



3rd November 2023

A note from the Head...

Welcome back to school after the half term break. We officially call this half term Autumn 2 but it is also known as Christmas Crazy. It may only be November but Mrs Holt has dragged the suitcases of Nativity costumes out of her loft, ready to start our preparations over the next few weeks. It is a very exciting half term and the children have a lot to look forward to.

Attendance and punctuality remains on our priority list. When attendance is low, it is harder to identify if a child has additional learning needs or they have gaps in their learning due to missed days at school. Anything below 95% is deemed as low, below 90% is deemed as persistent absence and is a great cause for concern. I will be meeting with the Education Welfare Officer this term to discuss how we can reduce our persistent absentees. The children start learning at 9am and, even on a Friday, are taught until 3.30pm. Please endeavour to arrange appointments outside of school hours, where this can't be helped, please send a copy of the appointment into school for our records. This helps us to identify where to target our support and understand our community needs. If you have a problem getting your child to school, please call the school office, we love having the children in school and we know that they enjoy their time with us here too.

Next week is Mrs Medrano's long awaited final week of her working life. She officially retires on Friday 10th November. She has occupied the St Charles office chair for over 11 years and has been on retirement countdown for the past 5. Please pop into the office and say goodbye. Her replacement, Miss Daly, starts on Monday, I'm sure that you will all give her a huge St Charles style welcome.

Please bear with us whilst we adjust our working ways, I apologise now for any miscommunications, Mrs Medrano is a brilliant PA and has a much better memory than me.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Drake

Community news

St Charles Mass

On Sunday 19th November, our children will be leading the 11.15am at St Charles Church. Father Ernest has requested that as many children and families attend as possible. The children will be leading all aspects of the service, just like we do during a school mass. Please do support us in this new event, aimed at helping to bring the school and local community together.

Harpers Army



Our chosen charity for this half term is Harper's Army. Harper is a local baby who has been diagnosed with a highly aggressive form of neuroblastoma. Her elder brother Harry is a former pupil of St Charles. We will be holding a cake sale on Friday 17th December to raise money to send Harper abroad for life saving treatment. Please contact the school office if you would like more information.

School news

Uniform

As the weather draws colder, children may wear their school jumper or a PLAIN navy sweater or hoodie and a plain pair of navy leggings or joggers. No logos or stripes please.



Attendance

Overall out attendance this academic year is 91.83%. AS much as our current weekly total is high, overall it is disappointingly low. Please could I ask you all to make a concerted effort to get your children into school on time and attend each day. It can be quite easy to keep the children off when they have a little sniffle or a slight temperature, when on reflection they were well enough for school. Also, if your child appears unwell in the morning but perks up, please don't be afraid to bring them in for the rest of the day.

Class	Weekly attendance
Nursery	90%
Reception	98%
Year 1	98%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	98%
Year 4	98%
Year 5	96%
Year 6	96%

and professionalism of the Pupil Chaplains leading the mass. Well done children, you made everyone proud.

Year 5 assembly



Year 5 led a tear jerking assembly about the forgotten animals who are innocently mixed up in war. The purple poppy represents all of those animals.

Year 1 walk around the local area



As part of their new topic, Year 1 went on a walk of the local area. They combined their research with a litter pick along the way.

Miss Bell

Miss Bell finished her contract in Year 3 yesterday and today we welcomed Miss Symington back to school after her special leave. She is looking forward to meeting you all at parents evening.

Remembrance day poppies

Poppies are on sale from the school office and the Mini Vinnie's will be bringing them around to sell at playtime.

All Saints Mass

We celebrated a wonderful All Saints Mass in church on Wednesday. This was our first Mass in church this year and the children represented school so well. Many parishioners commented on their beautiful behaviour



Celebration certificates



The benches were full this morning, it was lovely to hear that so many children have had a successful first week back after the holidays. We also welcomed three new children to our school family this week.

Sporting achievements

Football



Leo	Dylan
Harry	Malachi
Charlie	Max
Oliver J	Finn
Thomas	Rian
Robson	

Something strange happened this week, we lost our first football match in a long time. The football team blamed the uncut grass, they said that they had fun and it was a close game against The Deans Primary School with a score of 4-2, better luck next time.

Sporting superstars



The sporting stars this week were awarded for great ball skills and for throwing some funky shapes during spooky dancing week.

Achievements

Connie shared her successes in her dance exam, passing her Grade 1 examination and Rebecca aka the mermaid proudly shared her Stage 2 swimming certificate with the whole school this morning.

Please encourage your children to share their sporting news and achievements from outside of school in assembly on Friday.

Coming up...

Parents Evening

Parents evening letters have been sent home today, parents evening will take place on Thursday 16th November. Please send your forms back as soon as possible to request your appointment time.

Sibling photographs

Sibling photos will take place on Monday 20th November 2023.

Cross country

After a successful first year of cross country last year, the new season is fast approaching and this year we would like to submit another team to compete against other schools from across Salford. The races are due to run at Buile Hill Park and is open to KS2 as follows:

- 25th November
- 9th December



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- 6th January
- 20th January

There are 4 races:

- Y3/Y4 Boys 9.30am
- Y3/Y4 Girls 9.40am
- Y5/Y6 Boys 9.50am
- Y5/Y6 Girls 10.10am

ALL children are invited to represent school, regardless of ability. It is a very muddy event but great fun.

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

Week 2

Weds 8th

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

Thurs 9th

Y6 Class Assembly (All welcome)

Week 3

Thurs 16th

Parents evening – in school 2pm – 6pm

Fri 17th

Children in Need/Harpers Army non uniform and cake sale

Sun 19th

Whole school Mass at St Charles 11.15am

Week 4

Mon 20th

Sibling photographs am

Weds 22nd

Y3 Prayer service (9.05am in class - All welcome)

Thurs 23rd

Y4 Class Assembly (All welcome)

Flu Jab

Whole school Jolabokafloð celebration

Week 5

Weds 29th

Advent Mass (9.15am in school - All welcome)

Christmas Markets 3.30pm

Thurs 30th

Whole school Panto – Treasure Island

DECEMBER IS THE MONTH OF ADVENT

Week 6

Weds 6th

Nursery Christmas Show 10am

Reception Christmas Show 2pm

Thurs 7th

Reception Christmas show 10am

Nursery Christmas show 2pm

Fri 8th

KS1 Christmas show 2pm

Week 7

Mon 11th

KS1 Christmas show 10am

Tues 12th

KS2 Christmas show 10am

Weds 13th

Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner

Thurs 14th

KS2 Christmas show 2pm

Fri 15th

EYFS Party day

Week 8

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION WEEK

Mon 18th

KS1 Christmas Party

Tues 19th

KS2 Christmas Party

Weds 20th

Christmas carol service (2pm – in church)

Thurs 21st

Non-uniform day/Toy Day

FINISH at 1.30pm

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

21st DEC – 8th JAN

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