



THE ST CHARLES' NEWSLETTER

Friday 17th December 2021

"Bring Forth Christ"



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**SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2PM TODAY FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
SCHOOL REOPENS AT 8:55AM ON TUESDAY 4TH JANUARY 2022**

END OF A TERM

We have reached the end of the Autumn Term and I hope that the children have enjoyed the events of the last few weeks. I feel very fortunate, and lucky, that we remained in a position where we were able to have a live audience for our nativity performances and also invite members of our school community in for our Carol Service. These events were always reliant on our Covid-19 numbers remaining low and school continuing to operate at 'Green Level'.



As we finish for the Christmas break, I want to take this opportunity to wish all members of our school community a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. I hope everyone is able to enjoy this season of goodwill remaining well and free from Covid-19. I know that there are some members of our wider school community who have contracted Covid-19 and our thoughts and prayers go out to them in the hope they remain well. We unfortunately received confirmation on Thursday of a member of our Reception class testing positive for Covid-19 and so we hope and pray that they remain well.

This Sunday is the fourth Sunday of Advent where the final purple candle is lit to celebrate 'Faith'. Our faith is at the heart of everything we do here at St. Charles' so please take the time to talk to the children about their faith as you prepare for Christmas Day. For those of you in a position to attend Mass over the Christmas period, below are the Christmas Mass times for the churches in our area.

CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASS - 5.00pm St. Mary, Clayton le Moors and 6.00pm St. Wulstan, Great Harwood
CHRISTMAS DAY - 9.00am Our Lady & St. Hubert, Great Harwood and 11.00am St. Wulstan, Great Harwood.

PTFA EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY RAFFLE

Thank you for your support with our December raffle. I think it's the first year that all the tickets have completely sold out and we had no extra to sell on the day. We were fortunate to have a couple of extra prizes donated so there were 6 prizes in total. The winners can be found below!

- 1 - £100 cash - 00271 – M. Crofts
- 2 – Drinks Hamper - 00699 – V. Lees
- 3 – Luxury Hamper - 01406 – S. Swift
- 4 – Small Food Hamper - 00589 – L. Woods
- 5 – 2 Bottles of Wine & Glasses - 00968 – A. O'Reilly
- 6 – Wine Box - 00696 – V. Lees

STAFFING UPDATE

Congratulations to Miss West who has been successful in securing permanent employment at Cottam Primary School in Preston. Miss West joined the team at St. Charles' in September 2019 and has been working since then on a temporary contract whilst we still have an Acting Leadership Team in place. Understandably, Miss West has been keen to secure a permanent position and I'm pleased for her that she has now achieved this. Miss West will continue to teach Year 3 when we return in January and I have already begun searching for her replacement. I'm sure you'll join me in congratulating Miss West on her new position. If any parents in Year 3 have any queries, please speak to me after school today or e-mail: head@st-charles.lancs.sch.uk.

FSM VOUCHERS

LCC have confirmed that FSM vouchers are being issued over the Christmas period. If you receive these by e-mail, you should receive your vouchers on Monday 20th December. For those who receive a printed copy of your voucher, these will be sent home today.

HAF PROGRAMME

The Holiday Activities and Food Programme is running over the festive period. If your child is eligible for this programme, information has been e-mailed to you.

SPECIAL AWARD WINNERS				ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS			
RECEPTION	Emilia	YEAR 4	Austin	RECEPTION	Sashvik	YEAR 4	Olivia
YEAR 1	Paige	YEAR 5	Harvey	YEAR 1	Leo	YEAR 5	Iona
YEAR 2	Molly	YEAR 6	Darcy	YEAR 2	Jaxon	YEAR 6	Izzy-Rose
YEAR 3	Sophia			YEAR 3	Emily		

DIARY DATES

December

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

Thursday 27th – Reception Vision Screening Check