

St Charles Newsletter

13th November 2020

Remembrance

Although November is traditionally the month when we remember the Holy Souls, we also remember those who died in war. We supported the work of the British Legion with our Poppy Appeal in the run up to Remembrance Sunday. They are very grateful for children's contributions.

On Wednesday, we held a service of Remembrance in the Key Stage 2 playground where the children were prayerful and reflective during this time.



RE Home learning

Gospel: The parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30)

Using the Wednesday Word link below, read this Sunday's Gospel and reflect on the questions below with your family.



You will have an opportunity to discuss them again next week in School.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/messenger?pid=MTA101634&v=5.5>

Why do you think the master trusted the servants with different amounts of talents?

Why was the Master upset with the last servant?

What should he have done?

Who is God in this parable? Who are we in the parable?

What can we learn from this parable about God and us?

Federation

Thank you to our parents who attended the meeting on the Federation consultation last Thursday.

This consultation closes on 14th November, after which the governors will meet to review all the comments received. At this meeting a decision to federate with St Mary or not will be taken.

Should the decision be made to federate, the current governing body will be dissolved and a federated governing board created. I will of course keep you updated.

Harvest

Last Friday, we held our Harvest Assembly. This is the time of year when we remember those less fortunate than ourselves.

Thank you for the vast array of food in the hall which you all kindly donated. The food will be shared with members of our community who do not have as much as we do.

Breakfast Club

Booking is now open for breakfast club Spring term. Breakfast club runs from 8am and costs £3 per child, per day. Bring your completed booking form to the office. **Booking is essential. This is not a drop-in service and parents will be rung and asked to collect their child if no booking has been made.**

Anti-bullying Week: 16th -20th November

The theme for anti-Bullying week 2020 is: United Against Bullying. Last year 75% of schools in the country took part, reaching well over 7 million young people.

Children will enjoy a range of activities throughout next week to explore bullying and what we can do to stop it from happening.

To raise awareness of this issue, all staff and pupils at St Charles will be taking part in 'Odd socks day' on **Monday 16th November**. Together we



will stand united against bullying and raise awareness for this important issue. Children should wear their school uniform with their odd socks. The more colourful the better! Our odd socks will celebrate our individuality and how we are all unique.

If at any time you need to speak about your child's wellbeing in school, please do not hesitate to see your child's class teacher. At St. Charles, your child's safety, wellbeing and happiness are of the utmost importance.

Flu Immunisation

The NHS Childhood Immunisation Team will be visiting St Charles on **Thursday 26th November** when the pupils in Reception - Year 6 will receive their nasal flu vaccine. Please remember to return the consent form to the school office.



Attendance

Our school attendance this academic year to date is 95.27%.

Please inform the office in good time when your child has a medical appointment and bring the appointment card or letter for us to copy and keep on file.

If your child is not at school, please make sure that you contact the office before 10am on the morning of each day of absence.

If you or your family is self-isolating due to covid, please inform the school so that we can ensure that your children's learning can continue remotely.



Punctuality

If your child arrives at school after the 9 o'clock bell has rung, it is necessary for him/her to collect a late card from the office. Children will then give it to their class teacher.



Flu and Winter readiness

Although we actively encourage you to send your child to school, please keep your child at home if they have symptoms of flu, norovirus or other infectious diseases.

It is difficult to explain coronavirus to younger children as the symptoms can be confused with a cold or flu.



The Michaela Hope from Church Street Library reading "Charlie's running nose" will help to put their worries to rest.

Understand the symptoms

	COVID-19	Colds	Flu
Aches and pain	Sometimes	Rare	Common
Cough	Common (usually dry)	Common	Common (usually dry)
Diarrhoea	Rare	No	Sometimes (children)
Fatigue	Sometimes	Sometimes	Common
Fever	Common	Rare	Common
Headache	Sometimes	Common	Common
Runny or stuffy nose	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
Shortness of breath	Sometimes	No	No
Sneezing	No	Common	No
Sore throat	Sometimes	Common	Common

Covid 19 and Pick up & Drop off

As we have said previously, the best way we can manage coronavirus and reduce its impact on our community is to observe the 3 rules:

1. Wash hands
2. Wear a mask
3. Maintain social distance of at least 2m

Further to the letter I sent out last week, could I please remind you to wear a face covering when picking up or dropping off your child/ren. Please remember to create a space of 2m between you and others.



In addition to looking after our school community, we also have a responsibility to look after our neighbours and other pedestrians.

Learning and Action Heroes

Congratulations to the following children who were recognised for making good choices during the weeks beginning 2nd and 9th November:

	Action Hero		Learning Hero	
	2/11	9/11	2/11	9/11
1D	Elias	Melanie	Danny	Aurora
1/2F	Yekidan	Isabelle	Rioco	Peter
2T	Louisa	Kidus	Beau	Richy
3H	Seth	Rafael	Victoria	Andrie
3/4D	Aseay	Keeran	Franky	Mia
4H	Jennifer	Joshua	Victoria	Faith
5A	Naod	Hemen	Laurie	Laurie
5/6H	Serena	Lydia	Oliwier	Oliver A.
6F	Justin	Mateo	Chloe	Elio



Autumn Term - 2020

Second Half Term

Last Day of School - Friday 18th December - **1.45pm**
- **School Closed**

Christmas Holiday - Monday 21st December - Friday 1st January 2021

Spring Term - 2021

First Half Term

Staff Training - Monday 4th January - **School Closed**

First Day of School - Tuesday 5th January

Last Day of School - Friday 12th February

Half Term - Monday 15th February - Friday 19th

February

Second Half Term

First Day of School - Monday 22nd February

Last Day of School - Thursday 1st April - **1.45pm** -
School Closed

Easter Holiday - Friday 2nd - Friday 16th April

Summer Term - 2021

First Half Term

First Day of School - Monday 19th April

Bank Holiday - Monday 3rd May - **School Closed**

Last Day of School - Friday 28th May

Half Term - Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June

Second Half Term

First Day of School - Monday 7th June

Staff Training - Monday 28th June - **School Closed**

Last Day of School - Thursday 22nd July - **1.45pm** -
School Closed