



# THE ST CHARLES' NEWSLETTER

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022

*"Bring Forth Christ"*



**Determination Friendship Good Manners Respect Responsibility**

**\*\*\* SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2:00PM ON WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER FOR CHRISTMAS \*\*\***

## **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

We are getting closer and closer to Christmas and the children are becoming increasingly excited as the days go by. The Infant Nativity rehearsals are nearing the final stages and the children can't wait to perform it next Tuesday for their parents. This Sunday we celebrate Gaudete Sunday which is one of only two occasions that a priest will wear pink vestments. Gaudete derives from a Latin word which means 'Rejoice' and we are encouraged to rejoice that Jesus will soon be born. This was the central message of my assembly today and the pure simplicity of Christmas. That we should rejoice and be happy at the birth of a baby boy, Jesus.



## **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME UPDATE**

A reminder that if your child is in Years 5 or 6 and you would like them to take part in the sacramental programme from January 2023 in preparation to receive their First Holy Communion, you **MUST** e-mail me: [head@st-charles.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@st-charles.lancs.sch.uk) to secure a place. If you don't let me know, I will assume that you do not want your child to take part.

## **WINTER WEATHER – A REMINDER OF OUR PROCEDURES (JUST IN CASE)**

The temperature has certainly fallen this week and we are now firmly in the winter season. It is therefore important to remind parents of the necessary arrangements we have in place should severe weather strike. As always, we try to remain open in all weather conditions and we are lucky to have staff working at school who live in the local area and can easily get to school. However, there are a number of staff travelling from afar who may be unable to get into school from where they live.

When the weather is particularly bad and the decision is made to keep school open, we will always make sure the pathways into the school building are clear. The path to the main entrance will always be the first path cleared followed by the infant entrance on Knowles Street then the gate on St. Charles' Road. It will not be possible to ensure all paths around the building and playgrounds are clear. As a result, we ask that parents **DO NOT** enter the school grounds when dropping children off.

Unfortunately, there are times when a decision is made to close school. I will always try to give parents as much notice as I can however, I trust you understand that this isn't always possible as the weather in East Lancashire can suddenly change. As I don't live in Rishton myself, I may have to make the decision to close the school remotely. I will always liaise with the relevant members of staff, including those living in Rishton, to make sure the best decision is made at the time. Should the decision be made to close school, it will be communicated to parents through our school's Facebook page and ClassDojo! I will also post an update on our school website.

If you wish to discuss any of these arrangements with me, please contact the school office or speak to me around school. Thanks, Mr Kennedy

## **PTFA EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY RAFFLE**

Books of raffle tickets are available for our annual PTFA 'Eat, Drink and Be Merry' Raffle. Tickets are priced at 50p each or £5 for a book. Books of tickets can be collected from the school office or purchased through ParentPay. All tickets should be returned to the school office by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

## **SCARLET FEVER**

A letter was circulated earlier this week confirming a case of scarlet fever at school. Symptoms of scarlet fever include a sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. This is followed by a fine red rash which typically first appears on the chest and stomach, rapidly spreading to other parts of the body. On more darkly-pigmented skin, the scarlet rash may be harder to spot, but it should feel like 'sandpaper'. The face can be flushed red but pale around the mouth. You can ease symptoms by drinking cool fluids, eating soft foods and taking painkillers.

**SHOULD YOU SUSPECT YOUR CHILD MAY HAVE SCARLET FEVER,**

**CONTACT YOUR GP OR NHS 111 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

<b>STAR OF THE WEEK AWARD WINNERS</b>				<b>↓↓↓ DIARY DATES ↓↓↓</b>
<b>REC</b>	Arthur	<b>YEAR 4</b>	Alfie	Lots of events are planned over the next few weeks (Panto, Elf the Musical, Discos, Carol Service, Christmas Jumper Day, Mass etc.). Keep up to date with the diary dates section of our newsletter ↓↓↓↓
<b>YEAR 1</b>	Noah	<b>YEAR 5</b>	Erin	
<b>YEAR 2</b>	Joseph	<b>YEAR 6</b>	Cole	
<b>YEAR 3</b>	Junior			

# **DIARY DATES**

## **December**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> – Infant Nativity Performances at 2pm and 6:30pm**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> – Pantomime Trip for Reception – Year 4**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> – Reception and Y6 Class Mass**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> – Rocksteady Music Concert**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Lunch**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Carol Service**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – PTFA Christmas Discos 6pm (KS1) and 7:15pm (KS2)**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> – Whole School Mass at 10am**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 and 6 Trip to Elf, The Musical**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> – Christmas Jumper Day, Class Parties and Awards Assembly at 1:30pm. School closes at 2pm. After School Club will not operate on this day.**

## **January 2023**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> – School Opens**