



### A note from the Head...



The highlights of this week have without a doubt been our Nativity performances from KS1 and KS2. We definitely do things differently at St Charles and whilst retelling the traditional Nativity story, our performances were centred around a campfire and a West End cabaret show. Again, our children shone so bright and really showed how comfortable and confident they are at talking and singing in front of others. I was so proud of all of the hard work and effort that the children and staff put into the performances. The singing took my breath away.



The Carol Service on Wednesday is our last school celebration which is in Church at 2pm, please join us for some festive fun.

This will be the last Newsletter of the term and therefore I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your support with our various events and activities. I hope that you are all able to find time for

rest and relaxation over the break and enjoy spending some quality family time together.

If you have any safeguarding concerns over the holidays, please contact me on [stcharlessafeguarding@salford.gov.uk](mailto:stcharlessafeguarding@salford.gov.uk) or contact the Salford Bridge partnership on 0161 603 4500.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Mrs Drake

### School news

#### Attendance

Thank you all so much for your support in raising attendance levels this term. Compared to last year, attendance is currently 0.8% higher. This morning in assembly, 119 100% attendance certificates were given out. At the end of next half term, there will be a prize draw for any child who has received a 100% attendance certificate this year.

Class	Weekly attendance
Nursery	95%
Reception	93%
Year 1	94%
Year 2	97%
Year 3	95%
Year 4	99%
Year 5	95%
Year 6	96%



### *Cross Country*



The conditions at the second race of the season were typically suited for cross country – wet, very wet. 17 of our children represented St Charles, with some amazing results. A special shout out to our little pocket rocket Habiba, who came 123<sup>rd</sup> in the first race and 30<sup>th</sup> – what an improvement!

### *The St Charles School Choir*



Our newly formed school choir have had a busy month, opening the Christmas Markets, singing at Wythenshawe Hospital with Father Gavin and performing with MAPAS and other Salford schools at St Peters Church last night. Thank you and well done in all of your performances, we have received some amazing comments about how well you sang.



### *e-safety and new devices at Christmas*



I am sure that Christmas lists are tech heavy. It is essential that you monitor your children's devices to keep them safe from the wider world and shelter them from matters that are beyond their years. If your child receives a new device from Father Christmas, please click [here](#) for advice on how to ensure that they can stay safe on them. NB Smart watches are not permitted to be worn in school.

### *Celebration Certificates*





There were lots of whole class certificates this week awarding lots of children for their dedication and enthusiasm for their Christmas performances. It maybe Christmas crazy, but learning is still taking place and certificates were awarded for academic achievement and global citizenship.

### *Sporting Stars*



Year 6 have finally graduated from their Primary dance lessons and had their final lesson on Tuesday. Georgina was awarded her certificate for constant enthusiasm throughout the years. Mike has been teaching the children in Y3 and Y4 handball skills this term, readying them for the next interschools competition.

### *Cheerleader awards*



Amelia came in first place at her Winter Weekender competition for Cheerleading. She proudly showcased her skills in front of the whole school, shouting a cheer

and ending in the splits. Well done, your hard work is paying off.

### *Cubs*



Harry and Isaac have had a fun half term with the Cubs. They have been awarded two badges for astronaut skills and fire safety and emergency skills. Isaac has also gained his Secondar badge. Well done boys.

### *End of the school day*

Nursery	3:15pm
Reception	3:20pm
Year 1	3:25pm
Year 2 – Year 6	3:30pm

### *Communication*

#### *Letters*

Copies of letters sent from school can be found [here](#) on the school website.

### *Dates for your diary*

**DECEMBER IS THE MONTH OF ADVENT**

#### Week 8

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION WEEK

#### **Mon 18<sup>th</sup>**

KS1 Christmas Party

#### **Tues 19<sup>th</sup>**

KS2 Christmas Party

#### **Weds 20<sup>th</sup>**

Christmas carol service (2pm – in church)



**Thurs 21<sup>st</sup>**

Non-uniform day/Toy Day

**FINISH at 1.30pm**

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

**21<sup>st</sup> DEC – 8<sup>th</sup> JAN**

JANUARY IS THE MONTH OF THE EPIPHANY

Week 1

**Mon 8<sup>th</sup>**

Children return to school

**Weds 10<sup>th</sup>**

Whole School Epiphany Mass (9.15am in school - All welcome)

**Thurs 11<sup>th</sup>**

Y3 Class Assembly (All welcome)

Week 2

**Mon 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>**

Y5 Robinwood residential

**Weds 17<sup>th</sup>**

Y2 Prayer service (9.05am in class - All welcome)

**Thurs 18<sup>st</sup>**

Y4 Class Assembly (All welcome)

Week 3

**Weds 24<sup>th</sup>**

Y5 Prayer service (9.05am in class - All welcome)

**Thurs 25<sup>th</sup>**

Y6 Class Assembly (All welcome)

Week 4

**Mon 29<sup>th</sup>**

Parent Drop in – after school in classrooms

**Fri 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Loaves and Fishes charity Cake sale (pay in tins and jars) and raffle after assembly



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## Christmas Reading Challenge

**CHRISTMAS READING CHALLENGE**  
THE 12 CHALLENGES OF CHRISTMAS

Read a Christmas themed book	Have a whole family bedtime story	Create a puppet show of a book
Read a story by the Christmas tree	Read a book that is older than you	Build a den and share a story in it
Read a story about an animal	Read a book about kindness	Share a story with someone over Zoom
Draw a picture from your favourite book	Share a poem with someone	Read a book that makes you laugh

**TIS THE SEASON TO GET READING!**

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