



Education Resources
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Dear Parent,



Welcome back to school session 2024-2025! It has been a busy day and a joy to welcome the children back to school. It has also been a pleasure to welcome so many new pupils to our school today, we are happy to have you join the St. Charles family. Our Primary 1 have settled in beautifully and have loved getting to know their buddies. P7 have been fantastic helpers and role models. P1 start school at 9am tomorrow and will be dismissed at 2.55pm, just ahead of the rest of the school.

The children are looking wonderful, with happy smiling faces and so smart in their uniforms. Thanks for your support in ensuring your child comes to school in uniform.

Staff Updates

Helen, our janitor, has undergone planned surgery over the holidays. She is doing well however the recovery period means she will be off work for a while. I'm sure you join me in wishing Helen a speedy recovery. We are lucky to have been joined by John who will be our janitor in Helen's absence.

I am also delighted to share the news that Miss Henry, one of our support staff team is expecting a baby! Congratulation to her.

School Uniform and Belongings

A gentle reminder to please label your child's clothing and belongings with their name please. It is easy for things to get misplaced, but a name will help us to return it to the rightful owner. If you are struggling to provide your child with school uniform, please let us know as we can help.

A reminder that our school uniform is grey trousers, skirt or shorts, a white shirt and a green jumper or cardigan.

PE

For PE children should bring a change of clothes (red polo shirt and black shorts). P1-P3 are permitted to wear a red polo shirt on PE days. P4-P7 are encouraged to use the changing rooms to change for PE.

PE days for classes as of next week are as follows:

P1a- Monday and Friday

P1b- Monday and Wednesday

P1/2- Wednesday and Thursday

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P2- Monday and Thursday
P2/3- Tuesday and Wednesday
P3- Monday and Friday
P3/4- Wednesday and Thursday
P4/5- Tuesday and Wednesday
P5- Tuesday and Thursday
P6a-Tuesday and Thursday
P6b- Tuesday and Wednesday
P7a- Monday and Tuesday
P7b- Thursday and Friday

For health and safety reasons all jewellery should be removed for PE lessons. If earrings cannot be removed, they should be covered with tape.

A reminder that acrylic nail extensions are not suitable for pupils in school and are a health and safety risk in the playground and gym hall.

Mobile Phones

Please note that pupils are not permitted to use mobile phones during the school day. If bringing a phone to school, children do so at their own risk. Any phones brought to school must be switched off on entering the school grounds. If your child owns a smart watch, you must ensure that call/messaging and photography/recording are not enabled during the school day. Many of these devices have 'school settings' which we would recommend.

Drop Off and Pick Up arrangements

Children should continue to be dropped off/ enter at the school gates by the roundabout and crossing patrol in the mornings, no earlier than 8.50am. Supervision is not available in the playground before this time.

From 2.50pm, the school gates will be opened and parents can access the playground for end of day pick up. Parents are asked to wait towards the back of the yard to help safely dismiss children at 3pm.

A gentle reminder that parents are not permitted in the playground before 9. Parents are also asked to please be courteous towards our neighbours and park in a safe and responsible manner. The school car park should be avoided and parents are reminded that the school bus needs access in the morning and at the end of the day.

School Bus and after school care

Please email the school office to confirm end of day arrangements for your child if you will be making use of after school care or transport. This helps us to ensure safe dismissal at the end of the day.

Medication

If your child requires medication in school then a medical form needs to be completed at the school office. Please remember that medication should never be stored in a child's bag and should be handed into the office for safe keeping.

Health Promoting School

Water

Children are encouraged to bring a filled bottle of water each day. Water is also available at lunchtime from the canteen.

Fruit Break

We have a fruit break in school at 2pm every day. Children are encouraged to bring a piece of fruit to enjoy at this time.

Healthy Snack Options

Please refrain from sending extra large bags of sweets or crisps to school with your child. Fizzy drinks are not permitted. Please also note that **lollipops** pose a choking risk, especially in the playground, therefore these should be avoided. Parents are also reminded that due to allergies, **we are a nut free zone.**

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is open every morning from 8.15am. Please note children should not arrive before this time. Breakfast club is free of charge and operates on a drop in basis.

Annual data and permission letters

Paper copies will be sent to Primary 1 in the next couple of days, everyone else will have theirs sent via ParentPortal. Please look out for these.

Homework

Formal homework will be distributed week beginning Monday 26th August.

Mass- 15th August

There will be mass in school tomorrow for the feast of the Assumption of Our Lady. Fr. Morton will join us to celebrate mass which will be attended by P2-P7.

Parentsportal

P1 and new pupils' parents will be able to sign up for Parentsportal/Parentpay over the next couple of days. Please use this to access relevant school information and forms as well as to pay for items such as milk orders or trips etc.

Upcoming dates for your diary

2nd September- Individual and family photographs

13th September- P1 welcome service with parents at 2.15pm. A short service of welcome for our new Primary 1 children led by Fr. Morton. Two adults per child are welcome to attend.

Proposed parent council fundraiser (Wacky Bingo and disco) for adults- details to be confirmed

Tuesday 20th August- Meet the teacher (3.10pm/3.30pm)

Parents are invited to come along to their child's class to meet the teacher and hear about some of the class arrangements and planned learning which will take place this term. These will be short informal sessions to give you the opportunity to visit the classroom and be introduced to the teacher. In order to support parents with multiple children in the school, the teacher will deliver the information session twice at 3.10 and 3.30pm. Feel free to pop in and say hello.

26th September- Interim (settling in) reports will be issued to parents

Friday 27th and Monday 30th September- School is closed for holiday.

And so, begins another school year. I look forward to working in partnership with you in the year ahead.

Your sincerely,

Mrs Maureen Reid
Head Teacher

