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Autumn Newsletter 4

Growing Together in Faith



Spooky fun at our Halloween Disco!

On Tuesday Reception, Key Stage One and Key Stage Two dressed up as ghosts and ghouls for our fantastic disco arranged by the Friends of St Charles. The children had an amazing time dancing and playing games.





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Year 5 Trip to the Houses of Parliament

The girls and boys of Year 5 had a fantastic trip to London just before half term. They met at Durham Station very early to enjoy a super fast train journey to London. When they arrived at Kings Cross they made their way across the bustling city looking at the gigantic buildings, theatres and hundreds of traditional red buses! The class then enjoyed lunch in Green Park before visiting Buckingham Palace where King Charles was also visiting. After a photo stop at the palace, the next stop was the Houses of Parliament! Both the children and adults were in awe as they got special access to the historic building, it was very busy with TV cameras as Liz Truss decided to step down as Prime Minister just as they visited!

They got special access to the House of Commons and House of Lords where both were televising different debates including a very in-depth discussion about how households can be more eco-friendly. An amazing experience for all!





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Year 5 and 6 Climate Change fun



Over the last few weeks, Year 5 and Year 6 pupils have taken part in a climate change project linked with COP27. Pupils have been studying the effects of global warming on the world and what changes need to take place to reduce these. This week both classes took part in a global online conference to share ideas and listen to environmental experts who answered questions set by the children, and explained what was happening to our world at the moment.

Fantastic Phonics in Year 2

In phonics this week, Year 2 have been looking at all the spellings of /I/. We have segmented and blended, carried out word sorts, made silly stories and spotted lots of different spellings! How many different ways can you do it?





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Babysitting Night and Christmas Craft sessions

On Thursday 15th December some of the staff from school are hosting a babysitting night so that parents/carers can do some Christmas Shopping. The plan is to keep the children after school until 7pm. They will have the opportunity to do some Christmas crafts, play games, watch Christmas movies and enjoy spending time with their friends.

The cost will be £10 per child and siblings will be charged £5 (payable in cash on the day). This will include a meal and a drink. The funds raised will contribute towards equipment for Christmas craft sessions. Please contact the school office if you would like to book your child onto the Babysitting Night - it will be on a first come first served basis.

The craft sessions will be an opportunity for you to come into school and spend some time with your children making Christmas Crafts.

The dates of the crafts are:

Friday 16th December (9:15am): Nursery and Reception

Friday 16th December (1:15pm): Year 1 and Year 2

Monday 19th December (9:15am): Year 3 and Year 4

Monday 19th December (1:15pm): Year 5 and Year 6

The sessions will take place in the school hall. Only 1 adult per child for each session.





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Attendance

Last half term there have been a number of holiday requests and children missing school on a number of occasions. This is monitored weekly and patterns and trends are identified such as families missing every Friday or Monday or days at the end of half term.

If children are missing education regularly, they become persistent absentees. This means an attendance meeting will be put in place to discuss why your child is not attending school. **It is the law that all children attend school.**

Class attendances....

Week Commencing 10th October – Well done Year 6!

Reception	91.3%
Year 1	89%
Year 2	89.3%
Year 3	98.3%
Year 4	93.1%
Year 5	92.9%
Year 6	99.4%

Week Commencing 17th October – Well done Year 6!

Reception	81.3%
Year 1	88.3%
Year 2	85.8%
Year 3	91.4%
Year 4	90.5%
Year 5	85.5%
Year 6	97.1%





ATTENDANCE

Every School Day Counts!

