

**ST. CHARLES'
PRIMARY SCHOOL**



**STANDARDS AND
QUALITY REPORT**

August 2018 - June 2019



Dear Parent/Carer

In St. Charles' Primary School, we would like to tell you how our school is progressing. This booklet is designed to do that. It is our "Standards and Quality Report" for session 2018-2019.

Inside you will find a brief description of the school and our main achievements. The school's main improvement priorities for next session are also included.

I hope you find this helpful. If you have any questions about the contents, please do not hesitate to contact the school for clarification.

Margaret Harris
(Head Teacher)

School Information

As Catholic educators, we work in partnership with parents, the two parishes and the community to encourage Christian attitudes, a sense of responsibility towards our neighbours and a firm personal commitment to the Catholic Church.

Our values are based on the Gospel values we hold and a belief in the qualities, skills and talents of our whole school community.

St. Charles' Primary is a school, which is striving towards excellence. We are committed to developing responsible citizens, effective contributors, successful learners and confident individuals. Our mission is to establish a well-balanced, varied curriculum in a happy caring environment, which will enable all children to develop intellectually, emotionally, spiritually and socially.

The current staffing consists of the Head Teacher, 2 Depute Head Teachers, 1 Principal Teacher and 20 class teachers. In addition, we have six support staff, who either work within the office or support the needs of children in our classes. At present, the school has a roll of 381 pupils in primaries 1 to 7.

We are part of the Trinity Learning Community and we have developed strong links with local schools. We work very well with all nurseries and Trinity High secondary to ensure that smooth transitions are planned.

We have an active and engaged Parent Council who support the school. Our local community is interested in school involvement and we have developed strong links with St Bride's and St Cadoc's Parish groups and Project 31, Explore Learning, RHET, Friends of Cambuslang Park and Revolve and Taylor Wimpey Homes (Scotland).

The Staff of St. Charles' Primary School is committed to making every child happy and secure in school and this principle underlines our programmes for learning and teaching and all our activities.

If, at any time, you find that this is not the case and you have concerns about your child, please do not hesitate to contact me immediately.

We are here to help.

Highlights of 2018 – 2019

We have had another very busy and productive session. Children at all stages continued to receive a broad, balanced and well-planned curriculum in line with Curriculum for Excellence.

All classes did their bit for charity raising impressive amounts of money for SCIAF, collecting backpacks for Mary's Meals and shoes boxes for the Blythewood Square Trust.

Everyone (including the teachers) enjoyed dressing up for a delayed World Book Day in April and sharing favourite stories with each other.

Some highlights were the primary 1 and primary 1 / 2 class learned about chicks and they were very excited with the new arrivals in the class .Primary 6 pupils enjoyed working with EDT on their STEM day at Trinity with the other Learning Community schools. The Big Coffee Morning fundraiser for McMillian Hospice was a very well supported by the local community parents and carers. Safety week saw Simone the Zebra visit Pr1 and 2 to help the children learn about road safety. Primary 6 /7 outing to the Clydebank Museum as part of their Blitz topic was a great success.

The ever-popular Nativity play performed by P1, the Christmas Songs and Carols sung by Pr 2 to 5 had the audience joining in and this year's performance of Cinderella Rockafella was hilarious by P r 6 and 7. Primary 4 recorded and sang a Christmas song for Radio Clyde.

The whole school enjoyed an outing to Rutherglan Townhouse to see Cinderella at Christmas time.

P6 organised a Burns celebration in January for our invited guests from St Bride's and St Cadoc's parishes and residents from Flemington Care Home and each class performed a Scottish poem or song to entertain our guests. The Spring term During World of Work Week we had many visitors from Airspace to Radio DJs to Firemen and women came in to share their working skills.

Primary 2 and 3 took part in Rutherglen' Landemer Day flag completion and one of the pupils won and her post will be made into the flag for next year.

