



THE ST CHARLES' NEWSLETTER

Friday 18th November 2022

"Bring Forth Christ"

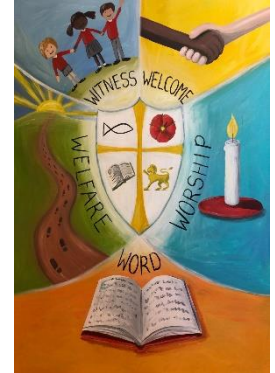


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***** SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2:00PM ON WEDNESDAY 21ST DECEMBER FOR CHRISTMAS *****

CATHOLIC LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL

I am pleased to share progress we are making on developing the Catholic Life of our School following the appointment of Fr. Ethelbert, Fr. Stephen and Fr. Peter as the Parish Priests for the churches in Clayton, Rishton and Great Harwood. We had our first Whole School Mass to mark the feast day of St. Charles' Borromeo on Friday 4th November. I am now in a position to inform you that we have two more Whole School Masses planned before we finish for Christmas. The first one is to mark the start of Advent and will take place in our school hall on Monday 28th November at 10am. The second one will be on Monday 19th December, also at 10am. We invite members of our school community (parishioners, parents, grandparents) to join us for these. Both Masses will be followed by a tea and coffee morning. We will also be holding Class Masses every Friday morning at 9:45am. Again, members of our school community can join us for these.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME UPDATE

I have been in discussion with Fr. Ethelbert in recent weeks to look at arrangements for our children being prepared to receive their First Holy Communion. This is something which hasn't taken place in school in recent years. There is currently a cohort of children preparing to receive their First Holy Communion through the churches in Great Harwood. They will have completed this by Christmas and so we hope to start our school based preparation in January 2023. Final plans haven't been agreed yet but it is likely we will be prioritising our Year 5 and 6 classes first and then rolling it out to Years 3 and 4. I will keep you updated.

GOVERNING BODY UPDATE

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION RESULTS – On Monday, I completed the counting of votes cast in our Parent Governor Election. These were independently verified by Mr Andrew Holmes (Independent Scrutineer). I am pleased to announce that Mrs Zelma Bartley has been elected as Parent Governor for a 4 year term. I'm sure you'll join me in congratulating Zelma whilst also thanking our other candidates for putting themselves forward to be involved in the work of our school as a Parent Governor.

CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS – Last night at our Full Governing Body Meeting, we elected a Chair and Vice-Chair. I'm pleased to report that Mrs Elizabeth Ramsay has been appointed as the Chair of Governors and Mrs Monica Walczak has been appointed as Vice-Chair of Governors. I'm sure you'll join me in congratulating them on their positions.

SPOTACULAR – CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you for all your donations to Children in Need today. We have raised over £180!

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PATTERN

Please find below the dates for the 2023-2024 academic year.

St Charles Academic Year Calendar 2023 ~ 2024	
Autumn Term 1 st half	Monday 4 th September to 3.30pm on Friday 13 th October
Autumn Term 2 nd half	Monday 30 th October to 2.00pm on Friday 22 nd December
Spring Term 1 st half	Monday 8 th January to 3:30pm on Friday 9 th February
Spring Term 2 nd half	Monday 19 th February to 3:30pm on Thursday 28 th March
Summer Term 1 st Half	Monday 15 th April to 3:30pm on Friday 24 th May
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 6 th May
Summer Term 2 nd Half	Monday 3 rd June to 2:00pm on Tuesday 23 rd July

PTFA CHRISTMAS MARKETS

Next Friday will be our final non-uniform day in November in return for a donation of a bottle (wine, vinegar, ketchup etc.) towards our bottle tombola at the PTFA Christmas Market. The market opens at 3pm, to give parents, grandparents, parishioners and anybody else who wants to attend, the opportunity to peruse the stalls before the children finish school at 3:30pm. The market will remain open until 6pm. We have lots of different stalls selling a range of Christmas gifts. There will be no assembly next week as a result.

STAR OF THE WEEK AWARD WINNERS

REC	Joshua	YEAR 4	Mary-Jane
YEAR 1	Jack	YEAR 5	Scarlett
YEAR 2	Archie	YEAR 6	Alex
YEAR 3	Jaxon		

ADDITIONAL BANK HOLIDAY

An additional bank holiday has been awarded to mark the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III next year on Monday 8th May 2023. School will be closed on this day.

DIARY DATES

November

Friday 25th – Y3 and Y4 Class Mass

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

Monday 28th – Whole School Mass at 10am

December

Friday 2nd – Y2 Class Mass

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 – Whole School Mass at 10am

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