



# THE ST CHARLES' NEWSLETTER

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023

*"Bring Forth Christ"*



**Determination Friendship Good Manners Respect Responsibility**

**\*\*\* SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 3:30PM ON THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAYS \*\*\***

## LENT

Our focus this week has been on a meeting Jesus had with a Samaritan woman at a well. The Gospel story goes on to explore what it means to be 'spiritually thirsty' and how we can always go to scripture and his teachings when we need guidance. Next week our focus is on how we can sometimes be blind to help but if we look in the right places, we can always find the light. Class Mass next week is our Year 4 class.



## PTFA – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thank you to those who responded to our consultation on attending our PTFA AGM in the hope we can keep it operating. From analysing the responses, the most popular option was an in person meeting after school on a Tuesday. Therefore, we have rescheduled the AGM for 6pm on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March in school. We hope as many of you can attend as possible and that we can keep our PTFA operating.

## LET'S GO SING CONCERT

We are looking forward to our school choir performing at King George's Hall at the Let's Go Sing Concert on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023. Please make sure you have purchased your tickets in advance as there aren't many left. To book tickets, please visit: <https://bwdvenues.com/whats-on/lets-go-sing-2023/>

## HAF EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB

Our Wraparound care provider, PALS, have received funding to run a free Easter Holiday Club, with meals included, from Hyndburn council for all children eligible for FSM. Activities will take place such as: golf, archery and fencing. There will also be an Easter party, Nerf arena and inflatables. To book for the Easter Holiday Club, visit <https://pals.schoolipal.co.uk> or Email: [playandlearnscheme@gmail.com](mailto:playandlearnscheme@gmail.com). If you think you might be eligible for FSM funding but don't yet receive it, you can check out the information and apply on our school website: <https://www.st-charles.lancs.sch.uk/financial-support>.

## BREAKFAST CLUB EARLIER OPENING CONSULTATION

Thank you to those parents who responded to this consultation. All the parents who did respond stated that they would like to see an earlier opening to our Breakfast Club facility. I have passed this information onto PALS who operate the club and they are keen to start planning for this to happen. We hope to have the set-up in place for after the Easter break and will be in touch in the coming weeks to confirm this.

## YEAR 3 AND 4 SWIMMING UPDATE

Next week, Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March, all children in Years 3 and 4 will need to bring a set of pyjamas for their water safety session. The pyjamas need to have long legs and long arms and be separate (no onesies).

## SWIMMING POOL BEING BUILT ON THE SCHOOL YARD

After the Easter break, we will no longer be using Hyndburn Leisure Centre to deliver the swimming element of the National Curriculum. Instead, we will be having a swimming pool built on our school yard. This pool will be used every day for a period of 3 weeks and hopefully allow all children to have a swimming lesson. Priority will be given to our older classes to ensure they meet the required standard expected before they leave school. This scheme is operated by a local company and benefits our school in two ways, 1 – more curriculum time will be available as we will no longer need to travel to and from Hyndburn Leisure Centre and wait for coaches to arrive/drop us off, and 2 – the cost of having a swimming pool on our school yard is cheaper than what we currently pay for our weekly swimming lessons at Hyndburn Leisure Centre. More information will be shared in due course.

### STAR OF THE WEEK AWARD WINNERS

NONE AWARDED THIS WEEK DUE TO THE ADVERSE WEATHER CLOSING SCHOOL TODAY.

### IMPACT OF THE NEU INDUSTRIAL ACTION

A letter was circulated earlier today detailing the impact of the final round of strike action next week. Please contact Mr Kennedy should you have any queries.

# **DIARY DATES**

## **March**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup>** – Let's Go Sing at King George's Hall

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup>** – Year 4 Class Mass

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>** – Year 1 Parents' Evening

PTFA AGM

Stations of the Cross at St. Hubert's – 6:30pm

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup>** – Year 3 Class Mass

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup>** – Year 2 Class Mass

Rocksteady Music Concert

## **April**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Holy Week Starts

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>** – School Closes for the Easter Holidays

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup>** – School Opens

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup>** – Year 1 Class Mass

## **May**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup>** – School Closed – Bank Holiday

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup>** – Rec and Year 6 Class Mass

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup>** – School Closed – Coronation of King Charles III

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>** – SATs week starts