



THE ST CHARLES' NEWSLETTER

Friday 16th December 2022

"Bring Forth Christ"



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***** SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2:00PM THIS WEDNESDAY, 21ST DECEMBER FOR CHRISTMAS *****

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

We light the final purple candle on Sunday to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Saviour. This final candle, called the "Angel's Candle," symbolises PEACE. It reminds us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, to people of good will."



This week our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes did a fantastic job of retelling their version of the Christmas Story through their production, 'Baarmy Bethlehem'. What fantastic talent we have here in St. Charles'. The videos of the performances have now been uploaded onto our school YouTube channel.

They can also be accessed by clicking on these links: [AFTERNOON](#) [EVENING](#)

FINAL REMINDER - SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2023

A final 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) by Wednesday 21st December 2022 to secure a place. If you don't let me know, I will assume that you do not want your child to take part.

STAFFING UPDATE

I am now able to confirm the staffing arrangements for when we return in January. As previously mentioned, Miss Massey will be leaving us at the end of this term. Miss Massey has worked in our school for over a year and a half now and has been a fantastic asset. I am pleased to share that she won't be too far away from us in January as she has secured a teaching position at St. Wulstan's RCP School in Great Harwood. I'm sure you'll join me in congratulating Miss Massey and wishing her all the best for the future. From January, our Year 2 class will be taught by our new Deputy Head teacher and SENDCo, Mrs Lord. Mrs Lord will be supported by Mrs Spencer every day, Mrs Greaves every morning and Mrs Hale most afternoons.

Miss Waddington will continue in post during the Spring Term while Miss Ireland is absent from school. Miss Waddington will be supported by Mrs Hale in the mornings and Mrs Greaves most afternoons.

Our Year 3 and Year 4 class will be supported by Miss Hurst in the mornings and Mrs Slater in the afternoon, when the classes are together.

Finally, Miss Gavin will be returning in January to teach our Year 1 class full-time. She will be supported by Mrs Slater every morning and Mrs Topham will be working alongside the class most afternoons.

As always, this is a plan for how staffing will look in the Spring Term. There will be changes made to these arrangements as we react to different events and activities in school. Please come and speak to me in school should you have any queries around this.

PTFA EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY RAFFLE

All raffle tickets should have been returned to school now so that they can be entered into the draw. Please can you make sure that all tickets are returned to school on Monday morning if they haven't already.

LAST FEW DAYS OF TERM A reminder of the events taking place over the last few days of term:

MONDAY - Christmas Dinner followed by the Christmas Carol Service at 2pm (no ticket required for this). PTFA Discos after school. **6pm-7pm** - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. **7:15pm - 8:15pm** - Years 3 - 6. Children need to be collected after the disco. They are not permitted to bring mobile phones with them.

TUESDAY - Whole School Christmas Mass at 10am in the school hall. In the afternoon, Y5 and 6 are at ELF, THE MUSICAL. The expected return time is 5pm. We will update through ClassDojo! and Facebook if there is a delay.

WEDNESDAY - Class Parties and Whole School Assembly at 1:30pm. School closes at 2pm for Christmas.

STAR OF THE WEEK AWARD WINNERS				ROCKSTEADY MUSIC CONCERT
REC	Phoebe	YEAR 4	Sean	Thank you to our musicians for their performances today at the Rocksteady Music Concert. They did a fab job. Information has been sent home today if your child is interested in taking part in January.
YEAR 1	Finan	YEAR 5	Ruby	
YEAR 2	Isobel	YEAR 6	Mya	
YEAR 3	Ava			

DIARY DATES

December

Monday 19th – Christmas Lunch

Monday 19th – Christmas Carol Service 2pm

Monday 19th – PTFA Christmas Discos 6pm (KS1) and 7:15pm (KS2)

Tuesday 20th – Whole School Mass at 10am

Tuesday 20th – Year 5 and 6 Trip to Elf, The Musical

Wednesday 21st – 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 3rd – School Opens