



St Charles RC
Primary School



Year 2 Newsletter
Spring 2024

Welcome

Welcome back to the Spring term, the children have been working so hard even in the recent freezing temperatures. Thank you to those parents who attended our class prayer service, the children were very well behaved and led the service beautifully. I have been so impressed with the children's efforts since returning and their attitude to learning has been fantastic.

We would like to say a massive thank you for the wonderful cards, presents and warm wishes at Christmas – you were very generous and kind.

Again, I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome any volunteer parents or grandparents to help out in school if they can, to hear our children read. If you are interested in volunteering please inform the office staff.

Outdoor learning: Forest school/outdoor learning clothing should be kept in school and will be sent home when they are dirty to be washed and dried. Please ensure that the forest school kit is sent back into school ready for the forest school session on Monday.

PE: Lessons take place on a **Tuesday** afternoon until Easter. Your child needs to WEAR their PE outfit to school: a white T-shirt, navy blue shorts and pumps. Please note no other colours are acceptable. In cold weather, a school jumper can be worn and plain blue joggers or leggings. And again, please label all items. If your child wears earrings to school please take them out when it is our PE day or cover them with plasters.

Reading books: Please ensure that reading books are sent to school everyday so that we can hear the children read each week. In year 2, the children earn house tokens every time they read so please try and write a comment in your child's reading record so they can be rewarded for reading at home. Also, it is really important that your child reads every night, even if it is only a few pages. Reading regularly helps children to improve not only their reading and writing but also allows them to access all areas of the curriculum.

Homework: Homework will be sent home on Friday each week and should be returned to school the following Wednesday. The sheets to be completed in the homework booklets will be marked with a stamp at the top of the page. Homework will be sent in due course.

Times tables: In year 2 the children need to learn the 2's, 5's and 10 times tables. Extra times table sheets may be sent home with the children's homework books. This half term we will be focusing on learning the 2 times tables. Please help your child to learn their 2 times tables at home.

Spellings: Moving forward, there will no longer be a weekly spelling test. Instead, teaching spellings will become more integrated into our daily timetable. Spellings may be sent home for your child to learn but they will no longer be tested, please support your child in

learning these. They could recite the spelling orally or write the word in a sentence. If your child does not know the meaning of the word, encourage them to look it up in a dictionary or online.

A list of high frequency words, to be learnt at home, have been added to the back of your child's English homework book. Please work with your child to learn all of these spellings over this school year. The children won't be tested on these but we will be looking in the children's writing to see if they are spelling these correctly. It is really important that the children apply their spelling knowledge when writing to order for them to achieve the expected level at the end of Year 2.

DT homework - I would like to challenge the children to make a moving vehicle. Please send these to school before the Easter holidays for us to share with each other.



Curriculum

RE Focus: Option for the poor and vulnerable

| | Spring 1 | Spring 2 |
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| RE | From Galilee to Jerusalem | From Desert to Garden |
| English | Information booklet Diary Poem | Speech Letter Poem Recount |
| Maths | Shape, money, multiplication and division | Multiplication and division, length and perimeter, mass, capacity and temperature |
| Science | Everyday materials | Plants |
| Computing | Robot algorithms | Pictograms |
| Topic | Arctic polar regions | Mary Seacole |
| Music | Exploring feelings through music | Inventing a musical story |
| PE | Dance | Dance |
| D&T | Moving vehicles | |

If you have any questions, please ask us after school. Many thanks for all your support and cooperation.

Mrs Coussons and Miss Grange

Spring diary dates

| January | February | March |
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| <p><u>JANUARY IS THE MONTH OF THE EPIPHANY</u></p> <p><u>Week 1</u> Mon 8th Children return to school Weds 10th Whole School Epiphany Mass (9.15am in school - All welcome) Thurs 11th Y3 Class Assembly (All welcome)</p> <p><u>Week 2</u> Mon 15th – 17th Y5 Robinwood residential Weds 17th Y2 Prayer service (9.05am in class - All welcome) Thurs 18st Y4 Class Assembly (All welcome)</p> <p><u>Week 3</u> Weds 24th Y5 Prayer service (9.05am in class - All welcome) Y4 Library trip Thurs 25th Y6 Class Assembly (All welcome)</p> <p><u>Week 4</u> <u>Story Telling Week</u> Mon 29th Parent Drop in – after school in classrooms Weds 31st Y6 Library trip Fri 2nd Loaves and Fishes charity Cake sale and raffle after assembly</p> | <p><u>FEBRUARY IS THE MONTH OF LOVE</u></p> <p><u>Week 5</u> Weds 7th Y3 Library trip EYFS Chinese New Year Dance workshop with Miss Jade Thurs 8th EYFS Chinese New Year Assembly (All welcome)</p> <p><u>Week 6</u> BOOK WEEK Tues 13th Y3 trip to Chester TBC Weds 14th Whole School Ash Wednesday Mass (9.15am in church - All welcome) Y2 Library trip Thurs 15th Y1 Class Assembly (All welcome) Fri 16th St Valentine's Day Disco pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HALF TERM 16th FEB – 26th FEB</p> <p><u>Week 1</u> Weds 28th Y4 Prayer service (9.05am in class - All welcome) Y1 Library trip Thurs 29th Y5 Class Assembly (All welcome) Friday 1st World Book Day – Ocean themed</p> | <p><u>MARCH IS THE MONTH OF LENT</u></p> <p><u>Week 2</u> Weds 6th Y1 & Y2 Mother's Day Prayer Service (9.05am in class - All welcome) Y5 Library trip Thurs 7th EYFS Mother's Day Celebration followed by morning coffee and cakes (All welcome)</p> <p><u>Week 3</u> Weds 13th Nursery Library trip Thurs 14th Parents evening – in school Fri 15th CAFOD charity cake sale and raffle after assembly</p> <p><u>Week 4</u> Book Fair Weds 20th Y3 Prayer service (9.05am in class - All welcome) Reception Library trip Thurs 21st KS1 Assembly (All welcome)</p> <p><u>Week 5</u> HOLY WEEK Mon 25th Whole School Stations of the Cross Mass (9.15am in church - All welcome) Tues 26th EYFS & KS1 Easter Bonnet parade (9.05am in school – All welcome) EASTER RAFFLE Weds 27th LKS2 Easter show (9.15am in church – All welcome) FINISH at 1.30pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">EASTER HOLIDAYS 27th MAR – 8th APR</p> |

Websites

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

<https://www.teachyourmonster.org/>

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

<https://trockstars.com/>