



Spring Newsletter 3
Growing together in Faith



The season of Lent begins.....



Ash Wednesday (22nd February) starts the journey towards Easter. Lent is a period of time for us to reflect on our lives, remove those things that pull us away from God and to devote ourselves to following Jesus more closely in our words, prayers and actions.





Pancake Flip

Another year, another fantastic Pancake Flip event. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part as they skilfully flipped the pancake as many times as they could whilst their friends cheered them on in the background. It was a lot of fun for both children and staff.

Thank you to the Friends of St Charles for organising.





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Mathletics

At the beginning of the term, Years 1-6 were set a Mathletics challenge to see which class could win the most points. Well done to everyone who took part. Mathletics is a great interactive way of developing Maths skills.

The winning class was **Year 5** with **56490 points** and **34 certificates!**
Well done Year 5!

New Books

Mrs Thompson has had a very special delivery of over 500 new books for the library. The School Council, children and adults all contributed ideas of the types of books they would like to read including lots of new authors. A huge thank you to the Friends of St Charles and the Spennymoor Catholic Club for their generous donations towards the books. More pictures to come after half term.



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CAREER WEEK

27th – 31st March

Thank you to everyone who has been in touch so far. We will get in touch after half term to organise when you can come in.

We still need more people to come in and talk to the children. If you know someone who is passionate about their job, please ask them to come and spend a little time sharing what they do.

The children often talk about their aspirations and share what they would like to do when they are older.

We are looking for parents, family members, friends etc to come into school during our careers week to talk to children about careers.

If you can help or know someone who might want to share information about their profession, please contact the school office to speak to Mrs Thompson.





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Class attendances....

Days off school add up to lost learning!!						
↑ 365 DAYS IN EACH YEAR ↓	190 SCHOOL DAYS EACH ACADEMIC YEAR					
	Which means there are 175 NON school days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments					
	190 SCHOOL DAYS IN EACH YEAR	10 DAYS ABSENCE 180 SCHOOL DAYS IN EACH YEAR	19 DAYS ABSENCE 171 SCHOOL DAYS IN EACH YEAR	29 DAYS ABSENCE Half a Term missed 161 SCHOOL DAYS IN EACH YEAR	38 DAYS ABSENCE 152 SCHOOL DAYS IN EACH YEAR	47 DAYS ABSENCE 143 SCHOOL DAYS IN EACH YEAR
	100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
	GOOD Best chance of success		WORRYING Less chance of success, harder to make progress and achieve higher grades		SERIOUS CONCERN Huge impact on academic learning, parents may face court action if no justifiable reason for absence	

Week Commencing 6th February – Well done Year 4 – 97.3%!

Reception	93.8%
Year 1	94.7%
Year 2	91.3%
Year 3	96.7%
Year 4	97.3%
Year 5	96%
Year 6	94.1%

Week Commencing 13th February – Well done Year 3 98.7%!

Reception	92.7%
Year 1	93.1%
Year 2	98.3%
Year 3	98.7%
Year 4	94.7%
Year 5	98.3%
Year 6	95.9%



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Approximately two weeks ago, a gift card was found outside of school and handed into the school office. If you have lost a gift card please call in and let us know which one you have lost.

Dates for the diary

School reopens Monday 27th February	
Tuesday 28th February	All classes will be closed – Teacher Strike day
Thursday 2nd March	World Book Day – dress as your favourite character!
Wednesday 8th March	CAFOD A pinch of purple day (wear something purple for CAFOD)
Tuesday 21st March	Parents Evening
w/c27th March	Money and work week
Friday 31st March School closes for the Easter Break	





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.