



THE ST CHARLES' NEWSLETTER

Friday 10th December 2021

"Bring Forth Christ"



Determination Friendship Good Manners Respect Responsibility

COVID-19 - SCHOOL IS OPERATING AT GREEN LEVEL FOR ALL CLASSES

**SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2PM ON FRIDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2021 FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
AFTER SCHOOL CLUB WILL NOT BE OPERATING ON THIS DAY**

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

This Sunday is Gaudete Sunday which is the Third Sunday of Advent. Gaudete Sunday symbolises the mid-way point of advent and reveals a shift in the season of Advent away from repentance and toward celebration. Gaudete Sunday is signified by the lighting of a pink candle on the advent wreath. To highlight this to our children, they were encouraged to wear or bring something pink into school.



FINAL WEEK IN SCHOOL

Next week is our final week in school before we finish for the Christmas break. It is an incredibly busy week with lots of activities going on. I've summarised them below for quick reference. **IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT EVENTS IN SCHOOL ARE RELIANT UPON SCHOOL CONTINUING TO OPERATE AT GREEN LEVEL FOR COVID-19. WERE THIS SITUATION TO CHANGE, WE WOULD RE-EVALUATE AND MAY HAVE TO CANCEL THEM AT SHORT NOTICE.**

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Monday 13th December – KS1 Disco from 6pm – 7pm and **KS2 Disco** from 7:15pm – 8:15pm – tickets are £3 if paying in advance (before 8:30am on Monday morning) which will include drinks and snacks. Entry on the door is £1 but won't include any refreshments. This year we are not allowing adults to stay due to the risks associated with Covid-19. We apologise for this. At the end of the event, children **MUST** be collected by a responsible adult. Adults will be allowed to enter through the main entrance 5 minutes before the event ends to collect their child/ren before exiting through the hall door onto the KS2 yard to create a one-way system.

Tuesday 14th December – Christmas Dinner – this should have been pre-booked on ParentPay.

Wednesday 15th December – Infant Production at 2pm and 6:30pm – tickets have been limited to 2 per family for each performance. If you have not yet booked your tickets, please contact the school office. Additional tickets will not be made available for families.

Thursday 16th December – Pantomime – Reception, Y1, Y2 Y3 and Year 4 - please make sure you have completed the online booking form through ParentPay giving consent for your child to attend this event.

Thursday 16th December – Christmas Carol Service followed by the PTFA Eat, Drink and Be Merry Raffle -places have been limited to 50 for this event and have all been booked. If you would like to be added to the waiting list, please contact school.

Friday 17th December – Last Day of Term – The children are invited to come into school wearing Christmas Jumpers (and non-uniform) in return for £1 towards our school PTFA. During the day, there will be Christmas Parties followed by a Christingle Worship in classrooms and then our Awards Assembly. **SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2PM AND CHILDREN MUST BE COLLECTED FROM SCHOOL. PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB RUNNING ON THIS DAY.**

EARRINGS

Please can you make sure that earrings are removed on PE days, unless your child is able to remove them independently. If your child's earrings are unable to be removed on these days, please can you provide them with plasters so they can be covered up safely. Unfortunately we don't have sufficient supplies in school to provide them. If you are planning to get your child's ears pierced, we ask that you defer this until the summer holidays.

THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE

Our Year 5 and 6 children really enjoyed their visit to the Lowry Theatre in Salford to watch a performance of 'The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe' and were absolutely 'buzzing' as they were leaving last night. Thank you again to our benefactor who kindly donated towards this event and to the pantomime next week in order to give our children these experiences.

PRIMARY ADMISSIONS 2022

A reminder that the admission process closes on the 15th January 2022. If you know of any prospective parents applying for a school place next year, please ask them to contact school to arrange for a look round with Mr Kennedy.

STARS OF THE WEEK

RECEPTION	Arla	YEAR 4	Kelsey
YEAR 1	Joshua	YEAR 5	Carter
YEAR 2	Theia	YEAR 6	Alex
YEAR 3	Paisley		

JANUARY PTFA RAFFLE

Our PTFA January raffle will launch on the 1st January. There are two prizes for this raffle – a month's membership to gym classes and a month's gym membership for The Fitness Hub which has been kindly donated by one of our parents.

DIARY DATES

December

Monday 13th – School Discos

Tuesday 14th – Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 15th – 2pm and 6:30pm – Infant Production for parents (fingers crossed Covid-19 doesn't stop this from happening)

Thursday 16th – Reception to Year 4 visit to Pantomime (Dick Whittington) at Thwaites Empire Theatre, Blackburn

Thursday 16th – 2pm – Carol Service and PTFA Christmas Raffle

Friday 17th – Christmas Jumper Day, Class Parties, Class Worship and Whole School Gathering at 1:30pm. This will be followed by school closing for the Christmas Holiday at 2pm. **NB. There will be no After School Club on this day.**

January

Tuesday 4th – School Opens

Thursday 27th – Reception Vision Screening Check