

St Charles Newsletter



Our New Year began with a Celebration of the Feast of the Epiphany. What a great start to the year.

Our junior chaplains have now received their commission and will be leading our development of sacred spaces inside and outside the building. I am sure they will want to call on the expertise of willing parents!

Dates for your diary:

7th February Safer Internet Day

15th February E Safety talk for parents
2:30 – 3pm

School finishes for half-term: **16th February 2017**

We re-open on

Monday 27th February 2017

We close for Easter on

Friday 7th April 2017

8th March – Maria Hutchinson, formerly headteacher of our school, will lead our collective worship on behalf of the Cafod Little Fish appeal for Lent

**God of mercy and peace,
forgive us when we get angry
with others and help us to
make our peace with them so
that we can all work together
to make a better world.**

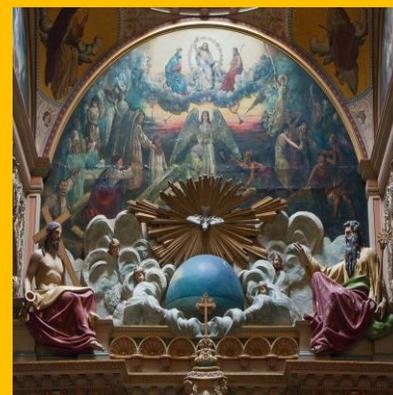
Denominational Inspection: November 2016

Thank you to all of you who responded to our questionnaire, the results were very positive and I shared them with you in the last newsletter. You can always find our previous newsletters on our website.

Our inspectors have left us with plenty to do on our road to excellence. We are working closely with our Diocesan advisor and our local family of Catholic Schools.

“St Charles is a welcoming school and staff and pupils are happy to greet visitors.”

We now have the report which can also be found on our website and also on our Diocesan Website: <http://www.middlesbroughdioceseshoolservice.org.uk>



News

Years 3 and 4 have taken part in a Pedestrian Skills programme in which they worked on:

- Using footpaths safely, and spot potential dangers
- Select a safe place to cross the road
- Make a judgement on when it is safe to cross
- Cross the road safely

Our school council have been busy thinking about road safety and have written to our local PCSO.

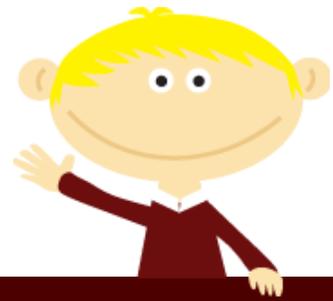
Sport:

We have participated in a wide range of sporting competitions this term: our team did well in the table tennis competition, individual and team event, our swimmers were great competitors at the inter school gala and our indoor athletes were a credit to the school. Well done all of you. Scarlett will be representing Yorkshire in Badminton in March, we wish her every success!

Mr. Harris organised some math's lessons for parents to take part in. Parents had the opportunity to see firsthand the expected standard for the year group in which their child is working.

'The lesson was very helpful I can now have a go at helping him with his homework' Parent of a Yr. 5 pupil.

Last week we participated in Safer Internet Day with the theme - Be the change: unite for a better internet. All pupils were reminded of the ways in which they can keep themselves safe when accessing the internet and participated in a range of activities.



City of Culture

All classes have been very busy, participating in the activities and challenges on offer so far:

Year 6 spent a fantastic morning with musicians from The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, followed by a workshop at City Hall with other schools. As always the children were a credit and were invited to hear an open rehearsal of the orchestra, where they were treated to a performance of a well-known film score by John Williams.

I hope you enjoyed the inspirational quotes and that you and your children are sharing, including our work on Digitull!

