



# THE ST CHARLES' NEWSLETTER

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023

*"Bring Forth Christ"*



**Determination Friendship Good Manners Respect Responsibility**

**\*\*\* SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 3:30PM ON FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY FOR HALF-TERM \*\*\***

## **THE BEATITUDES**

Our Worship focus this week has been on the first part of the Sermon on the Mount where Jesus started teaching his followers. He spoke about the Beatitudes and how we are all blessed with gifts from God. We talked in assembly today about how these are what our ATTITUDES should BE rather than having an ATTITUDE of ME ME ME.



Next week the focus moves on to the interesting lesson of 'Salt and Light' as Jesus teaches his followers how they're called to interact with the world God created. **CLASS MASS NEXT WEEK AT 9:45AM – YEAR 2**

## **SCHOOL HALL DEVELOPMENTS**

This week, the stage in our school has been removed. We will be visited next week by the Diocesan surveyor who will plan the next stage of its development. We have a number of items we no longer have need for in school, mainly baby toys, which used to belong to our Nippers group, a collection of violins of varying sizes and a few other bits. These will be placed on our infant yard on Monday morning (weather permitting) if anybody wants to see if there's anything they can make use of in return for a donation to our school fund.

## **SOCIAL MEDIA/ONLINE SAFETY**

Technology plays a huge part in children's lives nowadays. Behaving responsibly online is something we work hard to educate our children on however, we understand that they don't always get it right first time. As their first teachers at home, it's important you monitor their online activity to ensure they are behaving respectfully and not in an irresponsible way. We have recently been made aware of a couple of issues between some of our pupils using social media which we have addressed in school. We have reminded children that online activity can be tracked and shared easily, especially when a name (username) is linked to it. We want to remind parents that they are always welcome to talk to us in school about their concerns and that we also have the Whisper software available on our school website which allows anonymous reporting of online concerns direct to Mr Kennedy, Head teacher, and Mr Holmes, Online Safety Lead. We also have a range of resources on the Online Safety page on our school website: <https://www.st-charles.lancs.sch.uk/online-safety-1>

## **PTFA – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Our PTFA AGM is this Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm in school. All members of our school community are welcome to attend. The kettle will be on and there will be plates of biscuits for those who want to join us!

## **STRIKE ACTION – NATIONAL EDUCATION UNION (NEU)**

A letter was e-mailed out on Monday informing parents of the situation next Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February, when members of the NEU hold their first day of industrial action. As I mentioned in the letter, there is always the possibility that it can be called off at anytime following an agreement between the unions and the Government. Were this to happen, then all classes will be open as usual.

## **SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT**

We are currently in the process of reviewing our school's mission statement. It is currently: *St Charles' School is a Roman Catholic Community, which strives to provide the best possible education for our children by nurturing personal development and promoting academic achievement. Each individual will grow in the love and knowledge of God and Christ's teaching. A positive partnership will be built between families, Church and school. This provides an environment of love and respect; security and confidence; which allows every child to achieve their full potential and be happy.*

If you want to share your thoughts on whether you think it is fit for purpose or needs improving in any way, please click on this link and share your thoughts: <https://forms.office.com/e/s7xnXFKd8i>

### **STAR OF THE WEEK AWARD WINNERS**

<b>REC</b>	Jack	<b>YEAR 4</b>	Sophia
<b>YEAR 1</b>	Leo	<b>YEAR 5</b>	Finlay
<b>YEAR 2</b>	Poppy	<b>YEAR 6</b>	Lacie
<b>YEAR 3</b>	Cavan		

### **PARENTS' EVENING**

We are holding a Spring Term Parents' Evening on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February. The booking form is open until 5pm on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February. [CLICK HERE TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT.](#)