



# THE ST CHARLES' NEWSLETTER

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022

*"Bring Forth Christ"*



**Determination Friendship Good Manners Respect Responsibility**

**\*\*\* SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 3:30PM TODAY FOR THE HALF-TERM BREAK\*\*\*  
\*\*\*SCHOOL OPENS AT 8:55AM ON MONDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER\*\*\***

## I WONDER HOW MANY TIMES WE HAVEN'T RETURNED TO SAY 'THANK YOU'

This week, our focus has been on the question: I wonder how many times we haven't returned to say 'thank you'. We have explored why the Samaritan in the story went back to say thank you and the impact that this had on Jesus. The 'Attitude of Gratitude' is simple but effective. It allows people to know that you are thinking of them. On that note, I want to say thank you. Thank you to every member of our school community for the support they have shown to me and our school during my first half-term as permanent Head teacher at St. Charles'.



## STAFFING UPDATE

I wrote to you on Tuesday to inform you of the appointment of our new Deputy Head teacher, Mrs Suzanne Lord. When Mrs Lord joins us in January, she will take over the teaching of our Year 2 class from Miss Massey who will sadly be leaving St. Charles' RCP School at Christmas. Miss Massey joined our school family for a brief period around Easter 2021 before successfully being appointed to cover Miss Gavin's maternity leave from September 2021. I want to thank Miss Massey for the work she has done for our school and wish her the best of luck in her future career when she leaves us at the end of December.

At Christmas, we will also be losing Miss Toomey as our school SENDCo. This is a position Mrs Lord will take up. The final staffing update is for Year 1 parents to let them know that after the Christmas break, Miss Gavin will become their full-time teacher. Miss Ali is currently working alongside Miss Gavin but will leave us in December. If you have any questions about this staffing update, please don't hesitate to speak to me or e-mail me: [head@st-charles.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@st-charles.lancs.sch.uk)

## DEBTS TO SCHOOL

We currently have debts to school of around £1199.85. This is for a mixture of dinners, breakfast club, after school club and music lessons. Please can you make sure you clear your debt to school over half-term. We will be looking to refuse services we offer to those parents who owe school money.

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING

School receives extra Government funding from the Government called "Pupil Premium". It is worth over £1000 per pupil for the school and helps to ensure children who receive this funding, receive extra support to ensure they achieve in line with their peers. We also use this funding to support other areas of school life. To see if you are eligible for this funding, please click [HERE](#) and add your details (Name/ address/contact details/National Insurance Number). Once completed, school will be told if your application has been successful or not. Please contact the office for any further information.

## OPEN DAY FOR PROSPECTIVE RECEPTION PARENTS

St Charles' RCP School will be holding an Intake Day for prospective parents of children who are looking to start at our school in September 2023. This will take place on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022 between 9:30am and 3pm. Please call the office on 01254 886110 to make an appointment. If this date is not convenient, Mr Kennedy will be happy to show you around school on an alternative date.

## PARENT GOVERNOR NOMINATION FORMS

We have had 4 members of our school community applying for the vacant Parent Governor position on our Governing Board. An election will take place when we return from the half-term break. Voting papers will be distributed on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022 and need to be submitted back to school by 12 noon on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

## BLACKBURN HAWKS

We have been given a discount e-ticket voucher for the Blackburn Hawks game on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. The price for this match has been reduced from £10 to £2 per person. The voucher is available on our website: [www.st-charles.lancs.sch.uk/blackburnhawks](http://www.st-charles.lancs.sch.uk/blackburnhawks)

### STAR OF THE WEEK AWARD WINNERS

<b>REC</b>	Eevie	<b>YEAR 4</b>	Darcey
<b>YEAR 1</b>	Elodie	<b>YEAR 5</b>	Summer
<b>YEAR 2</b>	Oliver	<b>YEAR 6</b>	Amelia-Rose
<b>YEAR 3</b>	Aubree		

### CHRISTMAS THEATRE VISITS

We are wanting to give parents as much notice as possible about upcoming trip payments. Our Christmas theatre visits are on ParentPay for you to contribute towards over the next few months. More trip announcements will be made after half-term.

# DIARY DATES

## October

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup>** – School closes at 3:30pm for half-term

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup>** – School opens at 8:55am

## November

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

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>** – **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 4<sup>th</sup>** – **FEAST OF ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO**

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup>** – **Non-Uniform Day in exchange for Chocolate for the Christmas Market**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup>** – **Children in Need – Non-uniform Day**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup>** – **Non-uniform Day in exchange for Bottles for the Christmas Market**

**Friday 25** – **PTFA Christmas Market after school**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>** – **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 8<sup>th</sup>** – **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.