

# St Charles Newsletter

## 24th September 2021



### RE Life of the School

We celebrated our return to school with a whole school Mass last Friday with Father Peter in our parish church, Pius X.

We are looking forward to having class assemblies again and at the moment are working out how we will manage these as we need to maintain adequate ventilation in the hall at all times.

During this academic year, we shall continue our focus on our pupils taking an active role in preparing collective Acts of Worship in class.

### RE Home learning

**Gospel: We can rejoice in God's Goodness, wherever we find it (Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48)**

**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>

-What does, "Not one of us" mean?

-What was John worried about?

-In your own words, can you explain what Jesus said to John?

-Where might you find God's love today?

### Safeguarding - Beginning and End of Day

Breakfast club is open for pupils from 8am. For all other pupils and their parents, the School gates open at 8.50am when children are invited in to school for a 'soft' start.

At the end of the day, the pupils in Nursery and UKS2 leave by the Nursery gate, KS1 leave the site by the car park gate and Reception and LKS2 leave by the main pedestrian gate.

Thank you for your cooperation as we begin a new year.

### Contact Details

It is a requirement that the school has a minimum of **2 emergency telephone contact numbers** for your child. We need to be able to contact you at all times.

It is vitally important that we have your up to date contact details at all times. **If your phone number/s or address have changed, please inform the office.**

### Pay 360

All school related expenses eg. dinner money, uniform etc. should be paid for using Pay 360 (previously known as SIMS Pay). Bachar will be writing to you regarding this payment system in due course.

**Uniform items ordered via Pay 360 should be collected from the school office after 2 working days from the day of purchase.**

### Parking Legally

Please park legally at all times. As the car park gate is used as an exit for our pupils in KS1 currently, it is important that this access route is free to allow for the health and safety of these children.

Emergency vehicles also need to be able to get quick access at all times.

### Tea Time Club

A number of pupils are using the Tea Time club which we are running in conjunction with St Mary's. It runs daily, from **3.30pm to 5.30pm** and will carry a cost of **£7.00** per day per child. The provision will include an afternoon snack. Children are walked by 2 members of staff from St Charles to St Mary's from where they can be collected at 5.30pm. If you are interested in this, please sign up via Pay360!

### Late pick up

It is your responsibility to ensure that your child is collected promptly by yourself or a responsible adult (**16 or over**) at the end of the day. It is very upsetting for children to be left at school when everyone else has left and it is unfair to staff who have to care for children who are not collected on time because they are prevented from carrying out their planned tasks.

If you make an alternative pick up arrangement, please inform the school office **before 3pm** so the message can be relayed to the class teacher in good time. Nursery and Reception parents will be asked for a password.

### Grenfell Support

The school continues to offer therapeutic support for pupils who were or are affected by the Grenfell tragedy. This specific support is provided by Latimer Community Art Therapy (LCAT). Art Therapy sessions are offered during the school day. If you feel like your child/ren would benefit from therapy, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Lynch or Mrs Troyano on the gate or Mrs Byrne who can discuss this with you.

### Uniform

We have collected a considerable amount of old uniform in good condition from children and families who have left St Charles. We are offering this for a small donation next Tuesday when there will be a table in the area outside Paulette's office. Please use this opportunity to help yourself to old uniform.

### The Big Ask

Earlier this year, the Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza asked England's children about their hopes, and fears, their dreams and their plans for the future. Those responses were published this week and make interesting reading.

"Our children want happy homes where they can be both mentally and physically healthy. They want to escape the digital labyrinth in which they have been trapped. They want community so that they can improve their local area and make it safer. These children have thought hard about bonds beyond family. They have thought about regional inequality, about injustice, about prejudice about British values and the environment. They want to engage with these things and address them. Isolated for so long, they want to be part of something bigger than themselves. They see education as a pathway to opportunity."

Dame Rachel is encouraging all of us to listen so that their vision can be fulfilled.

### Child/ren Absence

In the event of your child being absent, you must let the office know. It is school policy that you phone the office by **9.15am** each day your child is absent, as the school has a legal responsibility and a duty of care to know where your child is between 9am and 3.15pm.

A text will be sent to parents if an absence is not reported. If we do not receive a reason for an absence, it will automatically be recorded as unauthorised.

All doctor and dentist appointments should be booked outside school hours when possible.

The office should be informed in advance when your child has a medical appointment and proof will be requested (text or letter).

### After School Clubs

Thank you to Miss Harris who coordinates our after school provision. I know you will appreciate the work Miss Harris has put in to arranging and extending the range of clubs available. Between school and club, pupils often eat a snack which you provide. St Charles is a healthy school and we actively promote healthy eating. Therefore, we ask you not to give your child/ren chocolate, crisps or cake to eat at school. Club sign up is taking place online this week and clubs begin next Monday, September 27<sup>th</sup>.

### School dinners

You will remember that Pauline our cook retired at the end of the summer term.

Going forward, we are sharing our catering provision with St Mary's and the feedback so far has been very positive. As ever, we want to provide the children with a tasty, fresh and healthy meal in the middle of the day. Patrice, our school chef has been working to create new menus and we are keen to receive feedback so that we can offer our children food they like and enjoy.

### Parents' Evenings

Dates for your diary - this term's parents' evenings will take place during the last week of the half term, week beginning October 18<sup>th</sup>. Details about booking time slots will be made available closer to the date.

### Secondary Transfer

We held our annual Secondary Transfer meeting last Wednesday. Father Peter will be signing the Certificate of Catholic Practice for those applying for Catholic Secondary Schools between 9-10am on Tuesdays. The Local Authority application form should be returned to the Borough in which you reside by **31<sup>st</sup> October 2021**. The supplementary information form(s) should be returned to the individual school(s).

If you decide to take your child/ren to an open morning, please inform the school office or bring in any test letter you may receive so your child/ren can be marked in accordingly on the register.

Please make an appointment to see Miss Slavin if you would like to discuss this further.

### Learning and Action Heroes

Congratulations to the following children who were recognised for making good choices during the weeks beginning 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> September:

	Action Hero		Learning Hero	
	13/09	20/09	13/09	20/09
1A	Brandon	Arsema	Alexis	Sarah
1/2F	Flynn	Ace	Sienna	Amelie
2D	Frida	Bryan	Seraphina	Charlize
3H	Beau	Shay	Josh	Blessing
3/4D	Keeran	Precious	Jamie	Caleb
4H	Nayara	Seth	Adam	Kara
5M	Ana-Gabriella	Oliver	Jennifer	Victoria
5/6G	Isabelle	Stephany	Oliwier	Mrad
6F	Tanya	Franky	Philipp	Mille

