



THE ST CHARLES' NEWSLETTER

Friday 31st March 2023

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***** SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 3:30PM NEXT THURSDAY, 6TH APRIL, FOR EASTER *****

HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES

Next week is Holy Week. It starts with Palm Sunday where Jesus enters Jerusalem on the back of the donkey. As the week progresses, Jesus celebrates the Last Supper with his disciples before being betrayed and ultimately dying on the cross. Our GIFT Team have been busy preparing a special worship session for the school detailing the different parts of this week for our children. We hope to share some pictures of this with our wider school community.



As always, we have a busy Holy Week planned. A quick summary of events taking place:

Monday – Whole School Mass at 9:45am. All members of our school community are welcome to join us for this and support our children as we near the end of this Lenten season.

Tuesday – Bake Sale Day (donations welcome and children will need some spending money)

Wednesday – Deadline Day! Please make sure Easter Bonnets, Easter Gardens and entries for 'Grandad Bob's Easter Egg Decorating Competition' are brought into school ready to be judged. **PTFA DISCOS – KS1 – 6:00pm – 7:00pm and KS2 – 7:15pm – 8:15pm.** £1 entry on the door and sweets/drinks/goodies available to purchase.

Thursday – Whole School Worship and Easter Egg Raffle (tickets available on ParentPay, £1 for 3 entries, and donations of Easter Eggs will be gratefully received). Can you also make sure Caritas St. Joseph's Penny Boxes are returned by this date too.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

STAFFING UPDATE

I'm pleased to inform you that Miss Ireland will be returning after the Easter break to teach our Year 5 class every morning until half-term. From June, she will be resuming her full-time responsibilities. Miss Waddington has kindly agreed to stay on and teach the class in the afternoons until half-term. If you have any questions about this, please don't hesitate to contact me in school.

BLACKBURN HAWKS

We have been given a discount voucher for a very important Blackburn Hawks fixture, this Saturday, at 6pm where they will face-off against Billingham Stars at the Blackburn Arena in the Play-Off Quarter-Final first leg. The price for this match has been reduced to £2 per person. All you need to do is turn up with the voucher (which is available on our website: www.st-charles.lancs.sch.uk/blackburnhawks) either printed or on a mobile device. It's a fantastic opportunity to get behind a local team and give them the support they need to get the right result.

ATTENDANCE LETTERS

Every year, we aim for our school attendance to be 97%. We are currently at 95.9% which is below our expected standard. Letters will be sent home to parents whose attendance is classed as persistently absent (below 90%) to inform them of this. In some cases, parents will be invited in to meet with myself to discuss how we can work together to improve your child's attendance. Letters will also be sent to those parents whose children are regularly late arriving in school as this can have a massive impact on the start our children make to their day. Your support in improving school attendance is valued.

SATs

Our Year 6 class will be taking their SATs assessments during May of this year. We are working hard to make sure the children are as relaxed and confident as they can be when preparing as we understand how stressful they can be. SATs are timetabled to take place during the WB 8th May and so we ask that you ensure that the children's attendance is good so they are prepared for this week. If you have any questions, please speak with Mrs Horsfall or Mr Kennedy

STAR OF THE WEEK AWARD WINNERS

REC	Arthur	YEAR 4	Sean
YEAR 1	Adaline	YEAR 5	Martha
YEAR 2	Oscar	YEAR 6	CJ
YEAR 3	Cavan		

PTFA QUIZ

Our PTFA are holding a quiz on 10th May at Rishton Conservative Club. Tickets are priced at £5 each which includes a supper. Tickets can be purchased through ParentPay or via the school office.

DIARY DATES

April

Monday 3rd – Holy Week Starts

Monday 3rd – Whole School Mass at 9:45am

Wednesday 5th – PTFA Discos

Thursday 6th – School Closes for the Easter Holidays at 3:30pm

Monday 24th – School Opens at 8:55am

Friday 28th – Year 1 Class Mass

May

Monday 1st – School Closed – Bank Holiday

Friday 5th – Rec and Year 6 Class Mass

Monday 8th – School Closed – Coronation of King Charles III

Tuesday 9th – SATs start

Friday 12th – Year 5 Class Mass

PTFA quiz night @ Rishton Conservative Club

Friday 19th – Year 4 Class Mass

Friday 12th – Year 5 Class Mass