

THE ST CHARLES' COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



Friday 10th July 2020

"Bring Forth Christ"



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SPORT WEEK



There has been a very energetic atmosphere around school this week as we have been completing lots of challenges from the topic work sent home. We haven't always had the weather for it but the children have shown our school value of determination when they have been able to get out and compete.

There have been some lovely activities shared from children working at home and we always like seeing these so please keep sharing them with us here in school.

NEXT WEEK'S THEME: **ASPIRATIONS AND REFLECTIONS**

Next week, the focus will be on aspirations and reflections as we get ready for the summer break. This year has been one which I don't think anybody could have predicted and so we feel it is important that the children are able to reflect on everything that has happened. However, we also feel it is important for them to continue to aspire to develop themselves.

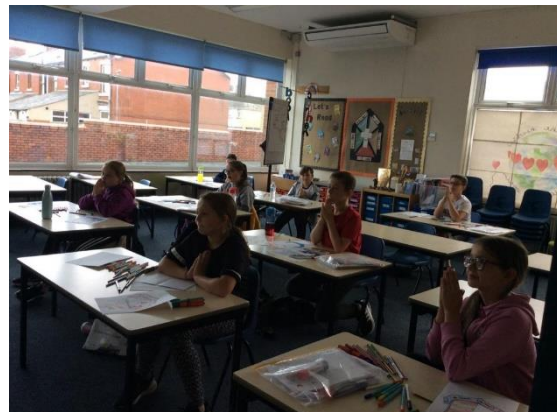


School will be reopening in September (more information below) and so some of the activities link to preparing the children for this. We have some 'All About Me' activities which are designed to allow the children to introduce themselves to their new class teacher. The class teachers are also creating one to share with the children too.

As always, please share your pictures and videos from the activities you do with school so that we can share them with the rest of our school community.

END OF YEAR MASS

Our children in school virtually attended the special Leavers' Mass delivered by Bishop John today. They were incredibly reverent as they watched it and it was lovely to see them all listening to the words from Bishop John's homily as I visited each classroom during the Mass.



CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

Class Photographs were e-mailed out to all parents this morning. If you didn't receive a copy, please contact school and we'll make sure a copy is e-mailed out to you. Paper copy prints of the pictures are available from school. Please contact the school office or send a dojo message and we'll make sure you receive one.

Thank you to all parents who submitted a picture for this.

SEPTEMBER 2020

The Department for Education published guidance at the end of last week for the return of schools in September. Whilst we are still on with our plans for this, I thought it would be a good opportunity to share some of the details with you.

School will open, as planned, on Wednesday 2nd September 2020 to our children in Year 1 – Year 6. On Thursday 3rd September, our new Reception children will start their taster days which have already been discussed with Mrs Parkinson.

When the children are in school, they will be organised into 3 groups (the Government like to use the term ‘bubbles’ when referring to these). The 3 groups have been designed around the facilities we have in school. Group 1 is our Reception and Year 1 classes who will share use of the infant yard. Group 2 is our Year 2 and Year 4 classes who will be based in the downstairs classrooms at the other end of school. Our Year 4 class in September (currently Year 3) will remain in their current classroom due to Health and Safety reasons. These two classes will share the junior yard at breaktime and lunchtime and will have use of the downstairs toilets. Group 3 will be made up of our Year 3, 5 and 6 classes who will be based in the upstairs classrooms. Again, these classes will share the junior yard at a different time to Group 2 and will use the upstairs toilet facilities.

A one-way system will be introduced around school for the dropping off and collection of children. We understand it may be frustrating to walk around the school to drop off and collect your child/ren but we must implement this system to ensure the safety of all members of our school community. Please don't ask staff if you can just 'nip' through or allow your child/ren to enter as 'nobody is coming the other way' as this will put individuals in a difficult position. This won't be forever so please work with us until we can relax these restrictions.

Children who are in Group 1 will enter the school grounds by the gate next to the main church entrance on Station Road. They will walk along the side of church towards their classrooms. Parents will then exit through the black infant gates onto Knowles Street. Groups 2 and 3 will enter the school grounds by the main entrance gate on Knowles Street where they will walk down past the main office to the junior yard. Year 2 will enter through the ramp into Year 2 and Year 4 will enter through the door next to After School Club. Group 3 will enter through the door under the stairs and head upstairs to their classrooms. **All children will go straight into school as soon as they are dropped off.** Parents will exit through the gate on St. Charles' Road.

