



THE ST CHARLES' NEWSLETTER

Friday 7th January 2022

"Bring Forth Christ"



Determination Friendship Good Manners Respect Responsibility

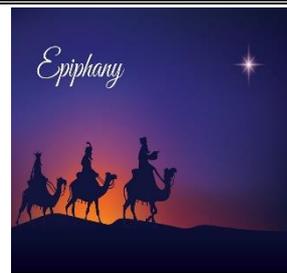
SCHOOL IS OPERATING AT OUR COVID-19 AMBER LEVEL

Unfortunately, we had to move our Year 3 class to Amber Level. This means that the class is being isolated from the rest of the school to prevent any potential spread of the virus. We also have members of our school community who haven't returned yet from the Christmas break due to testing positive during the holidays. I'm sure you will all join me in sending prayers to them and hope they are well enough to return at the end of their isolation period. There is a further Covid-19 update below.

SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 3:30PM ON FRIDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2022 FOR HALF-TERM

EPIPHANY

This week in school we have been celebrating the Epiphany. It is an important Catholic feast as it reveals Jesus as saviour for the world. The Wise Men represent peoples of all nations who did not know the God of Israel, but whom God invited to share in the joy of Christ's birth. God leads the Wise Men with a great light – the star – by which he reveals a new life for all. Our GIFT Team delivered a worship session for all children where they performed an ancient Epiphany blessing by marking the year above each classroom door to ask God to bless each classroom and all who enter them.



COVID-19 UPDATE

As mentioned above, we have had to move our Year 3 class to our 'Amber' Level. The aim of this is to prevent any further spread of Covid-19 to other classes within school. Unfortunately, I do anticipate some disruption this term due to the Omicron variant which is proving to be more transmissible than other variants. This means that the situation within school could change on a daily basis were we to have a sudden increase in the number of children testing positive or an increase in staff absences. Where we deem it necessary, there are two further stages we may have to move to. The first one is our 'Red' Level which would result in all classes being put into bubbles and any mixing across bubbles minimised. The second one is the move to home based remote learning for one or more of our classes. This stage would only be implemented if there were severe staffing issues within school. Where this is required, provision for vulnerable children and the children of critical workers would be offered within school. More information will be sent out if it is felt this stage is needed. I don't want to worry parents but I have been made aware of some primary schools in East Lancashire who had to implement this approach before Christmas so want to make sure everybody is aware of the potential scenarios we may face. We will always post an update on our weekly newsletter however we may need to contact you during the week if required.

Throughout the next few weeks and months ahead, I ask that you do everything you can to protect all members of our school community by getting your child tested if they are showing any of the 3 main symptoms of Covid-19 (**a high temperature, a new, continuous cough, a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste**) and by also completing daily Lateral Flow Tests (LFTs) if your child is identified as a close contact. These will help to minimise the potential spread within school. If your child does test positive, they can return to school from Day 7 provided they have tested negative on two LFTs 24 hours apart. Please keep school updated.

Where children are isolating at home due to a positive Covid-19 result, remote learning will be provided. Class teachers will message parents through ClassDojo! to ascertain whether their child is well enough to receive work from school. Where it is, work will be sent through dojo on a daily basis. If printed copies are preferred, we will aim to print and deliver these daily however this may not always be possible as it is dependent upon the situation within school.

PRIMARY ADMISSIONS 2022

A reminder that the admission process closes on the 15th January 2022. If you know of any prospective parents applying for a school place next year, please ask them to contact school to arrange for a look round with Mr Kennedy.

BUILDING WORK

Last spring we were successful in a bid to improve the perimeter of our school building. Unfortunately, the money allocated doesn't cover all the work we wanted to do however it will make a big difference to the security of the school grounds and building. In the coming weeks, work will begin erecting a perimeter fence on top of the current wall. I will keep you updated with further details in the coming weeks.

STARS OF THE WEEK

RECEPTION	Teddy	YEAR 4	Erika
YEAR 1	Rachel	YEAR 5	Holly-Mai
YEAR 2	Jakub	YEAR 6	Elle
YEAR 3	Wilson		

ROCKSTEADY MUSIC

Would your child like to play in their very own rock band? Rocksteady in-school band lessons are the perfect opportunity for your child to learn new skills, develop friendships and have the time of their life. Click [HERE](#) to watch a short video to see what learning in a band could do for your child's well-being.

DIARY DATES

January

Thursday 27th – Reception Vision Screening Check

February

Friday 11th – School closes at 3:30pm for half-term

Monday 21st – School opens at 8:55am

Thursday 27th – Reception Vision Screening Check