



THE ST CHARLES' NEWSLETTER

Friday 3rd September 2021

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***** SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 3:30PM ON FRIDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2021 FOR HALF-TERM *****

WELCOME BACK

It has been great to welcome the children back to school following the summer break. They all seem to have had a lovely break and have been busy telling us about all the exciting things they have been getting up to. Our new Reception class have been on half days this week and Mrs Parkinson is pleased with how well they have settled in. They have had a tour of the school during their time in school today and were all very chatty when they came into the office to speak with me.

It has been a very strange experience starting back this year as we have been trying to remember how school operated pre-Covid and unfortunately trying to remember what life was like in school 18 months ago has proven to be quite tricky at times. We have hopefully got most things back to how it should be and so I thank you for your patience as we have been getting old systems back up and running.

We are in the process of updating ParentPay so that you can book and pay for After School Club sessions in advance and investigating getting a similar system in place for Breakfast Club. As mentioned previously, we are not limiting places to these clubs at the minute however booking places this way will mean we have a good idea of numbers attending for staffing levels. Parents wishing to pay for After School Club using childcare vouchers will have to use a separate booking facility. Please e-mail: office@st-charles.lancs.sch.uk next week to receive a link to this booking system.

Finally there have been lots of fun and games with implementing the new price for school dinners. I can only apologise for the glitches there have been with the system. Mrs Holden has been busy liaising with ParentPay and we are hopeful that it is now fixed. If you have any queries around this, please e-mail Mrs Holden at: bursar@st-charles.lancs.sch.uk and she will be more than happy to help you.

As always, please contact me in school if you have any queries and I look forward to seeing you all around school in the coming weeks.

Thank you, Mr Kennedy, Acting Head teacher

DIGITAL IMAGERY/LOCAL AREA EDUCATIONAL VISITS FORM

Please see the links below for the digital imagery and local area educational visit forms for the new academic year 2021/2022. This year, the digital imagery is an 'OPT OUT' form so please only complete this if you DO NOT want images/photos of your child displayed on our platforms or in wider media.

Please ensure you have completed these by the deadline of Friday 17th September 2021 and you can contact the school office if you wish to discuss this further.

DIGITAL IMAGERY – <https://forms.office.com/r/Zc7ysB0mctu>

LOCAL AREA VISITS - <https://forms.office.com/r/cXSju6D7Qb>

REMINDER... EXTRA BANK HOLIDAY 2021/22 ACADEMIC YEAR

Next year is the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. To celebrate this, there has been an additional Bank Holiday added to the calendar. This day falls during the half-term holiday which means that schools have been asked to add another day's holiday to their academic year. We have decided to take the extra day on Monday 6th June 2022 which means that we won't return from the half-term at the end of May until Tuesday 7th June 2022.

SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

If your child is in Year 6 you can now apply for their secondary school place online at www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools. The deadline for applications is 31st October 2021. It is quick and easy to do and you will receive an e-mail confirmation of your application.

If you live in Lancashire you can include out of area preferences on your online application. Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them. If you need any advice, please contact the school office.