



THE ST CHARLES' NEWSLETTER

Friday 19th November 2021

"Bring Forth Christ"



Determination Friendship Good Manners Respect Responsibility

SCHOOL IS OPERATING AT AMBER LEVEL DUE TO A POSITIVE CASE OF COVID-19

Unfortunately we had to move our Year 4 class to Amber Level this week due to a positive case of Covid-19. This means that the class is being isolated from the rest of the school to prevent any potential spread of the virus. We hope to return to Green Level on Tuesday 23rd November so long as there are no further cases. I'm sure you will all join me in sending our prayers for a speedy recovery to the positive individual.

**SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2PM ON FRIDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2021 FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
AFTER SCHOOL CLUB WILL NOT BE OPERATING ON THIS DAY**

DECEMBER IS FAST APPROACHING (UPDATE)

I was hoping to include all the events requiring donations on last week's newsletter however our PTFA would like to hold further fundraising events to cover the cost of some of the festive activities planned within school.

SCHOOL DISCOS

The PTFA are wanting to hold a festive school disco on Monday 13th December. This will be for children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 from 6pm – 7pm and then children in Years 3 - 6 from 7:15pm – 8:15pm. Instead of the children paying an entry fee and then spending money while they are at the disco, there will be an entry charge, which includes a hot dog, bag of sweets and a drink. The entry charge will be £3 and can be paid through ParentPay ahead of the event or on the door. If you would like your child to attend and not have any food and drink, then there will be a £1 admission charge on the evening.

PURPLE AND PINK DAYS

To mark the start of advent, we are having a 'Purple' Day on Monday 29th November. This is a non-uniform day where the children are asked to come into school with something purple (they can either wear or bring something purple in with them). We will then be having a 'Pink' Day on Friday 10th December to mark Gaudete Sunday, which is the midway point of advent and signifies the nearness of the Lord's coming at Christmas. On this day, the children are again invited to come to school in non-uniform but this time wearing or bringing something pink in with them. Please do not go out and buy something special for these days. The main focus is the significance of these colours which will be addressed within school. On these days, we are asking for a donation of £1 cash on the day towards our PTFA funds to cover the Christmas activities in school.

A reminder that we are also asking for a contribution of £12 towards the cost of the theatre trips and a £1 donation to our Christmas Jumper Day on the last day of term.

DANGEROUS - STOPPING ON THE YELLOW ZIG ZAG LINES AND IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD

We have noticed a rise in the number of parents stopping on the yellow zig zag lines around school or in the middle of the road when dropping off or collecting their child/ren from school. I understand that it's easier to stop and drop your child/ren off in these locations however **STOPPING IN THESE AREAS POSES A RISK TO CHILDREN AND ADULTS BY RESTRICTING THE VIEW OF MOTORISTS AND PEDESTRIANS.** If you stop, even for a few seconds, or park your car on the zig-zag lines around the school, you are not only breaking the law but are putting every child and parent arriving at or leaving school at greater risk of being involved in a road traffic accident. We have also been made aware of parents pulling up to the gates dangerously, especially when collecting children from After School Club. Please work with school to create a safe environment for all our children and their parents. If this problem persists, we will have to start reporting parents to Civil Enforcement Officers who will issue Penalty Charge Notices. Thank you for your co-operation.

COVID-19 AMBER LEVEL UPDATE

How school operates whilst at Amber Level has started to evolve as the school year develops. When a class is at Amber Level, the children are allowed onto the school yard with the rest of the school however they play in a separate part of the yard. We are also trialling them being allowed into the hall during assembly time but sat separately from the rest of the school at the back of the hall with plenty of ventilation. We will continue to keep this under review as the year progresses.

STARS OF THE WEEK

RECEPTION	Noah	YEAR 4	Thomas
YEAR 1	Paige	YEAR 5	Lacie
YEAR 2	Poppy	YEAR 6	Hendrix
YEAR 3	Heaven		

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PATTERN 22/23

The school holiday pattern for next academic year (2022/23) was posted on our school newsletter last week. It is also on our school website.

DIARY DATES

November

Sunday 28th – First Sunday of Advent

Monday 29th – Purple Day (wear or bring something purple to school - £1)

December

Monday 6th – Y5/6 Puberty and Changes Workshops

Thursday 9th – Y5/6 Trip to The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe at the Lowry in Salford

Friday 10th – Rock Steady Music Concert in school (parental attendance to be confirmed nearer the time)

Friday 10th – Pink Day (wear or bring something pink to school - £1)

Monday 13th – School Discos

Tuesday 14th – Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 15th – 2pm and 6:30pm – Infant Production for parents (fingers crossed Covid-19 doesn't stop this from happening)

Thursday 16th – Reception to Year 4 visit to Pantomime (Dick Whittington) at Thwaites Empire Theatre, Blackburn

Thursday 16th – 2pm – Carol Service and PTFA Christmas Raffle

Friday 17th – Christmas Jumper Day, Class Parties, Class Worship and Whole School Gathering at 1:30pm. This will be followed by school closing for the Christmas Holiday at 2pm. **NB. There will be no After School Club on this day.**

January

Tuesday 4th – School Opens