



# THE ST CHARLES' NEWSLETTER

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2021 FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY  
AFTER SCHOOL CLUB WILL NOT BE OPERATING ON THIS DAY**

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

This Sunday is the Second Sunday of Advent and the theme as we light the second candle is Love. Love permeates every aspect of the Christmas story: God so loved the world that he sent his Son, Jesus, to this world knowing that he would die for us even while we were still sinners. This is true unconditional love and will never fade. In school, we will continue to prepare for the birth of Jesus at Christmas.



### COVID-19 UPDATE

Changes have been made to guidance for schools in light of the new Omicron variant. Staff are now requested to wear masks inside school and any parents entering the school building are also asked to wear a mask. It is also important to note that anybody who tests positive or is a close contact of somebody with the Omicron variant will have to isolate for 10 days, regardless of their age and vaccination status. We are continuing to plan for a live nativity performance and ticket details have been shared by the office.

### PTFA

**NOVEMBER RAFFLE** – On Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> November we were pleased to inform K. Lukey that she was the winner of the Body Shop Advent Calendar. Well done!

**PTFA QUIZ NIGHT** – Thank you to everyone who attended the PTFA Quiz Night at the Cricket Club on Friday night. It proved to be a really popular event and we are hopeful to be able to hold a similar event in the new year. Well done to the 'Quiz Akabus' team on being the winners and we thank them for donating their winnings back to school.

**EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY RAFFLE** – Our December raffle is well underway and all children should have received a booklet of tickets at the beginning of the week. Tickets are 50p each or £5 per book. Additional tickets are available from the school office if required. Please can all unsold tickets and stubs with money be returned to school by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

**DISCOS** – If any parents are able to volunteer their services for these, please let the school office know.

### WINTER WEATHER – A REMINDER OF OUR PROCEDURES (JUST IN CASE)

As the temperatures begin to fall and we head into the winter season, I feel it is time to remind parents of the necessary arrangements we have in place should severe weather strike. As a school, we try to remain open in all weather conditions and we are lucky to have staff working at school who live in the local area and can easily get to school. However, there are a number of staff travelling from afar who may be unable to get into school from where they live.

When the weather is particularly bad and the decision is made to keep school open, we will always make sure the pathways into the school building are clear. The path to the main entrance will always be the first path cleared followed by the infant entrance on Knowles Street then the gate on St. Charles' Road. It will not be possible to ensure all paths around the building and playgrounds are clear. As a result, we ask that parents **DO NOT** enter the school grounds when dropping children off.

Unfortunately, there are times when a decision is made to close school. I will always try to give parents as much notice as I can however, I trust you understand that this isn't always possible as the weather in East Lancashire can suddenly change. As I don't live in Rishton myself, I may have to make the decision to close the school remotely. I will always liaise with the relevant members of staff, including those living in Rishton, to make sure the best decision is made at the time. Should the decision be made to close school, it will be communicated to parents through our school's Facebook page and ClassDojo! I will also post an update on our school website.

If you wish to discuss any of these arrangements with me, please contact the school office or speak to me around school. Thanks, Mr Kennedy

STARS OF THE WEEK				<u>BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL</u>	
RECEPTION	Ava	YEAR 4	Jude	Thank you for your support with the Poppy Appeal this year. We raised £202.09. <b><u>WEAR PINK DAY</u></b> Friday, 10 <sup>th</sup> December, is our 'Pink Day' to highlight Gaudete Sunday, the midway point of advent.	
YEAR 1	Freya	YEAR 5	CJ		
YEAR 2	Junior	YEAR 6	Alycia		
YEAR 3	Ella-Rose				

# **DIARY DATES**

## **December**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup>** – Y5/6 Puberty and Changes Workshops

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>** – Y5/6 Trip to The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe at the Lowry in Salford

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup>** – Rock Steady Music Concert in school (parental attendance to be confirmed nearer the time)

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup>** – Pink Day (wear or bring something pink to school - £1)

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup>** – School Discos

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Lunch

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

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

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>** – 2pm – Carol Service and PTFA Christmas Raffle

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup>** – 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 4<sup>th</sup>** – School Opens

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>** – Reception Vision Screening Check