



THE ST CHARLES' NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th March 2020

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COVID-19/CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

As you will all be aware, there is an ever-changing landscape with regards advice and information relating to the current Coronavirus outbreak. Information shared following the Government's Cobra meeting on Thursday 12th March 2020 was that schools should not be closed and until such information becomes available, school will continue to open as normal. I am constantly being updated with information from the Department for Education (DfE) and Public Health England (PHE) and will update parents as and when I know anything different.

COVID-19 is a new illness that can affect your lungs and airways. It's caused by a virus called coronavirus. Advice from the DfE and PHE is that you should stay at home for 7 days if you have coronavirus symptoms. These symptoms could be either a high temperature and/or a new, continuous cough. It is important that you do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital if you display these symptoms. You also do not need to contact 111 to tell them you're staying at home. 111 should only be used if:

- You feel you cannot cope with your symptoms at home
- Your condition gets worse
- Your symptoms do not get better after 7 days.

We have put measures in place to prevent the spread of potential infections. We are encouraging the children to 'Catch it, Bin it and Kill it' if they do cough or sneeze and to wash their hands regularly with soap and water. Hand sanitiser is being applied at regular times during the school day. Please can you encourage the children to continue these habits when they are at home.

With this situation, new information is coming to light all the time and advice given now might be outdated in a few hours' time so it is important that you keep checking the PHE and NHS websites (see below) at regular intervals.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

I am working behind the scenes to make sure we have all bases covered if, in the future, the situation changes and so we can react appropriately as and when needed. If you have any questions regarding this or any other topic, please don't hesitate to contact me at school or speak to me on the yards before or after school.

Mr Kennedy
Acting Head teacher

PTFA

Our school's PTFA met last Wednesday and started to draft some ideas for the year ahead. So that we can maximise attendance at events in the future, they have created a simple 3 question survey for parents to share their thoughts on events they have enjoyed and events they might want to see in the future. Please could you spend 2 minutes completing this survey. It can be accessed through this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KWSKJDZ>

Events our PTFA run generate money which is used across our school. Every year they contribute £250 to subsidise the cost of a school trip for each class (total of £1750). This year they are funding some work we will be doing on a bee project in the Summer Term. In the past they have spent over £2000 on books for our school library and £1500 on laptops. This money is vital in ensuring we are able to maximise the rest of the funding we get in school.

PARENTPAY MEAL CHOICES

Thank you to those parents who are regularly logging onto select their meal choices. This means that the children are able to have a meal they will enjoy and don't end up with chef's choice. Please can you make sure you continue to select your child's meals by midnight Thursday for the following week. Any parents who need help getting to grips with ParentPay should speak to Mr Kennedy or Mrs Holden.

BIRD BOXES

We have installed 2 bird boxes on our school site this afternoon. These have been kindly donated by Bertie's grandad, Bob. He was also extremely kind in helping us to install them around school. I'll post some pictures on our Facebook page later today.

YEAR GROUP	STAR OF THE WEEK	CLASS ATTENDANCE	OTHER NOTICES
RECEPTION	Molly	100%	<u>PARENTS' EVENING</u> Letters for Parents' Evening will be sent out next week. Please can you ensure these are returned promptly to secure your preferred appointment time. Parents' Evening is on Thursday 2 nd April 2020.
YEAR 1	Hettie	94.3%	
YEAR 2	Thomas N	95.7%	
YEAR 3	Nikita	99.6%	
YEAR 4	Alex	93.9%	
YEAR 5	Evie	96%	
YEAR 6	Connor	99.2%	

DIARY DATES

March 2020

Tuesday 17th – Forest School Visits for Reception and Year 1

Monday 23rd – NSPCC Wear Something Green Day (more information to follow). Optional donation of £1 towards the NSPCC

Friday 27th – 2:00pm – Whole School Mass followed by Awards Assembly at 3:15pm

WB 30th – Reception Learn to Ride

Monday 30th – Reception Vision Screening

April 2020

Thursday 2nd – Reception Trip to Pizza Express

Thursday 2nd – Parents' Evening

Wednesday 8th – 2:00pm and 6:30pm – Y3/4 Easter Production

Thursday 9th – 3:30pm – School Closes for the Easter Holiday

Monday 27th – 8:55am – School Opens

May 2020

Friday 1st – Nippers starts

Friday 8th – School Closed – VE Day

WB Monday 11th – Year 6 SATs start

Wednesday 8th – 2:00pm and 6:30pm – Y3/4 Easter Production

Class Learning Assemblies 2019/2020

	AUTUMN TERM	SPRING TERM	SUMMER TERM
Reception	18 th October	14 th February	10 th July
Year 1	29 th November	7 th February	12 th June
Year 2	15 th November	6 th March	17 th July
Year 3	13 th December	13 th March	3 rd July
Year 4	6 th December	20 th March	15 th May
Year 5	11 th October	3 rd April	5 th June
Year 6	4 th October	17 th January	22 nd July