



THE ST CHARLES' NEWSLETTER

Friday 4th November 2022

"Bring Forth Christ"



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

THE FEAST OF ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO

Today we celebrate the Feast of our Patron Saint, Charles Borromeo. It was lovely to celebrate this feast day with Mass in our school hall. The first Mass we have had as a school and parish community since before the pandemic. Thank you to Frs. Ethelbert and Stephen for celebrating the Mass with us today and for all the parishioners and parents who were able to come along as well. Some of them remarked that it was the first time they had seen one another since before the pandemic. This is something we will be doing again in the coming months.



OPEN DAY FOR PROSPECTIVE RECEPTION PARENTS

St Charles' RCP School will be holding an Intake Day for prospective parents of children who are looking to start at our school in September 2023. This will take place on Wednesday 9th November 2022 between 9:30am and 3pm. Please call the office on 01254 886110 to make an appointment. If this date is not convenient, Mr Kennedy will be happy to show you around school on an alternative date.

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS

Ballot papers have been sent home tonight to all registered parents with children at St. Charles' RCP School eligible to vote. Please read the information within the letter carefully along with the biographies for the nominated candidates before casting your vote. The process may seem complicated but has been designed to ensure that the ballot is secret yet only those entitled to vote can take part.

Completed ballot papers, in their envelopes, must be returned to school and placed in the ballot box in the school office by **12 noon on Monday 14th November**. The vote will be counted later that day after which the result will be announced. Please use your vote, the work of parent governors as a member of the whole governing body is extremely valuable to school. Please contact school if you don't receive your ballot paper.

DRAWING HOPE - PEOPLE'S BOOK PRIZE COMPEITION – URSULA HURST

Artist and former teacher at St. Charles' RCP School, Ursula Hurst, has been entered into the People's Book Prize. She is running an illustration competition to try to get some votes. As it all started in Rishton, she has asked all schools if they would share information about the competition.

The competition is to design a hat and an outfit for Hope, the main character in her book, to wear to the awards ceremony if she makes it to the final. The winning child will receive £50 plus a signed illustration of Hope in her outfit. If one of our children were to win, we'd also receive a copy of the illustration. Entry forms are available from the school office and must be returned by the 2nd December. Good luck!

A VISIT FROM OUR LADY

Would you like Our Lady to visit you in your home? She visits us through her Pilgrim Mother travelling Shrine. When she comes, she brings her son Jesus with his protection, peace and help. If you want Our Lady bringing to you, just ring: Maureen Leaver (covering Great Harwood area) 01254 886849, Kevin Richardson (covering bottom end Clayton area) 01254 390619, Samantha Lovatt (covering top end Clayton area) 07841 748725 or Carla Patchett (covering Rishton area) 07758 660021.

FLU IMMUNISATIONS

Please see the link below for the flu immunisations which are to be administered in school on Tuesday November 22nd. This year, all pupils have the option to receive either the nasal flu (contains gelatine) or IM flu (injectable – does not contain gelatine). Please can you therefore select the choice for your child as follows: green **YES** for the **nasal** or purple **YES** for the **injection**.

Parents do have the option to opt out of the vaccine by pressing the **NO** and completing a refusal form. The link will close at **midnight on Monday 14th November**. [CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE FORM](#)

NON-UNIFORM DAY - CHOCOLATE

Next Friday, 11th November, we are having a non-uniform day in exchange for chocolate towards our PTFA Christmas Market.

STAR OF THE WEEK AWARD WINNERS

REC	MIA	YEAR 4	MAGGIE
YEAR 1	EMILIA	YEAR 5	FRAZIER
YEAR 2	CAIN	YEAR 6	HARVEY
YEAR 3	LUCAS		

SPOTTACULAR – CHILDREN IN NEED

On Friday 18th November, we are having a non-uniform day in aid of Children in Need. We have a donations page set-up on ParentPay for you to make donations for this day. Simply click [HERE](#) to access.

DIARY DATES

November

Friday 11th – Non-Uniform Day in exchange for Chocolate for the Christmas Market

Friday 18th – Children in Need – Non-uniform Day

Friday 25th – Non-uniform Day in exchange for Bottles for the Christmas Market

Friday 25th – PTFA Christmas Market after school

Sunday 27th – 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 8th – 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.

Tuesday 13th – Infant Nativity Performances at 2pm and 6:30pm

Wednesday 14th – Pantomime Trip for Reception – Year 4

Friday 16th – Rocksteady Music Concert

Monday 19th – Christmas Lunch

Monday 19th – Christmas Carol Service

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

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