



THE ST CHARLES' NEWSLETTER

Friday 26th November 2021

"Bring Forth Christ"



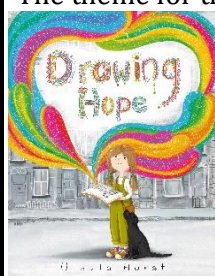
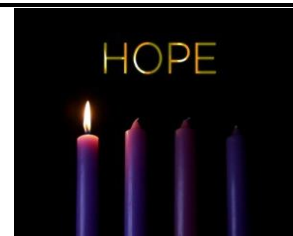
Determination Friendship Good Manners Respect Responsibility

COVID-19 - SCHOOL IS OPERATING AT GREEN LEVEL FOR ALL CLASSES

**SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2PM ON FRIDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2021 FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
AFTER SCHOOL CLUB WILL NOT BE OPERATING ON THIS DAY**

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

This Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent and the start of a new Church year. On Monday, we will be marking this in school with our Purple Day where the children can come to school in non-uniform but bring something purple with them (they can either wear or bring something purple in with them). The main focus is the significance of the colour Purple which will be addressed during the whole school worship session on Monday so please don't go out and buy anything special. During advent, we will be having a particular focus on the themes of each week as we prepare for the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day. The theme for the first week, signified by the lighting of the first candle on the advent wreath, is 'Hope'.



We also have a special event planned on Tuesday afternoon. Earlier this year, Ursula Hurst, who is a former teacher at St. Charles' and resident of Rishton, launched the 'Drawing Hope' project. The project involved all the schools in Rishton creating flags of hope for Cutwood Park and banners of hope along the streets of Rishton. Ursula has also written a book, Drawing Hope, which is available to buy. On Tuesday, Ursula will be visiting school to discuss the project, read excerpts from the book and sign copies for the children. If you would like to purchase a copy of the book, they cost £6.99 and are available through ParentPay.

INFANT PRODUCTION

Our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are busy preparing for their infant nativity production which will take place on Wednesday 15th December with performances at 2:00pm and 6:30pm. With Covid-19 number still high in the Rishton area, we are having to be limit the number of tickets available for those attending to 2 per family for each performance. We apologise for the inconvenience of this however feel it is a necessary measure to put in place. We will also be requesting those attending to wear a face covering. There will be no charge for tickets however we are asking for donations to the foodbank if you are able to.

FRIDAY GATHERING

We are trying to limit the number of school gatherings in order to prevent the further spread of Covid-19 within our school community. Therefore, we are going to continue to delay opening the school hall up on Friday afternoons for family members at the present time but will review it in the New Year.

EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY DECEMBER RAFFLE

Our Annual (well it was before the Covid-19 pandemic) PTFA Eat, Drink and Be Merry Raffle is being launched on Monday. The children will bring a pack of raffle tickets home on Monday and we would really appreciate your help in selling them. Tickets cost 50p each and all proceeds go to our school PTFA. There are some great prizes on offer this year, including £100, a drinks hamper and a luxury hamper. Please can you ensure all raffle tickets are returned to school by Wednesday 15th December ahead of the draw which will take place on Thursday 16th December following our Christmas Carol Service. More raffle tickets are available from the school office.

DIGITAL PARENTING MAGAZINE

Your child has brought home a 'Digital Parenting' magazine. This is a free resource to help parents navigate the online world and help protect their children. It is full of updates and tips about the latest online risks, apps that support mental health and learning for all age groups and much more. If you have any questions about online safety, please contact Mr Holmes in school who will be more than happy to help and support you.

ASC CHRISTMAS CRAFT NIGHT

Miss Hurst is wanting to hold a Christmas Craft Night after school on Thursday 2nd December. This event will run from 3:30pm - 6:30pm. If you want your child to attend, the cost of this event is £5 and can be purchased through ParentPay. If you want to know any more details about it, please contact Miss Hurst in school.

STARS OF THE WEEK

RECEPTION	Evie	YEAR 4	Sashzvinth
YEAR 1	Luca	YEAR 5	Wade
YEAR 2	Cavan	YEAR 6	Beatrice
YEAR 3	Bethany		

PTFA QUIZ

We have our PTFA Quiz tonight at Rishton Cricket Club. We still have a small number of tickets available and these are available on the door tonight. Doors open at 7pm and the quiz will start at 7:30pm. Thank you for your support.

DIARY DATES

November

Sunday 28th – First Sunday of Advent

Monday 29th – Purple Day (wear or bring something purple to school - £1 on the day)

December

Thursday 2nd Dec – ASC Craft Night – 3:30pm – 6:30pm

Monday 6th – Y5/6 Puberty and Changes Workshops

Thursday 9th – Y5/6 Trip to The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe at the Lowry in Salford

Friday 10th – Rock Steady Music Concert in school (parental attendance to be confirmed nearer the time)

Friday 10th – Pink Day (wear or bring something pink to school - £1)

Monday 13th – School Discos

Tuesday 14th – Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 15th – 2pm and 6:30pm – Infant Production for parents (fingers crossed Covid-19 doesn't stop this from happening)

Thursday 16th – Reception to Year 4 visit to Pantomime (Dick Whittington) at Thwaites Empire Theatre, Blackburn

Thursday 16th – 2pm – Carol Service and PTFA Christmas Raffle

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