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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this finds you well.

It has been lovely to welcome children and families back to school for this new school term. Children have settled well into their learning and enjoying their time with friends.

We continue with our staggered timings for arrivals, drop offs and break times and children are enjoying additional break times throughout the day. I anticipate this to continue into the new academic year.

Children are remaining in their class bubbles during the school day and classes play separately at break times.

From Monday 26th April, we will **reintroduce the following arrangements:**

- the 'table' seating arrangement in Y3-6 classrooms
- children on packed lunches can bring their lunchboxes back into school

Welly Walk for Water (CAFOD)

Thank you again for the tremendous effort in the sponsored event before Easter raising a grand total of £1,943.62. We have been able to send the following donations from classes through to the parish 'Just Giving' Page.

Reception	£307.50	Year 1	£270	Year 2	£440		
Year 3	£319	Year 4	£247.50	Year 5	£220	Year 6	£140.10

Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust

Plans are now in the final stages for St Charles' School to join BHCET on 1st June 2021. In line with the Diocesan guidance, we will have a new school name from this date and be known as St Charles **Catholic** Primary School. We have let Cre8ive Graphics know about this change so that our school badge can be altered for new uniform orders. Children may continue to wear their existing uniform whilst this change is phased in.

Another change that will happen this term will be a move to a new parent payment system called Tucasi. This will replace ParentPay and we will give you more information about how to make the switch later this term.

Class Newsletters

This term's newsletters have been sent out via Parentmail and are also uploaded onto the school website for your information.

New Nursery for September 2021

Work will begin on Monday 26th April to modify the EY area to create our new Nursery provision which will open in September. Contractors will be on site for the rest of this half term, as the entrance and outdoor area is redeveloped. We anticipate that drop off and pick up arrangements can continue as they are until the final week of term in May.

We are offering both 15 and 30 hour Nursery places from September and are now registering pupils who will have turned 3 before August 31st 2021 for an immediate September start. Please get in touch if your child will have their third birthday during the next school year or you wish to register children for a Nursery places in the next few years.

Lateral Flow Testing

Durham County Council now offer free LFD testing and home testing kits in Spennymoor Leisure Centre. Find out more and book appointments www.durham.gov.uk/CovidLFT.

Thank you for your continued support.

Your sincerely



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