5 Minutes late each school day
=
3 school days lost each year

Every day your child is absent impacts on their education and academic achievement

There is a clear link between attendance and attainment

95% Attendance	↔ 9 ↔ Days Absent	↔ 2 ↔ Weeks Absent	↔ 50 ↔ Lessons Missed
90% Attendance	↔ 19 ↔ Days Absent	↔ 4 ↔ Weeks Absent	↔ 100 ↔ Lessons Missed
85% Attendance	↔ 29 ↔ Days Absent	↔ 6 ↔ Weeks Absent	↔ 150 ↔ Lessons Missed
80% Attendance	↔ 38 ↔ Days Absent	↔ 8 ↔ Weeks Absent	↔ 200 ↔ Lessons Missed
75% Attendance	↔ 48 ↔ Days Absent	↔ 10 ↔ Weeks Absent	↔ 250 ↔ Lessons Missed
70% Attendance	↔ 57 ↔ Days Absent	↔ 11.5 ↔ Weeks Absent	↔ 290 ↔ Lessons Missed
65% Attendance	↔ 67 ↔ Days Absent	↔ 13.5 ↔ Weeks Absent	↔ 340 ↔ Lessons Missed

Missing **School** = Missing **Out!**



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St Charles

Christmas Fayre

STALLS AVAILABLE!

If you are interesting booking a stall please contact us for more information.

Thursday 24th November 2022

3:15pm School Hall

The deadline to book a table is Friday 18th November – please call the school office if you would like to book a stall.

 **St Charles
Catholic Primary School
Nursery** 

School and Nursery 2023 Open Events

Thursday 17th November | 9:30am
Monday 28th November | 4:30pm

Please contact the school office for details:
01388 814285 | office@stcharles.bhcet.org.uk

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Dates for the diary

Monday 31st October	School reopens 8:40am
Friday 4th November	St Charles of Borromeo Feast Day
Thursday 17th November	School and Nursery open morning 9:30am
Monday 28th November	School and Nursery open evening 4:30pm
Friday 25th November School Closed – Staff Training Day	
30th November -2nd December	Year 4/5 Visit to the Youth Village
Tuesday 6th December	Reception and KS1 Nativity at St Charles Church. 1:30pm
Wednesday 7th December	KS2 Nativity Story through song at St Charles Church 5pm
Thursday 15th December	Babysitting Night
Friday 16th December	Christmas Craft Day – parent visits (more information to follow)
Monday 19th December	Christmas Craft Day – parent visits (more information to follow)
School Closes for Christmas	





After-school care

Please don't forget that our after-school care is available to all. We have spaces for regular care or even the occasional day if you have to work late or work shifts. The children thoroughly enjoy the sessions as it is very relaxed where they can play games both indoors and outdoors, enjoy different crafts and much more.

Please make any after school bookings via the following link:
<https://forms.office.com/r/FHWTuFfwXu>

There are two sessions available:

Session 1: 3:15-4:45 £4.50 per child (If your child attends an after school-club, the cost for the remainder of the session will be £2)

Session 2: 3:15-5:45 £6 per child (this also includes a sandwich and fruit. If your child attends an after- school club, the cost for the remainder of the session will be £4)

10% discount will be given for siblings and payments can be made via your child's ScoPay account.

Please note from Monday 7th November if your child is not collected by 3:25pm (10 minutes after the end of the school day) they will be placed into after school care for session 1 and this will be charged to your ScoPay account.





Reminders....

Earrings- lots of children have had their ears pierced. Please make sure they are covered on PE days. If not, we will call you and ask you to bring a plaster to school.

Snacks – there have been an increasing number of chocolate bars and crisps brought in as snacks. We are a healthy school please give your children fruit or cereal bars. Any crisps or sugary snacks will be sent home.

School meals to packed lunch – please can you let the office know in advance if your child would like to change from school meals to packed lunch and vice versa as the kitchen require some notice to adjust orders.

Car Parking – Please continue to park on the school grounds! Some of our neighbours have contacted with me with footage of cars across their drives. They have also sent them to the local authority as some footage shows illegal parking.

Reporting absences – It is vital that you call school if your child is going to be absent. Please contact the office before 8:55am providing a reason for your child's absence.

Payments – Please can you ensure any remaining debts from your Scopay account are cleared as soon as possible. If you need a link for Scopay please contact the office. Thank you for contributions towards trips, if you have not added a contribution for your child's trip this will be shown on your Scopay account to be paid before the end of term.