fun next half term. Remember to read Miss Micklethwaite's letter regarding the arrangements for World Book Day on 2 March 2023.

Lent



We will return to school in the season of Lent after the break. We are all invited to pray, fast and give alms during this season. We are looking forward to our visit from CAFOD to launch 'The Big Lent Walk'. We have lots of donations already! Thank you for your generosity. We will share more information with you next half term.

Laudato Leaders

Our Laudato Leaders are looking for Zero Hero's. If you are looking after our world, saving energy you might get a sticker! We look forward to seeing what they are planning for us next term.

Mini Vinnies

The Mini Vinnies are planning lots of opportunities to pray this Lent for the people in Turkey and Syria affected by the recent earthquakes. Please keep these families in your prayers.

NEU Teacher strike

A reminder school is closed to Year 2 children on 28 February due to the NEU strike action. We will update you regarding future proposed strike action in due course.

Parent Workshops

Miss Micklethwaite will be hosting the second workshop for Reception parents next half term. Materials from the workshops will be on the school website after the sessions.

Reception Class Maths Workshop (8:50am - 9:45am)

Thursday 9 March 2023

Parking In School Car Park

Please do not use the disabled car parking spaces in the school car park unless you have a blue badge allowing you to do so. Please also refrain from parking on the double yellow lines; cars parked on the double yellow lines can prevent other cars from reversing out of the car parking spaces.

School Closure on 8 May 2023

The school will be closed to pupils and staff on Monday 8 May for the new King's Coronation.

PTA

Thank you to the PTA for their event this week that was enjoyed by many. We are all looking forward to the World Book Day disco after half term.

WhatsApp

Please find attached information regarding WhatsApp for parents.

Have a lovely restful break with your families.



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Day	Date	February 2023	Class
Monday	27.02.23	First day of term	
Monday	27.02.23	Y4 and Y6 visit to Newcastle Central Mosque	Morning trip
Tuesday	28.02.23	Industrial action – Year 2 class not in school	
Tuesday	28.02.23	CAFOD Big Lent Walk will be launched in assembly	
Day	Date	March 2023	Class
Thursday	02.03.23	World Book Day – refer to letter from Miss Micklethwaite	
Thursday	02.03.23	PTA disco	From 3.20pm
Monday	06.03.23	KS2 Author visit – Jenny Pearson	

Wednesday	08.03.23	Y5 and Y6 Reconciliation with Father Michael	In school
Thursday	09.03.23	Maths Workshop for Parents	Reception
Monday	13.03.23	St Charles' Church Visit	Year 2
Tuesday	14.03.23	St Charles' Church Visit	Year 1
Wednesday	15.03.23	St Charles' Church Visit	Reception
Wednesday	15.03.23	Possible strike action by NEU members	
Thursday	16.03.23	Possible strike action by NEU members	
Friday	17.03.23	Red Nose Day – details to follow	Whole School
Wednesday	22.03.23	Y4 Stations of the Cross	Newcastle Cathedral
Friday	24.03.23	Y4 Safety Works trip	Afternoon
Monday	27.03.23	Y3 Liturgical Prayer	2.30pm families welcome.
Tuesday	28.03.23	Y4 Liturgical Prayer	2.30pm families welcome.
Wednesday	29.03.23	Y5 Liturgical Prayer	2.30pm families welcome.
Thursday	30.03.23	Y6 Liturgical Prayer	2.30pm families welcome.
Friday	31.03.23	Rocksteady Music Concert	Families of those children who take part in Rocksteady Music are welcome to join us at 2.30pm
Friday	31.03.23	Last day of term	

Safe Squad News

Your monthly newsletter

During our Safe Squad meetings, we have been discussing different ways to make our normal school days more manageable for both students and teachers. Our most recent issues were the corridors.

Recently, we have also been looking at our footsteps and how we can better remind ourselves of Jesus footsteps. We have combined these and decided to put footsteps in the corridors to remind the children what side to walk on whilst being able to read out the footsteps as you go.

This means that everyone knows to walk on the left. This may seem like a small thing to do but for every problem we solve, it will gradually make our school safer and more enjoyable for teachers and students. However, we can only solve problems that we know about so, if you have a problem go to your class safe squad leader and we will bring it up in our next meeting to let you help us to make St Charles' a safer place. By Beatrice Year 6.

In the Safe Squad meetings, we talked about potential hazards and how we could keep others and ourselves safe.

We have rules all around school allowing us to keep safe. It is important that we follow these rules in and outside school. For example;

- No running in the corridors – outside of school there are lots of slippery puddles, leaves and things we could trip over.
- Walk on the left-hand side of the corridor – when we walk on the path it is important to stay on the left as cars also drive on the left close to the pavement so if we stand on the right we could get hit by oncoming cars. By Erin Year 6