



THE ST CHARLES' NEWSLETTER

Friday 16th September 2022

"Bring Forth Christ"



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***** SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 3:30PM ON FRIDAY 14TH OCTOBER FOR HALF-TERM *****

STATE FUNERAL OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II

A reminder that Monday 19th September 2022 has been designated as a Bank Holiday for the State Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. Therefore, school will be closed on this day. We hope you take the opportunity to watch the funeral of our late Queen with your child/ren as it will be a momentous occasion in our nation's history and one we will remember for years to come.

Thank you to all our staff in school for the activities they have led with our children in remembrance of Her Majesty.



GOVERNING BOARD UPDATE

At the end of last academic year, our Chair of Governors, Nicola McGonagle, resigned from our Board of Governors. This has left a vacancy for one parent governor. In the coming weeks, information will be sent out around the process for parents to nominate themselves for this role. If you would like any information about this position, please speak to Mr Kennedy in school. We won't have a new Chair of Governors until the next Full Governing Board meeting in November. Until then, our Vice-Chair of Governors, Mrs Elizabeth Ramsay, will assume the role of Acting Chair of Governors.

RECEPTION CLASS - VISION SCREENING

Vision screening is an integral part of the universal delivery of the national Healthy Child Programme. Every child in the Reception class will receive an invitation to have their vision tested in school on Wednesday 28th September. A letter has been sent out by e-mail. **Vision Screening is an 'opt out' assessment and therefore all children will be screened unless a reply slip is returned.**

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN OUR PTFA?

The first meeting of our PTFA will take place on Monday 26th September at 6pm in our After School Club room. All parents are welcome to join in and help to organise events which will raise money for our children. The kettle will be on with biscuits for all who want to come and join us.

PE DAYS - SPORTS HOODIES

Children coming to school in their PE kits seems to have gone well this week and has meant that they have been able to maximise their PE curriculum time. I just wanted to remind parents that the red hoodie jumpers are only to be worn on the children's PE days and not on other days. Children who wear their red sports hoodies on non-PE days will be asked to remove them.

CLASS INFORMATION SHEETS

You should have received your child's Class Information Sheet through ClassDojo! This is a guide of what will be going on in your child's new class this year. Please contact your child's class teacher should you have any questions after reading through this.

Thank you to those parents who came into school on Tuesday and Wednesday to meet with their child's class teacher(s). From the feedback I've had so far, they seemed to be positive and gave parents the opportunity to see where their child/ren spend most of the day. It also allowed parents to come into the school building again, something which hasn't happened for some parents since before Covid times. We hope to provide plenty of opportunities for this during the forthcoming academic year.

MEET WITH MR KENNEDY

Throughout this coming year, I want to provide opportunities for parents to come in and speak to me about various aspects of school life, including the Catholic Life of the School, Behaviour, SEN provision and our curriculum. If this is something you'd be interested in, or have other thoughts on areas for discussion, please click on this link and share your ideas. <https://forms.office.com/r/tARbkkTiWw>

STAR OF THE WEEK AWARD WINNERS

RECEPTION	Jack	YEAR 4	Bethany
YEAR 1	Louie	YEAR 5	Amber
YEAR 2	Tilly	YEAR 6	William
YEAR 3	Marshall		

CHANGE TO DIARY DATES

As school is closed on Monday, 19th September, we have rearranged the KS1 Phonics Talk and SARCHS talk for Year 6 parents. These events will now take place on Monday 3rd October at the original times.

DIARY DATES

September

Monday 19th – School Closed for the State Funeral of Elizabeth II

Wednesday 28th – Reception Vision Screening

Friday 30th – Individual Photographs

October

Monday 3rd – Phonics talk for Reception and KS1 parents at 6pm in school

Monday 3rd – SARCHS talk for Y6 parents at 6:30pm in school

WB 7th – Mental Health Week in school

Friday 14th – School closes at 3:30pm for half-term

Monday 31st – School opens at 8:55am

November

Tuesday 1st – **ALL SAINTS** - We celebrate the lives of special and ordinary people who have responded to God's invitation to love.

Wednesday 2nd – **THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS)** - Today and throughout the rest of November we pray for those who have died. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Friday 4th – **FEAST OF ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO**

Sunday 27th – **ADVENT BEGINS** - Advent means 'coming'. We think of the coming of Jesus when he was born but we also think of his promise that he would come again at the end of time. It is a time of waiting and preparing. It is only in the last week of Advent that we focus upon the events to be celebrated at Christmas.

December

Thursday 8th – **THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** - This feast marks the first stage of the existence of Mary, the mother of Jesus. She was 'full of grace' from the very beginning and co-operated with God throughout her life.