



THE ST CHARLES' NEWSLETTER

Friday 6th May 2022

"Bring Forth Christ"



Determination Friendship Good Manners Respect Responsibility

***** SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HALF-TERM ON FRIDAY 27TH MAY AT 3:30PM *****

WORSHIP FOCUS

This week we have been learning about Jesus appearing to his disciples while they were fishing. The disciples listened to the help and advice of this 'stranger' before realising it was Jesus. This week, the children have reflected upon times when Jesus has come to help all of us in our times of need without realising it. Next week we will learn about how we hear Jesus' voice when we need to and how he gives us advice, sometimes when we don't realise. We will also learn more about why he refers to us as sheep.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB (ASC)

Thank you to all those parents who have been supportive of the changes we have made to After School Club this week. As with all changes, they take a bit of time to settle in. One of the issues we have noticed this week is parents thinking they have booked sessions on ParentPay but it not showing when we print off the lists for staff when they are preparing snacks. This issue arises when parents have a negative balance on ParentPay (i.e. they owe money).

What happens is ParentPay will allow parents to provisionally book a session and it appears as though the session has been booked. However, if payment hasn't been received to clear the negative balance within 2 hours, the booking is cancelled. The system is set-up in this way to keep debts to school to a minimum. Over the last year or so, school has reduced debts owed by parents from over £4,000 to around £1,000. Facilities and services we offer can't function with debts from parents and so we need your support to keep these to a minimum. As always, parents with debts over £30 are contacted to clear these. The school office are starting to check this every Monday and send letters out to parents whose debt to school is over this amount.

A reminder of the changes...

- Parents will be contacted if children are not collected after school or go to ASC when not booked in.
- A letter will be sent home with the child reminding parents of the need to book their child/ren in.
- If there are any future cases of children attending ASC where they are **not** booked in, there will be an admin charge of 50p per session. This is to cover the cost of our office staff having to manually input children's attendance on ParentPay, send messages and make telephone calls to parents.

As always, we understand that your child may require a space at our ASC at the last minute. Where this happens, please make sure you ring and speak to a member of our school office staff before 3pm (if possible) to notify them of your child needing a space at After School Club. Please don't leave a voicemail or send a dojo as these aren't always picked up in time.

WELCOME BACK TO WHOLE SCHOOL GATHERINGS!

From next Friday, we will be reopening our school hall for parents and grandparents to come and watch our Friday gatherings.

A reminder of expectations:

- Enter school via the infant gate on Knowles Street and make your way along the side of Reception class and into the hall.
- At the end of gathering, please remain in your seats until all children have exited the hall safely.
- Please place mobile phones on silent.
- Only take pictures of your child/ren and please do not post these on social media.
- Having parents in the school hall will be something some of our children won't have experienced before. Please help them to show our 5 school values by encouraging them to face the front and listen.

STARS OF THE WEEK				SATs WEEK Next week is SATs week. Please keep all our Year 6 children, and staff, in your thoughts and prayers over this weekend and into next week.
RECEPTION	Sashvik	YEAR 4	Summer	
YEAR 1	Oakley	YEAR 5	Antonio	
YEAR 2	Molly	YEAR 6	Thomas	
YEAR 3	Elena			

DIARY DATES

May

WB Monday 9th – KS2 SATs Week

WB Monday 23rd – Jubilee Celebrations and activities in school

Tuesday 24th – Jubilee Bake Sale

Wednesday 25th – Red, White and Blue PTFA Jubilee Disco

Thursday 26th – Whole School Jubilee Street Party Picnic

Friday 27th – Decades of the Queen's reign fancy dress day (*Rec – 90s, Y1 – 50s, Y2 – 00s, Y3 – 10s/Teens, Y4 – 60s, Y5 – 80s and Y6 – 70s*)

Friday 27th – School closes for the half-term break

June

Monday 6th June – **Bank Holiday**

Tuesday 7th – School Opens