



20th October 2023

A note from the Head...

What a way to end the half term, as well as another class achieving 100% attendance this week, 127 children and 18 staff achieved 100% attendance for the full half term and were presented with a 100% certificate. Their beaming faces show how proud they all are of their achievement. Year 4 deserve an extra special announcement as 22 of the children achieved 100% attendance.

The slate has been wiped clean again and all children in school have the chance to win a certificate at the end of next half term.



We have analysed the attendance figures for the last academic year and I will be speaking to the parents of children who have missed 10% or more of the year. This is purely to understand what is keeping them off school and find ways to reduce this this year.

Apologies, I know that some of the children have been disappointed that we did not have a spooky disco this term. In all honesty, it completely slipped my mind and it will be placed firmly on the calendar next year.

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

Have a lovely half term and we look forward to seeing you on back in school on Monday 30th October at 8.55am.

Mrs Drake

School news

Goodbye Mrs O'Brien



After 16 wonderful years, Mrs O'Brien left the building for her final time today. She has supported many children throughout their time at St Charles and we wish her all of the luck in the world in her new post at Monton Green Primary School. They are very lucky to have you.

Holiday homework

Some of the children may have brought their usual homework books home – but it's holiday time, so keep them in your bag. Mrs Brown's holiday homework has been sent home via email. Miss Kennedy has started to back the large board at the back of the hall in preparation for all of your hard work.

Help needed

We Need Your Help



Last term, Mrs Hamer's friend donated a washing machine to school so that we could wash PE kits and soft furnishings. But we have a problem, we think that the drum has become dislodged in transit. If anyone has a secret skill for diagnosing problems or mending washing machines, please could you contact the school office after the holidays.



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Attendance

Our whole school attendance has risen sharply this week. I know we were hit with lots of runny noses and spiking temperatures last week but we do appreciate your efforts in getting the children back into school. Well done to Year 4 who have achieved 100% attendance again this week.

Class	Weekly attendance
Nursery	85%
Reception	97%
Year 1	98%
Year 2	98%
Year 3	94%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	93%
Year 6	94%

If you do have any concerns about attendance or special educational needs, please contact the office.

Uniform

The standard of uniform is much higher than last year, however rainbow colours are starting to infiltrate into PE kit. 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.

Community news

Warm Hearts



The Warm Hearts hot water bottle box is filling up nicely. These are going to make such a difference to many lives over the colder months. If you spot any offers over the holidays, please drop it into the office before Friday 10th November.

Harvest

We celebrated our Harvest festival in true St Charles style on Wednesday. The hall was packed with parents, children and teachers and the sound of singing rang through the air. Thank you so much for your harvest festival contributions. A full boot load was delivered this morning and another load will follow, I was too scared to overload my suspension to take it all at once. The staff and visitors at Loaves and Fishes were so very grateful for your generosity.



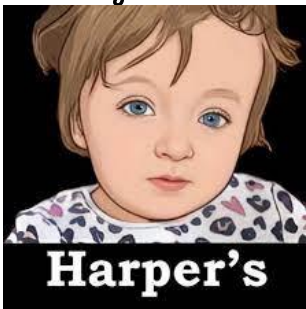


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Macmillan and The Christie

This half term, we have been raising money for McMillan cancer research. We raised an amazing £220 to send on behalf of the school.

Harper's Army



Next term our official charity that we are supporting is a local cause called Harper's Army. Harper was diagnosed with neuroblastoma which is a rare and aggressive form of childhood cancer. Harper's big brother Harry, is one of our former pupils and we can't wait for Harper to follow in his footsteps and join our Nursery in a couple of years time. All money raised will help to cover the costs for treatment and travel to the USA for life saving treatment. On Friday 17th November, we will be holding a Children in Need themed non-uniform day. Children may wear Pudsey themed or spotty clothing to celebrate in return for a donation of £1. All proceeds will be donated to Harper's Army.

Sporting news

Sporting superstars



This term has been filled with balancing, boogying and lots of healthy competition. The sporting stars this

week have been trying extra hard and supporting their friends during their lessons.

Achievements

There was a lot to celebrate in assembly this week. Year 4 had some super homework challenges to share and the children have been very busy writing stories, poems and writing in character about life as a Victorian child.



Keep encouraging your children to send in their trophies and certificates at the end of each week to share with the rest of the school during Celebration assembly.

Tag Rugby

A group of very smartly dressed (Mrs Coussons pulled out a new bag of fancy sports jackets just before they left) Y5 and Y6 children represented school in a tag rugby competition at the AJ Bell training ground. There was a mixture of amateur and professional players which resulted in a fun afternoon chasing each other around the rugby pitch.

Dylan	Annabel	Charlotte
Connie	Britney	Finn
Oscar	Ralph	Parks
		Oliver





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Coming up...

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
- 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.

Individual Photographs

The individual photo shoots have all been completed and the children should receive a letter today with a link to purchasing the photos. This is a new system this year and the feedback has been really positive. We hope that you are happy with the results, the children seemed to really enjoy the experience.

****Sibling photos 20th November 2023****

Communication

Socials

After reviewing our safeguarding policies and how information is shared with you, we have streamlined our social media presence. We no longer use Facebook or Instagram. We will continue to use X (formerly Twitter) to celebrate everything that we do in school.

Letters

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

Dates for your diary

HALF TERM
20th OCT – 30th OCT

**NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF
THE HOLY SOULS**

Week 1

Mon 30th

Children start school

Weds 1st

Feast of All Saints Mass (9.15am in church - All welcome)

Thurs 2nd

Y5 Class Assembly (All welcome)

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

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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 7

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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find out what is
happening in school.*

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