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Dear Parents.

Here at St Charles, I strongly believe in maintaining an open-door policy. This means that my office is always open to you for any concerns or queries you may have regarding your child's education and well-being. Your insights and perspectives are highly valued, and I am here to listen and support you in any way I can. However, I would like to emphasise that, while I am readily available to assist you, your child's class teacher remains your first point of contact for day-to-day communication. They are the individuals directly involved in your child's educational journey on a daily basis and are best positioned to address any specific questions or concerns regarding your child's progress, behaviour, or any other classroom-related matters.

Maintaining a strong line of communication between parents and class teachers fosters a supportive and collaborative environment that is conducive to your child's academic and personal growth. Therefore, I encourage you to reach out to your child's teacher as your initial point of contact for any enquiries or updates regarding your child's academic performance or classroom experiences. If you do need to speak to the Class Teacher please contact the school office to arrange. Should you ever feel the need to discuss matters beyond the classroom level or if you have any broader concerns about our school community, please do not hesitate to schedule a meeting with me. Together, we can continue to provide a nurturing and enriching learning environment for every child at St Charles.



### **Key Stage 1 Trip to Wing Wah Chinese Restaurant**

On Tuesday, Children in Class 1 and 2 thoroughly enjoyed a trip to Wing Wah Chinese Restaurant in Burton as part of their topic on China. The children got to enjoy an array of Chinese food; watch a live performance of a Lion Dance and then create a Lion Dance of their own.

#### **Special Mentions**

To celebrate all the hard work this half term, we will be holding a Mentions Assembly on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 9am. Parents will be early next week if their child is receiving a certificate but please join celebration assembly even if your child isn't receiving a certificate – refreshments will be available afterwards.

Special sent a text us for this

#### **Friends of St Charles**

Please see the wonderful fundraising amounts (at the end of the newsletter) that the FOSC raised during Advent with the numerous events they hosted. Thank you to everyone for their support and to the Friends for their hard work and commitment.

## **St Thomas Aquinas Feast Day**

On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January, we celebrated our Trust Feast Day. A selection of Year 6 pupils attended English Martyr's High School and celebrated Mass with Father Simon Gillespie whilst the children back at St Charles watched the Mass from a live stream. Katie in Class 5 did St Charles proud by reading the first reading at Mass beautifully – well done Katie.



# **Kickboxing:**

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February, MC Kickboxing Fitness UK will be coming into school to provide a demonstration to the children. If you would like to find out more about the club and what they offer please follow this link. <u>Kickboxing and Fitness classes at Swadlincote</u> (mckickboxingfitness.uk)

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards,

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Mrs Knight

