

BULLETIN

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Dear Parents,

The St Charles' Primary School and Early Learning & Childcare Improvement Plan 18-19, and Standards & Quality Report 2017-18 will be available on the school website Friday 12th October. Please take time to look at these documents, which provide information on how our school is performing & details our planned improvements. Should you require a printed version of these documents please contact the school office.

FAITH IN ACTION

We were all delighted to see that Prayer Bear Mungo had his photograph taken with The Holy Father, Pope Francis, at the Vatican last week. We are grateful to Bishop John for all his help in making this happen. Check our school twitter page @stcharlespais or the Parent Council Facebook page to see the photograph of our now famous bear. Watch out for Mungo & his sister, Prayer Bear Maggie at Mass on Sundays.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

A great big well done to Cat Blackmore (Family Worker) & Mrs Kelly (Principal Teacher) for organising this event. A very big thank you to the parents who came along & helped on the day & those who donated home baking. Thank you to Morrison's supermarket for the contributions made & of course a huge thank you to those who participated in the event by purchasing all the delicious treats on offer. The event raised approx £300 for a very worthy cause. Many of us will have had our own lives touched by cancer through personal illness or that of close friends or family and it is fantastic that together we can give back a little something to MacMillan Cancer Care which is a lifeline, for so many, at the most difficult of times.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY OPEN DAY

Regrettably, this event had to be cancelled due to lack of volunteers. It may just have been the wrong choice of date but only four parents had expressed an interest in coming along to participate. It is my intention to identify & advertise another date in the springtime if there is sufficient interest.

SCHOOL VALUES

In our school we value.....

GOD'S LOVE, INCLUSION, EACH OTHER, RESPECT, HONESTY, HARD WORK & RESPONSIBILITY

I have issued in school bags today a sheet for parents, old & new, detailing our school vision, values & aims & how these relate the children's rights (as detailed in United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child).

Pupils, staff & parents working together devised our school's vision & statement of values last session. Our values underpin everything we strive to do in our school and everything that we aim to be. Values posters are displayed in classrooms and common areas but more importantly our values are visible around the school in our actions. Senior staff, Class teachers, Support & Clerical staff are all committed to helping our children live these values but we **NEED** your help too. Talk to your child about our values, ask them to describe for you how each one looks in action in our school, and ask them about times when perhaps they themselves have not been firm in upholding a value. Share your own understanding of why these values are important not only in school but in all aspects of our lives.

Headteacher's Challenge this week (for pupils P4-P7) focusses on RESPECT-please see App notification

I was delighted last month to host two Head teacher's Golden Ticket Tea Party. Throughout the year, I regularly host tea parties for children who are nominated by staff in recognition of a wide range of positive attributes eg. Showing kindness to others, being a positive role model for others, making good academic progress, showing respect & good manners in their daily interactions and many, many, more. **#livingourvalues**

Nominated children will be sent a Golden ticket & invitation to their home. Please watch out for the postman!

SCHOOL & NURSERY PHOTOGRAPHS

TEMPEST SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY will be visiting on Wednesday 31st October. All children in the school & nursery will be given the opportunity to have an individual & family photograph taken.

Younger siblings, not yet in school or nursery, including babies can be involved in photographs if they arrive first thing and are able to wait in a short queue. More information will be issued to afternoon nursery children.

The photographer will begin shooting at 9am in the school hall.

Please note: Class photographs will be taken for P1 & P7 pupils only.

Some dates for your diary

I have issued advance notice of as many future events as possible to help you plan. Please note that these dates may be subject to change.

