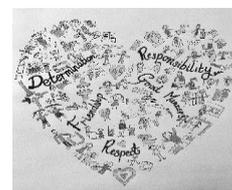




# THE ST CHARLES' NEWSLETTER

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

*"Bring Forth Christ"*



**Determination Friendship Good Manners Respect Responsibility**

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

## QUEEN ELIZABETH II

*Eternal Rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.*

We gathered as a school community this morning to celebrate the life of Queen Elizabeth II. We talked about her reign, the inspirational lady that she was to the many Prime Ministers and world leaders who sought her advice and guidance and also the fact that she was a wife to the late Prince Philip, a mum to her four children and a Grandma and great Grandma too. We finished by talking about the future. We are in a period of mourning which will be led by our new King, Charles III and that after that, there will be changes to our everyday life. Our children were incredibly respectful throughout our gathering, standing quietly during our minute's silence and joining in with the singing of our national anthem. I'm sure you'll join me in sending our heartfelt condolences to the Royal Family at this very sad time.



I have received initial guidance from the Department for Education to say that schools may 'consider special activities... to commemorate the life of Her Majesty' and this is something we will look to do. I also await further guidance around the details of the funeral and the potential impact this may have on school. If there are decisions which we need to make, I will write to you in due course.

I'd like to leave the last word to Paddington Bear who, during the Platinum Jubilee celebrations, took part in a sketch with Queen Elizabeth. At the time, his last line was moving but even more so now.



## MEET THE TEACHER AND CLASS INFORMATION SHEETS

We are inviting parents into school on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> September for Reception through to Year 4. Year 5 **AND YEAR 6** parents are invited in on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>. This will be an opportunity for you to visit your child's class and ask any questions you want of their teacher. An information sheet will be shared ahead of this for you to learn a little bit more about what happens in their class. If you are unable to make this date, please contact your child's class teacher to arrange a more convenient date and time.

## 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 detailed letter will be sent home with your child closer to the screening date. **Vision Screening is an 'opt out' assessment and therefore all children will be screened unless a reply slip is returned.**

## YEAR 6 SWIMMING

Our Year 6 class will start swimming next week every Tuesday. They can come to school in their PE kits on this day. A reminder of the message from Hyndburn Leisure Centre: *We have been notified by Hyndburn Sports Centre that children will no longer be able to wear goggles during school swimming lessons. For safety reasons, it is important for them to develop water confidence and be comfortable performing a range of activities without them. If your child has an underlying medical condition, which necessitates the wearing of goggles, please speak to your doctor/optician as a letter will be required for them to wear goggles.*

## SENDCo - MISS SARA TOOMEY

Our Associate SENDCo works a full day in school every Tuesday. If you would like to contact her, she can be e-mailed at: [sen@st-charles.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:sen@st-charles.lancs.sch.uk) and she will respond when she is in school.

## PE DAYS

The days your child should come into school in their PE kits can be found below.

STAR OF THE WEEK AWARD WINNERS				PE DAYS THIS TERM			
RECEPTION	Ivy	YEAR 4	Nancy	REC	Mon & Wed	Y4	Tues & Thurs
YEAR 1	Hollie-Mae	YEAR 5	Austin	Y1	Tues & Wed	Y5	Mon & Fri
YEAR 2	Flame	YEAR 6	Freddie	Y2	Wed & Thurs	Y6	Tues & Fri
YEAR 3	Molly			Y3	Tues & Thurs		

# DIARY DATES

## September

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup>** – Phonics talk for Reception and KS1 parents at 6pm in school

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup>** – SARCHS talk for Y6 parents at 6:30pm in school

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

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

## October

**WB 7<sup>th</sup>** – Mental Health Week in school

**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.

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AUTUMN TERM 2022 COME AND SEE AT HOME

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

This term we will be studying the three themes of Domestic Church (Family), Baptism and Confirmation (Belonging) and Advent and Christmas (Loving). Each class will approach the themes through different topics.

## DOMESTIC CHURCH - FAMILY

SEPTEMBER

Early Years - **MYSELF** - God knows and loves each one  
Year 1 - **FAMILIES** - God's love and care for every family  
Year 2 - **BEGINNINGS** - God is present in every beginning  
Year 3 - **HOMES** - God's vision for every family  
Year 4 - **PEOPLE** - The family of God in Scripture  
Year 5 - **OURSELVES** - Created in the image and likeness of God  
Year 6 - **LOVING** - God who never stops loving

### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Make a collage using family photographs of all the significant family members—grandparents, parents, children, aunts, uncles etc. who show God's love. Write underneath it "We show God's love to one another."  
Include those who have died.

## BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION - BELONGING

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

Early Years - **WELCOME** - Baptism: a welcome to God's family  
Year 1 - **BELONGING** - Baptism: an invitation to belong to God's family  
Year 2 - **SIGNS AND SYMBOLS** - Signs and symbols in Baptism  
Year 3 - **PROMISES** - Promises made at Baptism  
Year 4 - **CALLED** - Confirmation: a call to witness  
Year 5 - **LIFE CHOICES** - Marriage, commitment and service  
Year 6 - **VOCATION AND COMMITMENT** - The vocation of priesthood and religious life

### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Talk to someone who has been to a Baptism and/or Confirmation about their memories of this celebration.

## ADVENT/CHRISTMAS - LOVING

DECEMBER

Early Years - **BIRTHDAY** - Looking forward to Jesus' birthday  
Year 1 - **WAITING** - Advent: a time to look forward to Christmas  
Year 2 - **PREPARATIONS** - Advent: preparing to celebrate Christmas  
Year 3 - **VISITORS** - waiting for the coming of Jesus  
Year 4 - **GIFT** - God's gift of love and friendship in Jesus  
Year 5 - **HOPE** - Advent: waiting in the joyful hope for Jesus, the promised one  
Year 6 - **EXPECTATIONS** - Jesus born to show God to the world

### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Discuss with the children how your family welcomes visitors to your home. Find out about some Christian symbols for Advent e.g. Advent wreath, calendar, Jesse tree. Use the CAFOD or Missio websites to get a religious Advent calendar.