

ST. CHARLES' PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

We will be having a team of senior education officers from Renfrewshire Council Children's Services visiting our school & ELCC on Monday 18th February – Wednesday 21st February. The purpose of this visit is to conduct a review of our service and to evaluate the quality of children's learning experiences. A quality review is a process all Renfrewshire schools are required to engage with, and we are really looking forward to it & to showcasing what our wonderful children can do.

As part of this process there is an opportunity for parents to share their views on our school & how they feel their children's needs are being met. A link to a short survey will be text out to parents today. Please take 5-10 minutes to complete this & make your views known to the review team. There is also a survey link that all children will complete in school.

I will provide information on the review findings in next month's bulletin.

ENTERPRISE & EMPLOYABILITY

The Primary 4-7 Enterprise and Employability citizenship group have been working very hard with Mrs MacLean to organise a pop-up stationery shop this term. The group have planned that on the last Monday of each month, they will be selling cool and novelty stationery. All items will be priced between 20 pence and £1 to allow children the opportunity to purchase using their own pocket money.

The group are excited to see as many children as possible at the first pop-up on Monday 26th February 2024.

LENT

Lent is the six-week period leading up to Easter, beginning on Ash Wednesday until its conclusion on Easter Sunday, it is a time of preparation for the celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus at Easter. Lent invites us all to make our mand hearts ready for remembering Jesus' life, death and body resurrection.

During the Holy Season of Lent, we always encourage our children to pray, reflect on the Word of God, worship at Mass & give alms to those who need help. Like last year we will again be working in partnership with Steven Cameron Funeral Directors to provide Easter eggs to children in the local area who may otherwise not receive one. We are asking that every child in the school donates one Easter egg during Lent. There will be a pyjama day on **Friday 22nd March 2024** when all children are asked to donate a chocolate egg to this worthwhile cause.

The Pupil Leadership Group will issue further information next week about some other activities & events that are planned for Lent.

SAVE THE DATE- SCHOOL SHOW PERFORMANCES

Primary 6 & 7 children will be performing High School musical on the evenings of 12th & 13th June. More information to follow.

SAFER INTERNET DAY

Tuesday 7th February is Safer Internet Day. All classes will be learning about different aspects of Internet safety this week. Miss Leck has organised the Pupil Digital Leaders in P6 & 7 to visit classes this week & share ways to stay safe online with the younger children. The Digital Leaders will present using PowerPoint & then the children will complete a fun activity.

The Digital Leaders are also rebranding "Twitter Tuesday" which has been in use for a few years. – Digital leaders will be helping classes to share learning on a regular basis using the hashtag #Xcitingnews to tie in with the

Please visit our account at @stcharlespais & like, share & repost our learning if you can.

new name of the platform X(formerly Twitter).

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 |
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| Thurs 1 st February | Visit to new Central Library | Invited pupils |
| Fri 2 nd February | First Friday Mass in St Charles Church- Parents welcome | Room 13 pupils attending |
| Sun 4 th February | Mass of Commitment for First Communion in St Charles Church @ 10am | P4 First Communicants |
| Mon 5 th February | Whole School Golden Achievement Assembly | All pupils |
| Mon 5 th February | Dumfries house residential trip | P7 pupils |
| Tues 6 th February | P2 Stage Mass in School Hall with Father Jim @ 2pm | P2 pupils & families welcome |
| Wed 7 th February | Dumfries house residential trip - return | P7 pupils |
| Fri 9 th February | Non uniform day - £1 donation | All pupils |
| Mon 12 th Feb | MID TERM HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED | All pupils |
| Tues 13 th Feb | MID TERM HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED | All pupils |
| Wed 14 th Feb | INSERVICE DAY – pupils do not attend | All pupils |
| Fri 16 th Feb | P1 & P7 group photos | P1 & P7 pupils |
| Sun 18 th Feb | Do this in memory of me mass @ 10am | P4 Communicants |
| Sun 25 th Feb | Family mass – St Charles Church @ 10am | P5 & P6 families |
| Tues 27 th Feb | Dyslexia info input – 2.30pm | Invited parents |
| Fri 1 st Mar | First Friday Mass in St Charles Church- Parents welcome | Room 9 pupils attending |
| Sun 3 rd Mar | Do this in memory of me mass @ 10am | P4 Communicants |
| Mon 4 th Mar | Sacrament of Reconciliation – St Charles Church @ 6.30pm | P4 Communicants |
| Thur 7 th Mar | World book day event – more info to follow | All pupils |
| Fri 22 nd Mar | Pyjama day – easter egg donation | All pupils |

Yours sincerely

Grace Hannigan HEADTEACHER