



Welcome to our first newsletter 15 September 2023

Headteacher Welcome

It was lovely to welcome all of the children back to school and to meet our new Nursery and Reception class children last week. The children look smart in their uniforms and all ready to learn in school. The children's behaviour has been amazing, we have been busy electing house captains and all of the Autumn term clubs are up and running. We will have a new website launching soon, which we hope you will find easier to navigate. Our social media Facebook and Instagram pages will be launching soon so please follow us on our X (previously Twitter) page in the meantime @StCharlesPrimNE



Curriculum

All of the curriculum evening information from the first week of term will be on the new school website which will launch this month.

We are delighted to start our Latin curriculum this term. Staff are excited about teaching this subject and are currently accessing specialist training.

Curriculum information is available on the school website under the curriculum tab for all year groups.



Catholic Life

We have started the school year with a Mass with Fr Michael in school. The children all joined in and sang beautifully.

Thank you to Fr Michael, the readers and all who helped make it a special time for us all.



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Safeguarding

The designated persons for safeguarding and child protection in school are Mrs Nealings, Mrs Binney and Miss Thomas. Posters are displayed on the noticeboard and around school with their photographs.

Online Safety

The UK Safer Internet Centre have a Social Media Hub on their website that provides advice about the more popular social media platforms. For each app, it states their age requirement, the safety tools and advice available, the app's terms and conditions as well as links to further resources and advice from the UK Safer Internet Centre themselves. So, if you would like to find out more about the likes of Instagram, TikTok and Snapchat, then this hub is a great starting point:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/social-media-guides>

Early Years News

The children in Nursery and Reception have settled in really well. They have been enjoying meeting their new friends and Poppy the school dog. The children have enjoyed school lunches this week, many of them for the first time. Thank you for sharing on Tapestry. Keep checking for updates from the staff team. Good luck to Mrs Bertenshaw who will be starting her maternity leave this half term.

Key Stage 1 News

Year 1 and 2 have had a great start to the year. Year 1 have enjoyed a visit from 'That History Bloke' and have really enjoyed the hook to their History topic. They enjoyed looking at toys from the past. I am looking forward to sharing my toys from the 1980s with them! Miss Warsap has settled into the team and has enjoyed teaching Year 2. They are enjoying PE with NUFC developing their fundamental skills and have learned lots of new vocabulary in music this week.

Key Stage 2 News

The children in Key Stage 2 have all listened eagerly to the house captain speeches this week. The whole school have been voting for their new house captains. Year 4 have enjoyed swimming lessons this week and have enjoyed exploring 'The Bogeyman' poem in English. Year 6 have enjoyed learning about Claire Harrop a graphic designer in Art lessons.

Congratulations to Mr Gray on the birth of his daughter Elsie on Wednesday. He will start his paternity leave on Monday for 2 weeks. We have Mr Swan in Year 3 for the 2 weeks and he is familiar to school as he covered Year 5 jury service cover last term.

Sports News

The extra-curricular clubs started this week and have all been well attended. If your child would like a place in one of the advertised clubs, please contact the school office to see if one is available.

Mini Vinnie News

The children have started collecting tins for the People's Kitchen. Any donations would be greatly appreciated in school.

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Attendance

Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time. The school gates open at 8.40am and being punctual will give your child the best start to their school day. This will enable them to get ready for learning.

There will be a punctuality award for the class that has the most children in school on time for the week. We hope you will support this by bringing your child to school on time. The traffic can get busy around Gosforth particularly when the weather changes so always have this in mind when setting off for school. Walking or cycling avoids the traffic and is great activity for children.

An information leaflet about attendance has been emailed home this week. Please avoid taking holidays in term time or booking medical appointments including dental, where possible in the school day.

Car Park

Children should not be running outside the main reception area in the mornings outside of school. This is now a **walking only zone**. Staff supervise children from 8.40am. Parents / carers need to supervise their children to ensure no one gets hurt. The Safe Squad will be displaying posters to remind everyone.



Great North Run

Well done to everyone who completed the Great North Run. Remember Mrs Ambrose leads running club every Thursday lunchtime for Key Stage 2.

Clever Never Goes

This year we will be sharing Clever Never Goes with the children. It is a campaign to replace stranger danger. Further information for parents can be found at:

[Home - Clever Never Goes](#)

Does your child have speech, language and communication needs?

Parent Zone understand that talking about life online with a young person who has speech, language and communication needs (SLCN) makes it difficult, so they have created a selection of visual and spoken resources to help you. You can find out more here:

[Talk:Tech | Parent Zone | At the heart of digital family life](#)

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PEGI rate Roblox with a 'Parental Guidance' label, this is because of the huge level of user generated content within Roblox. It is rated for 'Teens' on Google Play and 12+ on the App store. You can either use Roblox to create games or play games that other users have created. As a lot of the content is user generated, it may mean not all games will be suitable for your child to view/play. It is important to set up Parental controls appropriate to your child. New Roblox Checklist The 2023 Roblox Checklist created by SWGfL and the UK Safer Internet Centre in partnership with Roblox is now available to download here:

<https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/new-roblox-checklist-available/>

General Notices

Please ensure you update the office with 3 contact numbers and any change of address or contact details.

A reminder that emails sent into school will be responded to within 48 hours. If any information is urgent e.g. a child being collected by another parent then please inform the staff members at the gates in the morning.

Refer to the school website for Autumn diary dates.

NHS Flu and Cold Guidance

There is no need for children to be kept off school for sniffles and coughs, or mild symptoms of Covid. Children with a temperature or a fever should stay off school until the fever subsides or the temperature returns to normal. If they test positive for Covid they should stay off for three days from the day of the test.

Further advice can be found at: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/>

Free School Meals

Please check if you are entitled to free school meals. Further information can be found at:

[Apply for free school meals](#) [Apply for free school meals](#) | [Newcastle City Council](#)

PTA Message

All families are welcome to join us for a coffee afternoon to welcome everyone back to school on Monday 18th September at 3.20pm.

Refreshments will be available along with a pre-loved book and uniform stall.



Parent Volunteer Session

If you would like to volunteer in school, you will need to attend a safeguarding meeting with a designated safeguarding lead.

There will be a session this term on 2 October at 8.50am. The session will last approximately 20 minutes. Please enquire at the office if you would like to attend.

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