

BULLETIN

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CHILDRENS MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

This week we are celebrating Childrens' Mental Health. This year the theme is FIND YOUR BRAVE. Children have had an input on what this means for individuals. On Wednesday every child will get a breakfast pastry in school. Please let the school office know if your child is allergic to pastries. On Thursday we are having a celebration with a special surprise! Children can wear own clothes to school on Thursday!!

SOCIAL MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS

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

Please take the time to give your thoughts to our 'Question of the Month' in the school foyer.

FUNDRAISING

Primary 7 pupils are raising money for the Bishop's Charity. They will be having a fundraising day this Thursday 6th February. On sale will be hot dogs, Mothers Day gifts, glitter tattoos and a nail bar, among other things. Any donations of home baking will be gratefully received. Children should bring money to school on Thursday.

HEALTH UPDATE

We have various Health checks coming up in the school. Vision checks, dental inspections and vaccinations. Dates below for upcoming checks. We also have health workshops taking place in various classes including Health Eating Talks and Hand Hygiene. We would ask you to be vigilant when it comes to Head Lice and Threadworms. We have had reported cases in the school. Please speak to your child about the importance of hand hygiene and washing hands after going to the toilet. This is very important to stop Threadworms reoccurring. Please let the school know if your child has anything that can be passed on.

FARESHARE

We will be working in partnership with a charity called Fareshare. They will work in partnership with our school and we will set up collection days at local supermarkets to collect excess food and other products. We would like all parents and carers to make use of the excess food and other products. We will have the collections available in the family room for parents to help themselves. We would like parents to feel free to pop into the family room and have a tea or coffee and help themselves to anything they need. As soon as it is set up we will let you know!

REHOMING OF ANIMALS

We have exciting news! We will be rehoming animals in our playground. We will be getting hens and possibly guinea pigs. Pupils will be involved in caring for the animals, feeding them, cleaning the pens and looking after them. We hope to get eggs which we will use for cooking in the school. This experience will help our children with skills and abilities needed for caring for animals.

PARENTPAY

Please make sure you are signed up for PARENTPAY. St Charles' will go live on Thursday 20th February. Parents must be signed up in order to pay for lunches, trips and events in the school. There is a drop in help session on Friday 14th Feb at 9am and 2.30pm.

ALPHA TRAINING

St Charles' Church will be running an Alpha training course in the school every Thursday for the next 8 weeks. We are targeting parents of children who are preparing for Sacraments. Our group is ready to start on Thursday, if you would like to be involved with your child please speak to Pauline Kelly or Margaret Winters this week.

LANGUAGES WEEK

We will be celebrating Languages Week on 13th and 14th February. Children will bring home more information about activities from Lori Anne Tormey. We are looking for parent volunteers to be Mystery readers, who would read a story in a different language. Please phone the school if you can help.

MINDFULNESS

As part of our School Improvement Plan we are developing Nurture throughout the nursery and school. We have our new tannoy system up and running. This will enable us to play mindfulness music through the school, nursery and in the playground. We have been working with a company called Dobe Mindful. They will be running a parent workshop on Wednesday 19th February at 1.30pm. More information will follow.

STEM ACTIVITIES

Our pupils have been enjoying lots of opportunities to participate in STEM activities. David Stafford our P7 teacher has been running an Engineering Citizenship Group. P6 and P7 children have been enjoying workshops at West College Scotland. Glasgow Science Centre has hosted every pupil from the school and have been doing workshops with children and training with teachers in the school. The next activity will be a family workshop on Thursday 27th February at 3pm. We will send out more information nearer the time.

Some dates for your diary

Date	Activity	Target Group
Tues 4 th February	P1 and P7 Dental Inspections	P1 and P7 pupils
Wed 5 th February	Childrens Mental Health Week breakfast Parent Hub Meeting 6.30pm	Whole school All parents welcome
Thurs 7 th February	Own clothes day Childrens Mental Health Week silent disco Bishops Charity event run by P7. Children should bring money.	Whole school
Fri 7th February Wed 12th February	In Service & Holiday- School & Nursery closed	Pupils should not attend
Thurs 13 th February	Celebrating Languages Event. Mystery Readers, Tea for community partners with entertainment. ALPHA Family Event 5 - 6.30pm	Some pupils involved Selected pupils & parents
Fri 14 th February	Parent Pay drop in help sessions 9am and 2.30pm	All parents welcome
Mon 17 th Feb	P7 to West College Scotland for Science workshop	P7 pupils
Wed 19 th Feb	Parent session Mindfulness 1.30pm	All welcome
Thurs 20 th Feb	Parent pay goes live	
Fri 21 st Feb	Golden Ticket Tea Party	Nominated pupils
Weds 26th Feb	Ash Wednesday Service	All pupils*
Thurs 27 th Feb	Science Centre Visit to school For P5-7 pupils Science Centre Family workshop 3pm (classes TBC) Room 8 Class Mass ALPHA Family Event 5 - 6.30pm	P5-7 Room 8 parents welcome Selected pupils & parents
Fri 28 th Feb	Parent Hub Ladies Night at St Charles' church Hall	Everyone welcome
Sun 1 st March	P4 Mass of Commitment at St Charles' church 10.30am	P4 pupils and parents

Thurs 5 th March	World Book Day. Details to follow from Mrs West Room 7 Class Mass at 2pm	All pupils Room 7 parents welcome
Fri 6 th March	Fairtrade Coffee Morning. Details to follow. P7 visit to St Andrew's Academy First Friday Mass at 10am. Room 10 P5	P7 pupils Helpers required
Thurs 12 th March	ALPHA Family Event 5 - 6.30pm	Selected pupils & parents
Fri 13 th March	House Afternoon. House colours can be worn.	Whole school
Tues 17 th March	P4 Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Charles' Church at 7pm. Uniform to be worn.	P4 pupils and parents
Thurs 19 th March	Room 6 Class Mass at 2pm	Room 6 parents welcome
Fri 20 th March	Parent Hub Family Fun Night. Details to follow.	All welcome
Wed 25 th March	Parents Night 5-8pm	All pupils
Thurs 26 th March	Room 5 Class Mass at 2pm Parents Night 3.15 – 7pm	Room 5 parents welcome All pupils
Thurs 2nd April	School & Nursery closes at 2.30pm for Easter Holidays	
Monday 20th April	School and Nursery reopen for pupils	

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

Yours sincerely,

Grace Hannigan
HEADTEACHER