



St Charles RC
Primary School



Year 6 Newsletter
Spring 2024

Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers, welcome back for the Spring Term. Thank you to the children for a warm welcome. They have already demonstrated a mature attitude to their work and it is a pleasure to be their teacher. This term is the start of our preparation for SATs. We are currently putting together a program to support the children in their preparation and those children who need them will be attending booster classes in school time. Please encourage the children not to worry, they just need to continue their positive attitude to learning so they can do as well as they can.

A few bits of information to help make things easier:

Outdoor learning: We DO NOT WEAR Forest School clothes to school; they come in a bag and we get changed in school. Forest school/outdoor learning clothing and a pair of wellies should be kept in school and will be sent home after use for cleaning/drying, if needed. Please ensure that it is sent back into school each Monday. Please label all items with your child's name.

PE: lessons take place on Wednesday afternoon. 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 navy blue tracksuit or leggings (no stripes or logos), please label all items.

Phones: As year 6 children become more independent, we understand that you will want them to carry a mobile phone to and from school if they are walking without an adult. We ask that when they get through the school gate the phone is turned off and placed in a tray which we put in the year 6 resource cupboard. This helps to keep them safe and is important to safeguard other children in the school who may not have given permission for photos to be taken. I would also encourage all parents and carers to be fully aware of what your child is doing on their phone. Monitor the apps they use and the conversations they are having can be important for keeping them safe online and maintaining good mental health. Lastly, I recommend that all children come off their devices at least an hour before bedtime, this allows the brain to regulate its level of stimulation to help with good sleep. If you have any concerns around phones or online safety, please contact me and I can point you in the right direction for advice and support.

High School: We are continuing our preparation for high school. The children are becoming increasingly independent and ready for high school. There will be visits from high school teachers continuing, including PE and modern foreign language.

Homework: English and Maths homework is given out on a Friday and needs to be returned on the following Wednesday. The pages which need to be completed will be written on the notes page at the back of each booklet. Anyone who does not complete the work and hand it in on time will be expected to complete it at a break or lunchtime.

Topic project: As we are learning about mountains this half-term, our topic project is to produce a presentation (poster, power point or some other creative idea) on a particular mountain range of your choice. This could be local that the children have visited or an international range that piques their interest



Curriculum

	Spring 1	Spring 2
RE	The local church as a community. Relating the Eucharist to our lives	How Lent and Easter encourage us to give of ourselves
English	Exploring non-chronological reports concerning mountains. Using technical and formal language correctly. Using passive and active language.	Writing Greek myths, writing and performing poetry around the Ancient Greeks and writing a persuasive letter. Creating atmosphere and using dialogue to advance a narrative.
Maths	Ratio Algebra Decimals	Fractions, decimals and percentages Area, Perimeter and volume Statistics
Science	Light- How do we see?	Evolution and inheritance
Computing	Variables in games	Introducing spreadsheets.
Topic	Why are mountains important?	What have we learnt from the ancient Greeks?
PE	Invasion games	Gymnastics
D&T	Programming pioneers	
Art		Greek Pottery

Many thanks for all your support and cooperation.

Mr Knott and Miss Kenzitt

Websites

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>
<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/>
<https://learn.sumdog.com/>
<https://www.brainpop.com/>
<https://www.nasa.gov/kidsclub/index.html>
<https://www.codecademy.com/>
<https://www.educationcity.com/>
<https://www.historyforkids.net/>

Spring diary dates

January	February	March
<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>