



THE ST CHARLES' NEWSLETTER

Friday 11th November 2022

"Bring Forth Christ"



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

A SPECIAL VISITOR TO SCHOOL

We had a visit from Bishop John on Thursday alongside Simon Smith (Diocesan Director of Education) and John Corrigan (Diocesan Director of Property and Buildings). We had a productive meeting where we assessed the impact of damage to our church and looked for a way forward. The sad news is that the minimum amount it would take to get our church into a usable state is around £500,000, which was felt was too much debt for the parish community to be left with. However, I was very keen to find a solution for our school and parish. We are therefore looking to re-commission our school hall as the home of St. Charles parish of Rishton once again. The Diocese will need to do some work to get our hall ready for this to happen but I think it is a positive step forward for our parish community. I will keep you updated with developments as and when I know more.



STAFFING UPDATE

I am sad to inform you that Mrs Marie Fenton and Mr Rhys Slater have secured employment in other schools. This is a result of the budget situation our school is facing, which is similar to a lot of other schools across the country. They have both worked at St. Charles' since 2011 and helped our children over the years. Mrs Fenton has had a huge impact on the sporting provision we have offered whilst Mr Slater has been a steady hand leading our Breakfast Club. Both will be sadly missed but we wish them the best of luck. Mrs Fenton's last day in school will be Friday 2nd December whilst Mr Slater's will be Friday 18th November. Unfortunately, we will not be in a position to replace them. I will be reviewing staffing across the school this week.

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS

Completed ballot papers must be returned to school and placed in the ballot box in the school office by **12 noon on Monday 14th November**. We will announce the result later that day.

SCARLET FEVER

There are currently high rates of Scarlet Fever in the North West of England. The North West UK Health Security Agency have shared the following information with schools.

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS – Early symptoms include a sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. After 12 to 48 hours, the characteristic red, pinhead rash develops, typically first appearing on the chest and stomach, then rapidly spreading to other parts of the body, and giving the skin a sandpaper-like texture. Patients typically have flushed cheeks and pallor around the mouth.

ACTIONS TO TAKE – Children with suspected scarlet fever should **not attend** school until **24 hours** after starting appropriate antibiotic treatment. If school is aware of chicken pox and scarlet fever in the same class, we will inform the relevant parents.

SPOTACULAR – CHILDREN IN NEED

On Friday 18th November, we are having a non-uniform day in aid of Children in Need. The theme for this year is 'SPOTACULAR' and so we encourage children to come into school wearing something spotty. Pudsey ears and a range of other 'merch' is available online or from One Stop in Rishton and ASDA. We have a donations page set-up on ParentPay for you to make donations for this day. Simply click [HERE](#) to access.

FOOTBALL WORLD CUP 2022

The Football World Cup starts soon and England's first match is on Monday 21st November with kick off at 1pm. We have had several of our children asking if they will be able to watch the match in school. As there is only one of the group games falling during school time and, if things go the way we want them to, the knock-out matches starting towards the end of the school day, I have liaised with our Acting Chair of Governors and approved the children's request. We will therefore screen the game in the school hall for those who choose to watch it. I am fully aware that there are a number of children who will not be the slightest bit interested in doing this and so they will get the option to do some festive crafts to decorate our school as Advent starts at the end of that week. If you have any questions about this, please don't hesitate to contact me in school.

STAR OF THE WEEK AWARD WINNERS

REC	Lucy	YEAR 4	Ella-Rose
YEAR 1	Caleb	YEAR 5	Jude
YEAR 2	Joshua S	YEAR 6	Ally
YEAR 3	Junior		

FLU IMMUNISATIONS

This year, all pupils have the option to receive either the nasal or injection immunisation. The link to consent will close at **midnight on Monday 14th November**. [CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE FORM](#)

DIARY DATES

November

Friday 18th – Children in Need – Non-uniform Day

Friday 25th – Non-uniform Day in exchange for Bottles for the Christmas Market

Friday 25th – PTFA Christmas Market - 3PM – 6PM – NB. THERE WILL BE NO WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY ON THIS DAY

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.

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

Wednesday 14th – Pantomime Trip for Reception – Year 4

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 – 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