Our Family learning project got underway in the summer term. Small groups of children and their parents/ carers worked with staff.

Primaries 5 and 6 went to Whitelees Wind Farm to find out about wind power and how it is helping reduce climate change. Primary 7 visited the Scottish Parliament and they developed their skills in Mandarin and Chinese Knotting and dancing.

Almost all pupils voted for summer trips to the seaside where they enjoyed the opportunity to play in the sand, paddle in the water, and enjoy an ice cream cone.

Attainment

National Improvement Framework - Attainment of Curriculum for Excellence levels
2017/18

School	Reading			Writing			Listening & Talking		
	P1 Achieved Early or better	P4 Achieved First or better	P7 Achieved Second or better	P1 Achieved Early or better	P4 Achieved First or better	P7 Achieved Second or better	P1 Achieved Early or better	P4 Achieved First or better	P7 Achieved Second or better
St Charles' Primary	94%	91%	93%	94%	89%	93%	94%	93%	95%

School	Numeracy		
	P1 Achieved Early or better	P4 Achieved First or better	P7 Achieved Second or better
St Charles' Primary	96%	94%	95%

Comment On Attainment

Over this session, our overall attainment is very good. In all stages, we have achieved very good improved attainment as a direct result of our active, collaborative, outdoor learning approaches and targeted working groups. Our school, alongside all schools in Scotland, has been required to report on Curriculum for Excellence levels for literacy and numeracy achieved by all children at the end of stages P1, P4, P7. Our data shows that we are performing better than both the South Lanarkshire and National average. Almost all pupils have made very good progress in all areas. We aim to build on this success and ensure that pupil attainment continues to rise.

How We Gathered Evidence to Evaluate Our School

Every year we produce a quality calendar, which details our on-going quality assurance processes; this is attached to our annual School Improvement Plan. As part of our procedures for monitoring school effectiveness, timetabled visits to classes continue to be carried out by the Head teacher and Depute Head Teachers. We also have peer visits, where teachers visit and observe each other to share good practice. We have used the quality indicators from How Good Is Our School 4 to undertake a broad audit and to update our Standards and Quality report. This helps us to decide on improvement priorities. Parent and carer views are sought by questionnaires, suggestions or comments made. Pupils' views are also sought using a variety of activities. This helps us to decide on improvement priorities.

Our New Improvement Plan

We write a new improvement plan every 3 years and update it every session, which details the actions we intend to take to improve our school. A full improvement plan is available from the school office. The following aims outline the areas we will be developing over the next three years.

School Improvement Plan 2019 / 2020

We will be looking to improve / develop the following areas this session:

1. Consolidate raising attainment and consistency of learning and teaching in Pr 1 to 7 Literacy and Numeracy with a focus on evaluating progress across the levels and engagement.
2. Raising attainment in Pr 1 to 7 Literacy Writing with a focus on closing the gap.
3. To establish a play based learning approach in P2 classes, using Leuven Scales to track individual pupil progress, involvement and well-being over the next 2 years
4. To ensure consistency and a shared understanding of what progression looks like across the Learning Community with a focus on Numeracy Moderation (LC Priority)

Suggestions/ Ideas 2018 /2019

Parents/ Carers

Using the newsletter and School Office email, we gather ideas and suggestions from parents/ carers on ways to improve our school.

Suggestions made are put on the school website and displayed in the Dining hall. Four meetings were held last sessions to discuss the School Improvement plans for 2019 / 2020, the spending of the Pupil Equity Funding and any parental suggestions.

Pupils

Using the Tell Me About It Box pupils can share their ideas and suggestions on ways to improve their school. A full list of pupil suggestions is displayed in the Dining hall. A small selection is listed below.

You Said	We Did
Can we have a Britain Got Talent show?	St Charles' Got Talent show took place in March 2019
Can we have a climbing wall?	Discussion will take place during the session 2019 / 2020 re new playground design.

