



Spring Newsletter 1



Happy New Year!

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year.
The children have returned to school refreshed and ready to learn.

Parent Survey

Thank you to all families who completed our recent parent survey. It is wonderful to read such positive views about our school.

98% of you agree or strongly agree that your child is happy at St Charles

99% of you said that your child feels safe at our school.

88% of you feel that concerns raised, are dealt with properly

95% of you said that school lets you know what your child is doing.

99% of you said that you would recommend this school to another parent. **Wow!**



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Music lessons in Year 5

Year 5 are enjoying continuing our journey of learning to play the ukulele. The staff from Durham Music Service are doing a great job, and we are getting close to playing lots of different chords. Lots of exciting strumming to come!



Marvellous Maths in Year 2

Year 2 have been learning all about money. We have looked at all the different notes, coins, how to make different amounts and how to find change.





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Wonderful Writing in Year 6

Year 6 have been exploring the use of language, prepositional phrases and noun phrases, to write about settings. They have been using the book 'The Dam' by David Almond, as their inspiration.



Year 1 Geography work

Year 1 have been using the atlases to discover the 5 oceans and the 7 continents. Ask your child if they can remember the names of them all!





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Fantastic Counting in Reception!

Reception loved playing 'Number Track.' The aim of the game was to subitise amounts and to recognise numerals. We took turns to roll the dice and talked about who had more or fewer. The first to reach ten was the winner. Well done Reception, great turn-taking!



Nursery Snow Fun

In Nursery we have been focusing on fine motor skills, practising threading and playing with peg boards. We have also been learning about snow. We even created our own skis to pretend to ski down a mountain!





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Class attendances....

Week Commencing 19th December – Well done Year 2 and Year 3!

Reception	72%
Year 1	80%
Year 2	90%
Year 3	90%
Year 4	84.5%
Year 5	86.3%
Year 6	80.9%

Week Commencing 2nd January – Well done Reception and Year 3 – 100%!

Reception	100%
Year 1	97.8%
Year 2	99.4%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	95.6%
Year 5	95.7%
Year 6	98%

Week Commencing 9th January – Well done Year 6!

Reception	96.9%
Year 1	96.7%
Year 2	97.3%
Year 3	98.7%
Year 4	93.3%
Year 5	98.1%
Year 6	98.8%



Debating in Year 4!

Year 4 have enjoyed debating in their English lesson this week. They are reading *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* and had to debate whether the children should or should not visit the white witch.



Class Photographs

Class photographs will be taken on Thursday 26th January. An opportunity for your child to get their photograph taken with their friends and class teacher.



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Dates for the diary

Monday 23rd January	Adam Bushnell visiting school
Thursday 26th January	Class Photos
Tuesday 14th February	Valentines Disco (more details to come soon)
Thursday 16th February	Pancake Flip (Sponsor forms and more information to come)
School Closes for Half Term Friday 17th February	
School reopens Monday 27th February	
Tuesday 21st March	Parents Evening





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