



THE ST CHARLES' NEWSLETTER

Friday 4th March 2022

"Bring Forth Christ"



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***** SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAYS ON FRIDAY 25TH MARCH AT 3:30PM *****

LENT

On Wednesday we gathered as a school to mark the start of Lent. Members of our GIFT team lead us in a service before distributing ashes to members of our school community. They did a fantastic job and were very reverent in how they conducted themselves. Well done!

As we are now in the period of Lent and during this time, we are asked to do three things: pray, fast and almsgiving. Giving something up for Lent is how we fast and this is something our children do privately. Prayer and Almsgiving are things that we can do as a school community. During Lent we are going to be developing our understanding of prayer and the different ways in which we can pray. We are also going to focus more intently on almsgiving, the act of donating money, food or other items to the poor or needy. More information about this can be found below.



CARITAS AMBASSADORS – UKRAINE APPEAL

Our Caritas theme for this half-term is: Option for the Poor and Vulnerable, where God invites us to care in a special way for those who need the most help. Through this theme, our ambassadors feel very passionately about doing something to help those fleeing the current conflict in Ukraine. The International Aid Trust are currently requesting practical aid for the refugees displaced by the events taking place. The refugees have left their homes with very little and so they have requested: clothing, footwear, bedding, toiletries, sleeping bags and cooking pots and pans. If you have any of these items to hand, please can you bring them into our school office and place them in the drop off boxes. In addition to this, they are also requesting dried food but these need to have at least 1 year's "best before" date on them. We are hoping to take donations at the end of next week and also more the following week. If you can help in any way, your support will be gratefully welcomed.

SATs

Our Year 6 class will be taking their SATs assessments during May of this year. This is the first time the tests have been carried out since the pandemic started. We are working hard to make sure the children are as relaxed and confident as they can be as they prepare for these as we understand how stressful they can be. SATs are timetabled to take place during the WB 9th May and so we ask that you ensure that the children's attendance is as good as it can be so they are prepared for this week.

We will be providing an update to parents about what takes place during this week on Thursday 24th March 2022 starting at 6pm in school. This will help you have an understanding of what tests the children will be completing and give you the opportunity to view some of the past papers Year 6 pupils have completed. We hope that as many of you can join us for this.

WORLD BOOK DAY

Thank you for the efforts put into the fantastic outfits on display around school yesterday. The children looked amazing. They have enjoyed lots of activities which took place including the trips down to Rishton library. All children should have received their World Book Day vouchers and a catalogue about Usborne books earlier in the week.

PTFA QUIZ NIGHT

Tonight's quiz has been cancelled. A message was posted on ClassDojo! earlier in the week to notify parents. Refunds have been issued to those who purchased tickets through the ParentPay system. Please speak to the school office if you haven't received this. We hope to rearrange this quiz for later in the academic year.

STARS OF THE WEEK

RECEPTION	Leo	YEAR 4	Ruby
YEAR 1	Rosie	YEAR 5	William
YEAR 2	Marshall	YEAR 6	Summer
YEAR 3	Emily		

BEHAVIOUR POLICY

Our updated behaviour policy is available to be viewed on our school website. We will be asking for feedback on it in the coming weeks.

DIARY DATES

March

Thursday 24th – Y6 SATs Information Evening

Friday 25th – Rocksteady Music Concert in school

Friday 25th – School closes at 3:30pm for the Easter break

April

Monday 11th – School Opens

Wednesday 13th – PTFA Discos

Friday 15th – School Closed – Good Friday

Monday 18th – School Closed – Easter Monday