



# THE ST CHARLES' NEWSLETTER

Friday 23rd September 2022

*"Bring Forth Christ"*



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**\*\*\* SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 3:30PM ON FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER FOR HALF-TERM \*\*\***

## **BRING FORTH CHRIST**

These three words have been the motto of St. Charles' RCP School for over 30 years. They have been at the top of this newsletter for the last few years, underneath our school badge on jumpers, on staff lanyards and on many documents. This is also displayed in our main entrance. However, we never reference it in our day-to-day lives.

The words, 'Bring Forth Christ', were spoken by Charles Borromeo shortly before he died. He delivered them in a sermon about how we can overcome the thousand and one difficulties that we face each day if we were to find the strength inside of us to 'Bring Forth Christ.' This is a very powerful message which the patron saint of our school delivered.

Yesterday, we had a special service where we learnt about the life and work of St. Charles. All our children then went back to their classrooms and discussed how they can use his inspiration to 'Bring Forth Christ' in their lives and in our school. Over the next few weeks and months, we will be building on the children's work to update our school mission statement, school prayers and other aspects of our school. We will also be asking for input from parents. Please look out for this.

## **WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN OUR PTFA? HAVE YOU A SPARE HOUR OR TWO?**

The first meeting of our PTFA will take place on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm in our After School Club room. All parents are welcome to join and help to organise events which raise money for our children. The kettle will be on with biscuits for all who want to come and join us.

## **RECEPTION CLASS - VISION SCREENING**

Vision screening is an integral part of the universal delivery of the national Healthy Child Programme. Every child in the Reception class will receive an invitation to have their vision tested in school on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September. A letter has been sent out by e-mail. Please contact school if you haven't received this. **Vision Screening is an 'opt out' assessment. Therefore all children will be screened unless a reply slip is returned.**

## **PARENT GOVERNOR NOMINATION FORMS**

Next Friday, information will be sent out about the process for parents to nominate themselves for our vacant Parent Governors position. If you would like any information about this position, please speak to Mr Kennedy in school or Mrs Ramsay, our Vice-Chair of Governors.

## **PIGGY PARK**

On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 11am, Mrs. Topham and Miss Hurst will be at Piggy Park weeding the school beds and planting daffodil bulbs. If any parents would like to bring their children to help, they are very welcome. All children will need to be accompanied by an adult. Gloves and other equipment will be provided. Whilst there, children can also play in the forest school area and have a look around the site. Piggy Park is a fantastic community garden situated behind the houses on Blackburn Road, between Devonshire Road and Westwood Avenue. Hope to see you there on Saturday.

## **MEET WITH MR KENNEDY**

Throughout this coming year, I want to provide opportunities for parents to come in and speak to me about various aspects of school life, including the Catholic Life of the School, Behaviour, SEN provision and our curriculum. If this is something you'd be interested in, or have other thoughts on areas for discussion, please click on this link and share your ideas. <https://forms.office.com/r/tARbkkTiWw>

## **PARENTS' EVENING**

On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October, we will be holding our first Parents' Evening of this academic year. For the first time since before the pandemic, Parents' Evening will take place in school. A booking form will be circulated via e-mail and on ClassDojo! next week for you to book an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher. We look forward to welcoming you into school for this.

### **STAR OF THE WEEK AWARD WINNERS**

<b>RECEPTION</b>	Alfred	<b>YEAR 4</b>	Tyghe
<b>YEAR 1</b>	Evie	<b>YEAR 5</b>	Zimal
<b>YEAR 2</b>	Oakley	<b>YEAR 6</b>	Abigail
<b>YEAR 3</b>	Poppy		

### **CHANGE TO DIARY DATES**

As school was closed on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> September, we have rearranged the KS1 Phonics Talk and SARCHS talk for Year 6 parents. These events will now take place on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at the original times.

# DIARY DATES

## September

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup>** – PTFA Meeting at 6:00pm in school

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>** – Reception Vision Screening

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup>** – Individual Photographs

## October

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Phonics talk for Reception/KS1 parents at 6pm in school

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>** – SARCHS talk for Y6 parents at 6:30pm in school

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>** – Parents' Evening from 4:00pm – 7:00pm in school

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> – Friday 14<sup>th</sup>** – Tots on Tyres (Reception Class)

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup>** – School closes at 3:30pm for half-term

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup>** – School opens at 8:55am

## November

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>** – **ALL SAINTS** - We celebrate the lives of special and ordinary people who have responded to God's invitation to love.

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>** – **THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS)** - Today and throughout the rest of November we pray for those who have died. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup>** – **FEAST OF ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>** – **ADVENT BEGINS** - Advent means 'coming'. We think of the coming of Jesus when he was born but we also think of his promise that he would come again at the end of time. It is a time of waiting and preparing. It is only in the last week of Advent that we focus upon the events to be celebrated at Christmas.

## December

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>** – **THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** – This feast marks the first stage of the existence of Mary, the mother of Jesus. She was 'full of grace' from the very beginning and co-operated with God throughout her life.