



THE ST CHARLES' NEWSLETTER

Friday 12th November 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 17TH DECEMBER 2021 FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
AFTER SCHOOL CLUB WILL NOT BE OPERATING ON THIS DAY**

DECEMBER IS FAST APPROACHING

We are coming up to a very busy time of year at school and so we want to keep you up to date with everything going on. The 'Diary Dates' section of the school newsletter should give you an overview of events coming up so you know what to expect. It is important to note that we are planning to invite parents into school for events, including the Infant Nativity and Christmas Carol Service, however we are mindful of the impact of Covid-19 on our school community. A final decision on these events will be made at the beginning of December.

We are also aware that this time of year can be expensive so we want to give you advanced notice of any events where there are costs involved. The first one of these is Christmas theatre trips which are now available on ParentPay and to which the children have taken a letter home about today. Children in Reception to Year 4 will be going on the annual pantomime trip to watch 'Dick Whittington' at Thwaites Empire Theatre in Blackburn. Children in our Year 5 and 6 class will be going to the Lowry Theatre in Salford to watch a production of 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe'. We are incredibly grateful to have received a generous donation from a benefactor which has meant we can offer these trips to our children. We are requesting a contribution of £12 to cover the costs of these trips. If your child is eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) then there is no charge for them. If you feel you may be eligible for FSM, please check out the information on our school website (<https://www.st-charles.lancs.sch.uk/financial-support>).

At the start of December, we will be requesting donations to our local foodbank in exchange for tickets for the infant production and then a £1 donation to our school's PTFA on Christmas Jumper Day. Finally, our PTFA will be holding their 'Eat, Drink and Be Merry' raffle in December. Tickets are 50p and prizes include £100, a Drinks Hamper and a Luxury Hamper amongst other prizes.

Hopefully the information above should help you prepare ahead of this busy time of year. If you need any support, please don't hesitate to contact school.

Mr Kennedy
Acting Head teacher

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PATTERN 2022/23

Please find below the dates for the 2022-2023 academic year.

St Charles Academic Year Calendar 2022 ~ 2023	
Autumn Term 1st half	Monday 5 th September to 3.30pm on Friday 14 th October
Autumn Term 2nd half	Monday 31 st October to 2.00pm on Wednesday 21 st December
Spring Term 1st half	Tuesday 3 rd January to 3:30pm on Friday 10 th February
Spring Term 2nd half	Monday 20 th February to 3:30pm on Thursday 6 th April
Summer Term 1st Half	Monday 24 th April to 3:30pm on Friday 26 th May
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 1 st May
Summer Term 2nd Half	Monday 5 th June to 2:00pm on Tuesday 21 st July

PTFA QUIZ

Our PTFA are hosting a quiz night on Friday 26th November at Rishton Cricket Club. Tickets for this event are priced at £2.50 per person or £5 if you would like a pie and peas supper and can be purchased through ParentPay or from the school office. We are welcoming teams of up to 6 to enter and there will also be a staff team for you to challenge!! Doors open at 7pm and the quiz starts at 7:30pm.

STARS OF THE WEEK				REMEMBRANCE DAY
RECEPTION	Jake	YEAR 4	Wyatt	Thank you to our wonderful GIFT Team for leading our Remembrance Day Worship in the school hall yesterday. Special mentions go to Mrs Topham and Mrs Troughton for their hard work making the activities the children took part in so thoughtful. Lest we forget.
YEAR 1	Joshua	YEAR 5	Niamh	
YEAR 2	Lucas	YEAR 6	Lilly	
YEAR 3	Oliver			

DIARY DATES

November

Wednesday 17th – Reception and Year 6 Heights and Weights

Sunday 28th – First Sunday of Advent

December

Monday 6th – Y5/6 Puberty and Changes Workshops

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

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

Tuesday 14th – Christmas Lunch

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

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

Thursday 16th – 2pm – Carol Service and PTFA Christmas Raffle

Friday 17th – 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 4th – School Opens