



THE ST CHARLES' NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th January 2023

"Bring Forth Christ"



Determination Friendship Good Manners Respect Responsibility

***** SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 3:30PM ON FRIDAY 10TH FEBRUARY FOR HALF-TERM *****

LOOK, THE LAMB OF GOD

This has been the focus of our Worship sessions in school this week and how John the Baptist greeted Jesus. We have been thinking about how we might feel or behave if we were to see Jesus whilst also exploring how we are followers of Jesus even though we haven't seen him. Next week, our focus will be on how we can be called to serve Jesus as he starts to preach.



CLASS MASS

Every Friday morning we will be holding a Class Mass in school. These will start at 9:45am and all are welcome to join us for them. The only Friday where there won't be a Class Mass is Friday 24th February as we are planning a Whole School service for Ash Wednesday that week (more details to follow). The schedule for Class Mass is as follows: **Friday 20th January – Y4**, **Friday 27th January – Y3**, **Friday 3rd February – Y2**, **Friday 10th February – Y1**, **Friday 3rd March – Y6 and Reception**, **Friday 10th March – Y5**, **Friday 17th March – Y4**, **Friday 24th March – Y3**, **Friday 31st March – Y2**. Finally, we will be planning some events for Holy Week which starts on Sunday 2nd April. I will update you in the coming weeks with these plans. Thank you for your support.

FOODBANK SUPPORT

We have a prayer wall in school where children can add their own prayers or things they want other people to pray for. One of our children this week has added the following: 'Dear God, Please pray for mums and dads so that the bills go down and they can pay for food. Amen.' This was a really lovely prayer for one of our children to add to the prayer wall and it is hoped that it has come from somebody who is well supported at home and wants help for others. However, there is a chance that it has come from one of our families who might be struggling at this time. There are all sorts of stigmas surrounding this but if you are struggling, there is lots of support out there. One of the first points of call is our local foodbank. There is no form filling or questions asked. If you need help or support from the foodbank, just ring 07594 478 093 or e-mail ourfoodbank@gmail.com and they will be more than willing to support you. Please also speak to Mrs Hodgson, our Pastoral Lead, if there's any other support you feel we can offer you or that you would like us to try and access on your behalf.

NEIGHBOURHOOD OPEN WEEK – CHILDREN FAMILY AND WELLBEING SERVICE

All children, young people and families are welcome to come along and meet the local Neighbourhood Team, get to know them better, know what their service can offer and get involved in some fun activities. This is taking place at Copperhouse Neighbourhood Centre, Station Road, Rishton on Friday 20th January 2023 from 2pm – 5pm. Activities include Messy Play and some other more creative activities. Refreshments are available, including Free Hotdogs.

Y6 RESIDENTIAL – WADDOW HALL

I am pleased to announce that we have organised a residential trip for our Year 6 class. The visit will take place from Monday 3rd July to Wednesday 5th July 2023. Information has been posted on ParentPay along with a request for a deposit of £50. There will be 5 further instalments of £30 over the coming months. We understand that some families may be struggling financially at this time. Please don't struggle in silence. Contact Mr Kennedy who will be able to see what support we can put in place as we want all children in Y6 to be able to attend this trip.

PTFA – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our PTFA are planning to hold an AGM on Monday 30th January at 6pm in school. This is an opportunity to plan for the year ahead and explore options to develop our school community spirit and opportunities for our children. All members of our school community are welcome to attend. The kettle will be on and there will be plates of biscuits for those who want to join us!

JEWELLERY

Since we have returned, we have seen an increase in children wearing bracelets, necklaces and rings. These items are not permitted to be worn in school. Please can you make sure children don't wear them to school.

STAR OF THE WEEK AWARD WINNERS

REC	Bella	YEAR 4	Amelia
YEAR 1	Teddy	YEAR 5	Olivia
YEAR 2	Isaac	YEAR 6	Carter
YEAR 3	Molly		

PARENTS' EVENING – ADVANCED NOTICE

On Tuesday 7th February we will be holding a Spring Term Parents' Evening. More information to follow in the coming weeks.