

BULLETIN

ST.CHARLES'

PRIMARY

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New phone number – 0300 300 0181

Dear Parents,

There will be a non-uniform Day on Friday 22nd March. Our Fundraising Committee group are helping to organise a charity collection of Easter eggs. Children are asked to bring an Easter Egg on that day, which will be collected by Mr Powrie from Steven Cameron Funeral Home & distributed to local charities supporting children & the elderly.

Please continue to support our Lenten SCIAF appeal in whatever small way you can. There will be other fundraising events taking place over Lent and Miss Leck will give more information. The Holy Father, Pope Francis, said "Almsgiving helps us to recognise our neighbour as our brother or sister, and to recognise that what we possess is never ours alone." Thank you in anticipation of your generosity.

WORLD BOOK DAY

We will be celebrating World Book day on Thursday 7th March. Mrs West has already sent out information to all classes. Children can come to school dressed as a character from a book or wearing own clothes.

Our P1 and nursery children will be attending the Lagoon for a World Book Day celebration on 7th March, with cluster nurseries and primary schools. Mrs Kelly will give those involved more information.

FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING

Mrs Armstrong and pupils in the Fairtrade Committee group are organising a Fairtrade Coffee morning for parents and the community. The event will take place in the school on FRIDAY 15th MARCH 10am - 11.30am. Please come along and support our Fairtrade Committee.

PARENT COUNCIL

The next meeting of St Charles' Primary School Parent Council will take place in the school on Wednesday 6th March at 6.30pm. All parents/carers are welcome to attend.

NSPCC PARENT ONLINE SAFETY WORKSHOP – RESCHEDULED DATE

Parents and carers are invited to attend an NSPCC Parent online safety workshop in school on Thursday 21st March at 1.45pm – 2.45pm. Please attend this if you can, as this will give parents information which is essential in protecting children when they access the internet / social media.

SEESAW

If you have not already done so please download the Seesaw app. Throughout the school year **Seesaw** builds an organized, digital portfolio of each pupil's learning (P1- P7). It is accessible by teacher, pupil and parent. **Seesaw** keeps parents informed by giving them a real-time, personalised glimpse into their child's school day, via automatic iOS or Android **app** notifications, **Seesaw** also gives you an opportunity to support your child's learning at home. All content is secure, and is never shared with third parties. We will also be using **Seesaw** with P1.

OUTDOOR LEARNING

We are looking at our Outdoor learning in the school and would appreciate resources which parents might have spare. If you have any pallets, ends of bamboo fencing, pieces of wood, tents or anything else we could use we would appreciate it.

REPORTING TO PARENTS

There will be a chance for parents to visit the school on Wednesday 20th from 5pm and Thursday 21st March from 3.15pm to get an up to date progress report from class teachers. Parents will get more information soon for selecting appointment times.

HEADLICE

I would ask that all parents be vigilant and check their children's hair on a regular basis. If you find your child to have an infestation of head lice it is crucially important to treat everyone in the household

and inform others who are in close contact with your child. The method recommended by NHS Health Scotland for treating head lice is Bug Busting. Detailed information on Bug Busting is available online. The NHS suggests that a long-term solution to head lice and nits can be found by using the bug busting technique. For further information go to www.nits.net

It is important that weekly checks become part of family routines as 'alert' letters are no longer issued routinely by schools or nurseries for the following reasons

It is recognised that at any time most schools would have one or two children with head lice which means such letters could be issued every day. These letters can potentially lead to parents treating their child preventatively, which is neither effective nor advised as an overuse of lotions can lead to resistance. **Sometimes for a variety of reasons, head lice can be particularly difficult to eradicate. Any parent who is finding a particular difficulty can contact me & I can involve the school nursing service for support, if required.**

Some dates for your diary

Date	Activity	Target Group
Friday 1 st March	First Friday Mass in St Charles Church with helpers from the parish Through the Decades Concert @ 1.45pm. Doors open at 1.30pm	P7 pupils Whole school and parents
Tuesday 5 th March	Author visit Class Mass. Parents and carers welcome @ 2pm	P4-7 Room 7 P3
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day. Dress up as book character or own clothes Visit to lagoon for celebration. Helpers required Cookery club 3-4pm	Whole school P1 and Nursery Selected P6 and P7 pupils and parents
Monday 11 th March	Cluster Lenten Mass at 7pm in St Charles'. Children should wear uniform.	Whole school and parents
Thursday 14 th March	Citizenship group Meeting	Whole school
Friday 15 th March	Fairtrade Coffee Morning @ 10 – 11.30am. More information to follow from Mrs Armstrong	Parents and carers
Sunday 17 th March	10am Mass of Commitment in St Charles' Church	P4 children
Monday 18 th March	P7 children visit to St Andrews	P7 children
Thursday 14 th March	Cookery club 3-4pm	P6 and P7 pupils and parents
Friday 22 nd March	Own clothes - Easter egg donation PC Family Fun Night 7 – 9pm	All pupils Whole school and parents
Monday 25 th March	P1 health checks Winning House Afternoon. More info to follow	P1 pupils Winning house children
Tuesday 26 th March	Class Mass at 2pm Sacrament of Reconciliation in St Charles' Church at 7pm	Room 5 P2 pupils and parents/carers P4 pupils and parents
Wednesday 27 th March	House Afternoon. House colours to be worn	Whole school
Friday 29 th March	School and nursery closes at 2.30pm for Spring break holiday	Whole school
Monday 1 st April – Friday 12 th April	Spring Holiday	
Monday 15 th April	School and nursery reopens for pupils P7 residential trip to Dumfries House at 9.30am	All pupils Selected P7 pupils
Thursday 18 th April	P7 residential trip pupils return to school at 3pm	Selected P7 pupils
Friday 19 th April – Monday 22 nd April	Easter weekend Holiday	All pupils
Tuesday 23 rd April	School and nursery reopens for pupils	All pupils
Friday 26 th April	Bishop John visiting Confirmandi in school	P7 pupils
Wednesday 1 st May	Safe Kids Event @ lapwing Lodge	P6 pupils
Thursday 2 nd May	Confirmations @ 7pm St Mirin's cathedral	P7 Pupils and parents and Sponsors

School closes on Friday 29th March at 2.30pm for Easter Holidays and will re-open on Monday 15th April at 9am.
School closed on Friday 19th – Monday 22nd April – Easter weekend. School and nursery reopens on Tuesday 23rd April.

Yours sincerely,

J Kirk
ACTING HEADTEACHER