Date	Event	Target Group
Mon 1 st October	Curriculum Evening (new date due to recent inclement weather)	Nursery & P1 Parents
Wed 3 rd October	Swimming Session	P6 pupils
Fri 5 th October	Vocations Mass in St Mirin's Cathedral @ 10.30am	P7 pupils
Tues 9 th October	Room 11 Class Mass @ 2pm	Room 11 parents welcome
Weds 10 th October	OPEN HOUR Rooms 6 & 7 - 9am- 10am	Room 6 & 7 Parents welcome
Weds 10 th October	Celebrating Bilingualism Day	Parents of bilingual pupils
Weds 10 th October	Parent Council AGM @ 6.30pm	All welcome
Thurs 11 th October	Spiritual Retreat in Church Hall-AM	P3 pupils
Thurs 11 th October	Spiritual Retreat in Church Hall-PM	P4-pupils
Fri 12 th October	Dress Down Day - £1 donation per pupil / £2 maximum per family. All proceeds for Christmas Costs.	All pupils
Fri 12 th October	OPEN HOUR Rooms 12 & 13 – 9am- 10am	Room 12 & 13 Parents welcome
Mon 15 th -Fri 19 th	HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED	All pupils
Mon 22 nd October	In-Service Day – SCHOOL CLOSED for pupils	All pupils
Tues 23 rd October	Room 10 Class Mass @ 2pm	Room 10 parents welcome
Weds 24 th October	OPEN HOUR Rooms 8 & 9 – 9am- 10am	Room 8 & 9 Parents welcome
Weds 24 th October	OPEN HOUR Rooms 4 & 5 – 2pm-3pm	Room 4 & 5 Parents welcome
Fri 26 th October	Dress Down Day-Donate a bottle for Christmas Bazaar	All pupils
Mon 29 th October	OPEN HOUR Rooms 14 & 15 – 9am- 10am	Room 14 & 15 Parents welcome
Tues 30 th October	Room 9 Class Mass @ 2pm	Room 9 parents welcome
Weds 31 st October	Nursery & school Photographs-Tempest	All pupils
Thurs 1 st November	Feast of All Saints- Parish Mass @ 10am	All pupils- Parents welcome
Fri 2 nd November	Dress Down Day-Donate some chocolate for Christmas Bazaar	All pupils
Sunday 4 th November	St Charles' Borromeo Feast Day – 10.30am Mass in Parish	All welcome- school uniform please
Weds 7 th November	Parent Council Meeting @ 6.30pm	All welcome
Fri 9 th November	Dress Down Day-Donate a Jar for Christmas Bazaar	All pupils
Mon 12 th November	Parents Information Eve in St Andrews Academy 5pm-7pm	P7 parents
Weds 14 th November	Parent/Teacher Interviews 5pm-8pm	By appointment
Thurs 15 th November	Parent/Teacher Interviews 3.15pm-7pm	By appointment
Fri 16 th November	Christmas Bazaar (More info to follow)	All welcome
Thurs 22 nd November	OPEN HOUR Rooms 10 & 11 – 9am- 10am	Room 10 & 11 Parents welcome
Thurs 22 nd November	Catholic Education Week Cluster Mass in St Fergus' Church @ 7pm	All welcome
Friday 23 rd November	Family Night-time nature Walk	more info to follow
Sun 25 th November	Catholic Education Sunday Mass @ 10.30 in Parish	All welcome
Frid 30 th November	St Andrews Day HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED	All pupils
Wed 5 th December	Nursery Nativity – 10:30am and 2pm	All welcome
Tues 11 th December	Infant Nativity Performances @ 1.45pm	P1-P3 Parents & friends
Thurs 13 th December		
Weds 12 th December	Jack & the Beanstalk Pantomime in school hall	P1-P7
Fri 14 th December	Christmas Jumper Day (£1 for charity)	All pupils
Weds 19 th December	Nursery & school Christmas Parties (casual/party clothes)	All pupils

Please note: School is closed on Monday 15th –Friday 19th October 2018 for half-term holiday & Monday 22nd October 2018 for In-Service Day. School re-opens on Tuesday 23rd October 2018 at usual time. School will also be closed on Friday 30th November for St Andrew's Day holiday. A full list of school holidays is available on our school website or from the school office on request.

Yours sincerely

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HEADTEACHER