



THE ST CHARLES' NEWSLETTER

Friday 2nd December 2022

"Bring Forth Christ"



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***** SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2:00PM ON WEDNESDAY 21ST DECEMBER FOR CHRISTMAS *****

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

We are now in the season of advent as we prepare for Jesus to be born on Christmas Day. At Whole School Mass on Monday, Fr. Ethelbert spoke to the children about the advent wreath and how each candle has a significance. He spoke about how the first candle symbolised HOPE. Through this candle we remember how the prophets foretold the birth of Christ. On Sunday, the second candle on the advent wreath will be lit which symbolises FAITH and it reminds us of the faith Mary and Joseph showed when they were told they were to have God's son.



Mary and Joseph are at the heart of the nativity scene which is displayed in people's homes around the world. We have some small nativity sets in school which I would like to lend to families so you can create your own nativity scene in your home and spend some time in prayer as a family. You can then take some pictures and share them with me in school as part of our advent celebrations. If you are interested in taking a mini nativity set home, please e-mail: head@st-charles.lancs.sch.uk

PTFA FESTIVE MARKET

Thank you to all who attended our PTFA Christmas market last Friday. The event was incredibly well attended. We drew the luxury advent calendar raffle this week in school and have managed to contact the winners. The winning tickets were:

BODY SHOP- 16 (PINK) SMIGGLE - 42 (YELLOW) LEGO - 16 (BLUE)

STAFFING UPDATE

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Fenton who has worked at St. Charles' RCP School for the last 11 years. We wish her well in her new post. As mentioned in previous correspondence, we are not in a position to replace Mrs Fenton's role in school and also that of Mr Slater who left a couple of weeks ago. In the run up to Christmas, Mrs Hale and Miss Hurst will be working across Years 3, 4 and 5 while I finalise a definite plan for January.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME UPDATE

I have had confirmation from Fr. Ethelbert that school are going to be leading our children through the sacramental programme from January 2023. First Holy Communion has historically been completed when children are in Year 3. As that hasn't taken place in recent years, we have a large proportion of children who haven't completed the preparation to receive this Sacrament. I have taken the decision that in January 2023, we are going to prioritise our children in Years 5 and 6 for the sacramental programme. If your child is in Years 5 and 6 and you would like them to have a place on the programme in January 2023, please can you e-mail: head@st-charles.lancs.sch.uk to register your interest. Once the sacramental programme has been completed for Years 5 and 6, we will put arrangements in place for Years 3 and 4.

BREAKFAST CLUB AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

We are in the process of transferring ownership of our wrap around care (Breakfast Club and After School Club) to the Play and Learn Scheme/SportsCool company. This decision has been taken to reduce the responsibility placed on school in managing these clubs and also to reduce the administrative burden on our school office. There will be no noticeable differences to the front of house service that is currently offered as staff and prices will remain. The only noticeable change will be the booking procedure. This will be managed centrally by the Play and Learn Scheme/SportsCool company. I will confirm arrangements for how this will work once we have officially signed the agreement and received the relevant information.

PTFA EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY RAFFLE

You should have received a book of raffle tickets for our annual PTFA 'Eat, Drink and Be Merry' Raffle. Tickets are priced at 50p each or £5 for a book. Additional tickets can be collected from the school office or purchased through ParentPay. All tickets should be returned to the school office by Friday 16th December.

STAR OF THE WEEK AWARD WINNERS

REC	Oliver	YEAR 4	Lenny
YEAR 1	Theo	YEAR 5	Dexter
YEAR 2	Sienna	YEAR 6	Lee
YEAR 3	Jakub		

↓↓↓ DIARY DATES ↓↓↓

Lots of events planned over the next few weeks (Panto, Elf the Musical, Discos, Carol Service, Christmas Jumper Day, Mass etc.). Keep up to date with the diary dates section of our newsletter ↓↓↓↓

DIARY DATES

December

Thursday 8th – THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Friday 9th – Y1 Class Mass

Tuesday 13th – Infant Nativity Performances at 2pm and 6:30pm

Wednesday 14th – Pantomime Trip for Reception – Year 4

Friday 16th – Reception and Y6 Class Mass

Friday 16th – Rocksteady Music Concert

Monday 19th – Christmas Lunch

Monday 19th – Christmas Carol Service

Monday 19th – PTFA Christmas Discos 6pm (KS1) and 7:15pm (KS2)

Tuesday 20th – Whole School Mass at 10am

Tuesday 20th – Year 5 and 6 Trip to Elf, The Musical

Wednesday 21st – Christmas Jumper Day, Class Parties and Awards Assembly at 1:30pm. School closes at 2pm. After School Club will not operate on this day.

January 2023

Tuesday 3rd – School Opens