Dates for Your Diary

26/8/19	St Bride's Parish Sacramental Meetings
6/9/19	Primary 1 Welcome Mass at 2.00pm
9-13/9/19	Maths Week
11/9/19	Individual & Family Photographs
12/9/19	Class Photographs
12/9/19	Meet the Teacher afternoon @ 9.15am
18/9/19	Book Fair Arrives
19/9/19	Parent Reporting Meeting
20/9/19	Nursery Tea Party
26/9/19	McMillan Coffee Morning at 2.00pm
27-30/9/19	School Closed September Weekend
2/10/19	St Cadoc's Parish Sacramental Meetings
4/10/19	First Friday Mass with Primaries 2 and 6 at 2.00pm
7-11/10/19	Safety Week
14-19/10/19	School Closed October Break
23/10/19	Whole School Flu Immunisation Day
31/10/19	Dressing Up Parties
1/11/19	All Saints Feast Day Mass
4/11/19	St Charles' Feast Day
16-30/11/19	Catholic Education Weeks
18 & 19/11/19	In service Day School Closed to Pupils
21/11/19	Parent Open Morning 9.15am
3/12/19	Primary 1 Nativity in the afternoon at 2.00pm
5/12/19	Primary 2 to 6 Concert in the morning
10/12/19	Primary 7 Christmas Panto in the morning
16/12/19	Primary 1- 2 Christmas Party in the afternoon
17/12/19	Primary 3-4 Christmas Party in the afternoon
18/12/19	Primary 5 - 7 Christmas Party in the afternoon
19/12/19	Whole School Carol Service in the morning
20/12/19	School Closes at 2.30pm
23/12/19 to 6/1/20	School Closed Christmas Holidays
13-17/01/20	Enrolment Week for August 2018 Intake
31/1/20	First Friday Mass with Primaries 3 and 5 at 2.00pm
6/2/20	Parent Open afternoon at 2.30pm
7/2/20	In service Day School Closed to Pupils
10-11/2/20	Mid Term Break
12/2/20	In service Day School Closed to Pupils
12 - 14 /2/20	Primary 7 Residential Trip
24/2 -28/2/20	ECO Week
26/2/20	Ash Wednesday Holy Day of Obligation
28/3/20	First Friday Mass with Primary 4 at 2.00pm
3/3/20	Sacrament of Confirmation at 7.00pm in St Bride's
10/3/20	St Cadoc's Parish Sacrament of Reconciliation at 7.00pm
9-13/3/20	Science Week
19/3/20	Parents Reporting Meeting
16/3/20	St Bride's Parish Sacrament of Reconciliation at 6.30pm
2/4/20	Easter Parade in the afternoon
3/4/20	School Closes at 2.30pm
6/4-17/4/20	School Closed Spring Break
25/4/20	St Cadoc's Parish Sacrament of Holy Communion at 10.00am
27/4 -1/5/20	Financial Education Week
7/5/20	In service Day School Closed to Pupils
8/5/20	School Closed May Day Holiday
16/5/20	St Bride's Parish Sacrament of Holy Communion at 10.00am

12/5/20 Parent Open Afternoon 2.30pm
20/5/20 Parent Consultation meetings 9.15am, 2.30pm & 6.00pm
21/5/20 Ascension Thursday Holy Day of Obligation Mass
22- 25/5/20 May Bank Holiday Weekend
1-5/6/20 Health Week
8/6/20 Reports to Parents (week beginning)
12/6/20 Primary 1 to 3 Sports Day in the Morning (10.00 -12.00)
12/6/20 Primary 4 to 7 Sports Day in the Afternoon (1.00 -3.00)
11/6/20 Primary 7 Leaver's Mass and Celebration at 6.00pm
17/6/20 Celebrating Success Ceremony
24/6/20 School Closes at 1.00pm

The above list of events and dates is a guide and is flexible as they can change as the year progresses.

Best Wishes
Mrs Harris
September 2019