

# BULLETIN

ST.CHARLES'

PRIMARY

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## February 2019

Dear Parents,

Our phone system in the school is changing. The new system will be implemented in four weeks' time, on the **26<sup>th</sup> February 2019**. We will have a new telephone number from this date. This number will have an interactive menu attached to it so that calls can be directed to the right place or person within the school. Our new phone number will be -

**0300 300 0181**

Please take a note of the change of number. We will update our website, Facebook and Twitter to ensure all parents/carers have the new number.

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### GOLDEN JUBILEE

Our Jubilee celebrations were a great success! We were presented with a Papal Blessing at the Mass on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January in St Charles' church. Thank you to Bishop John for organising this. Our Open evening on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January was very well attended and was very special for former pupils of the school who spoke very fondly of their memories of St Charles' Primary over the last 50 years. The pupils enjoyed a fun day on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January with a giant inflatable in the school hall and treats in the classrooms. Thank you to all the staff and pupils who worked so hard to show the school at its best. Thank you also to the Parent Council and all the parents who supported us with the Jubilee.

Following on from our successful jubilee celebrations P1-7 will be performing songs from their chosen decade on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February @ 1:45pm and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March @ 1:45pm. As the whole school are involved, audience numbers need to be restricted to allow everyone to attend. Tickets will be available 2 per family. Please return the slip from the letters sent out last week as soon as possible to allow tickets to be allocated.

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### SOCIAL MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS

St Charles' Primary School Parent Council Facebook page is a useful source of information. Please visit regularly to obtain information about Parent Council events & activities as well as general school information. Miss Leck has established a Twitter account for the school and will regularly post information about children's learning and activities we are involved in. Please follow us to keep yourself informed @stcharlespais

If parents have Anti Bullying surveys to return from the January bulletin please hand in to the school office. Thank you to all parents who have responded.

Please take the time to give your thoughts to our 'Question of the Month' in the school foyer. Are you happy with the parental engagement in the school? Thank you.

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### FUNDRAISING

Miss Leck & the children in the Fundraising Committee who did so well fundraising during advent are now in the process of organising their Lenten/Easter appeal. A separate letter will follow, information will also be on Twitter and Facebook.

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### NSPCC

As mentioned in last month's bulletin NSPCC assemblies for P1-3 and P4-7 will take place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February. P6 and 7 workshops will take place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February. If you require more information about the content of the assemblies or workshops, or if you want to opt your child out of the assembly/workshop then please contact the school as soon as possible. The NSPCC parental workshop on Online Safety is on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February from 2.45pm – 3.45pm. This is not suitable for children so please make arrangements for child care if you are attending. Please let the school office know if you plan to attend for numbers. Thank you.

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### WORLD OF WORK

We are hoping to have a day of activity relating to the world of work in April/May & are looking for parent volunteers to come in to school and talk to classes/groups of children about the jobs they do. So if you are currently, or have recently been, in employment and are willing to share your experiences with children please contact the school office to advise.

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### LITERACY DEVELOPMENTS

We are currently developing class libraries and are extending the range of texts children can use in class/borrow. The school would appreciate any donations of children's books your household can make. If you have any good quality reading materials your child no longer wants please send these in to school at your earliest convenience. Your support is much appreciated.

## COMMUNITY LINKS

Our P7 pupils enjoyed a retreat in St Charles' Church hall on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January. Thank you to the Salesian Sisters for organising. Our P6 pupils attended first Friday mass at St Charles' on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February. Thank you to Fr Jim and the church volunteers who escorted the children to and from mass.

Some dates for your diary

Date	Activity	Target Group
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> February	P1-3 and P4-7 NSPCC assemblies. P6 workshops. Parental workshop 2.45 – 3.45pm	Whole school and parents/carers
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> February	House Afternoon. House colours to be worn. Parent Council Meeting @ 6.30pm	Whole school All parents welcome
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Gaelic singing input (6 weeks) P7 NSPCC workshops	P5 pupils P7 pupils
<b>Mon 11<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Holiday- School &amp; Nursery closed</b>	<b>Pupils should not attend</b>
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>In-service day. School &amp; Nursery closed</b>	<b>Pupils should not attend</b>
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Youth Services Anti - Social Behaviour education.	P7 pupils
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> February	P6/7 cookery class	Selected pupils & parents
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> & Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> February	I Am Me - # MakeaDifferenceScotland programme	Whole school
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	P6/7 cookery class	Selected pupils & parents
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Through the Decades Concert @ 1.45pm	Whole school & parents
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	First Friday mass @ St Charles' Church Through the Decades Concert @ 1.45pm	P5 and Church volunteers Whole school & parents
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Author visit L. Littleson P6/7 cookery class	P4-7 Selected pupils & parents
<b>Weds 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday Service</b>	<b>All pupils*</b>
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day. Children can come dressed as a book character or wearing own clothes. Information evening for parents/carers of pupils going to Dumfries House at 6:30pm	All pupils  Selected P7 pupils and parents
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Cluster Lenten Mass in St Charles' Church with Bishop John	Everyone welcome
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> March	P6/7 cookery class	Selected pupils & parents
Weds 13 <sup>th</sup> March	House Afternoon. House colours to be worn.	All pupils
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Room 6 class Mass @ 2pm	Room 6 pupils and parents/carers
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> March	P1 & P7 Oral Health Talk Parents evening 5pm	P1 & P7 All welcome
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Parents evening 3.15pm	All welcome
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Parent Council Family Fun Night	All Welcome
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> March	P1 health checks	P1 pupils
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Room 5 class Mass @ 2pm  First Confessions at St Charles' Church @ 7pm. Uniforms to be worn. More details from P.Kelly	Room 5 pupils and parents/carers P4 pupils and parents/carers
<b>Fri 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>School and nursery close at 2.30pm for holidays</b>	All pupils
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Pupils return to school & Nursery P7 residential trip to Dumfries House 9am	All pupils P7 pupils
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>	Traditional music workshops	All pupils
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Pupils return from residential trip Dumfries House at 3pm	P7 pupils
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April &amp; Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter weekend holiday for nursery and school</b>	<b>Pupils should not attend</b>

**\*Parents are asked to contact the school office & advise if they would like their child to be withdrawn from this activity on religious grounds.**

**REMINDER:** During Lent Father Jim will celebrate Holy Mass in the dining hall on 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> April for Holy Week. ALL WELCOME

School closes on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 2:30pm for Easter holidays and will re-open on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 9am.  
School closes on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> at 3pm for the Easter holiday weekend and will reopen on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 9am.

Yours sincerely  
Judith Kirk  
ACTING HEADTEACHER