At the end of the day, children will be collected as follows. Group 1 will be collected from the infant yard. The junior yard will be split up into different sections for the different year groups. Year 2 will be collected from the bottom 1/3 of the yard, Year 3 from the middle 1/3 and Years 5 and 6 can be collected from the top 1/3 of the yard or can leave the school grounds to meet parents/guardians there. Year 4 will be collected from the area outside After School Club. We request parents follow Government social distancing guidelines when they collect their child.

Breakfast Club and After School Club will resume in September with children being kept together depending upon the groups they are in. We are going to have to revise booking procedures for these as we need to know definite numbers attending in advance. ParentPay will be the main system for booking places for both of these clubs and payment needs to be received in advance. Breakfast Club and After School Club bookings need to be secured by midnight on Thursday the week before your child is attending. Numbers attending will be limited and more information, including a booking form, will be issued next week to gauge interest. As always, we will try to accommodate any parents who book late but we have to be strict on the number of children attending due to the current situation facing us all. Parents who turn up on the day to drop their children off at breakfast club may be turned away if there is no room. Please work with us and book early.

More information will be issued next week but if you have any questions in the meantime, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

FINAL FEW DAYS

During the final week, we are planning to invite classes back who haven't been in school since lockdown began. This will be for a morning or an afternoon session. A booking form will be sent out over the weekend with details of this. Years 3 and 5 will be invited in on Monday 20th July and Years 2 and 4 will be invited in on Tuesday 21st July. Our Year 6 class will be invited back for the afternoon of Wednesday 22nd July for a Leavers' Meal and activities.



OUR THEME FOR THIS WEEK IS: **ASPIRATIONS AND REFLECTIONS** HERE ARE SOME ACTIVITY IDEAS

Have a go at as many of these activities as you want! Worksheets to support this work will be posted in the Covid-19 section by Monday.

Worksheets

MONDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete an All About Me activity to let your new teacher find out all about you! See the attached poster. Templates are available on the school website by following the Worksheets link above, or feel free to come up with your own. • Reflect on your favourite memories of the year or your class and piece them together as a jigsaw (See Worksheets for jigsaw template) • Read this quote - 'For we are all inside made of real history, real dreams and the stuff we all hope for'. What do you think this means? Draw a self-portrait. On one side, include words/images that make up your history and on the other, include words/images about your hopes and dreams.
TUESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a mood board to help you set a goal or achieve a dream. Write your goal on the piece of paper and include words/images all around it to show how you will achieve it. For example, your goal might be 'Making new friends' and then your pictures/words around it might include starting a new hobby, joining a club, talking to someone new in your class etc. • Write a letter to someone in the year below to tell them all about your year group. What can they look forward to? What will they learn? What was your favourite activity from the past year? • Create a Bucket List full of activities you would like to do this Summer. Tick off all the ones that you do and share with your new teacher in September. (See Worksheets for template).
WEDNESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black Lives Matter - Find out about key people who have challenged racism, for example Rosa Parks and Martin Luther-King. Write a biographical profile on them or draw up a manifesto for children on how to create a fairer, kinder world. • Think about leaders who you admire. What qualities do they have? How are they helping other people? Write a letter to one of them with your own ideas and questions, for example Pope Francis, the Queen, your local councillor or MP - you might get a reply! • What are your talents and what skills would you like to develop? Research a job that you would like to do when you're older - interview someone who can help you understand what training you will need to do.
THURSDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As Catholics we look to the saints for inspiration on how to lead a Christian life. Who is your favourite saint and why? Create a PowerPoint or presentation that you can share with your class when we are all back at school. • Do you have a goal that you would like to achieve by the time you are 10, 15, 20 or 50? Climb Mount Everest? Volunteer for a charity? Create a business? Invent something useful or fun? Complete the Aspirations sheet (See Worksheets). • Interview someone you really admire in your family - what qualities do they have that make them so special?
FRIDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write down or record two of your favourite memories from the past year. Try to think back to the things that happened before school closed. Please share these with your teacher and we may include them on the school website! • Every year, the Year 6 children sing a Leavers' Song. Can you write and record your own song about leaving the class that you are in? You could fit some of your own lyrics to a popular song or write your own from scratch! • We will be welcoming a new teacher to teach Year 4 in September. Can you make them a card to welcome them to St Charles'?