



St Charles RC
Primary School



Year 6 Newsletter
Autumn 2023

Welcome

Dear Parents and carers, welcome back for the Autumn Term and Welcome to year 6. This will be the final year your child spends at St Charles and the final year for some of you too. Year 6 often throws out some challenges so please feel free to email me on lyn.hackett@salford.co.uk if you have something you want me to know. My motto for the children is no-one leaves school angry, sad or upset so please encourage them to speak up if there is something we need to know at school, if we don't know about it, we can't help.

A few bits of information to help make things easier:

Outdoor learning: We DO NOT WEAR Forest School clothes to school; they come in a bag and we get changed in school. Forest school/outdoor learning clothing and a pair of wellies should be kept in school and will be sent home after use for cleaning/drying, if needed. Please ensure that it is sent back into school each Monday. Please label all items with your child's name.

PE: lessons take place on **Tuesday** afternoon. Your child needs to WEAR their PE outfit to school: a white T-shirt, navy blue shorts and pumps. Please note no other colours are acceptable. In cold weather, a navy blue tracksuit or leggings, please label all items, this is a Salford wide policy.

Phones: As year 6 children become more independent, we understand that you will want them to carry a mobile phone to and from school if they are walking without an adult. We ask that when they get through the school gate the phone is turned off and placed in a tray which we put in the year 6 resource cupboard. This helps to keep them safe and is important to safeguard other children in the school who may not have given permission for photos to be taken. I would also encourage all parents and carers to be fully aware of what your child is doing on their phone. Monitoring the apps they use and the conversations they are having can be important for keeping them safe online and maintaining good mental health. Lastly, I recommend that all children come off their devices at least an hour before bedtime, this allows the brain to regulate its level of stimulation to help with good sleep. If you have any concerns around phones or online safety, please contact me and I can point you in the right direction for advice and support.

SATs: I encourage the children not to think or talk about SATs until after Christmas at the earliest. Some people are under the impression that this is what year 6 is all about but actually it is more about getting your child ready for High School.

High School: The High School open days will soon be upon us. You should have already received a letter about applying for a place. I advise you to go to as many open evenings as possible and ask lots of questions. If you have the opportunity to talk to other parents of children at the school this will give you a good idea of what the school is really like. Applications have to be in by 31st October 2023 for next September. If you need support with the application, pop into Swinton Gateway or ask myself, Mrs Shearer or Mrs Drake.

Homework: English and Maths homework is given out on a Friday and needs to be returned on the following Wednesday. The pages which need to be completed will be written on the notes page at the back of each booklet. Anyone who does not complete the work and hand it in on time will be expected to complete it at a break or lunchtime.

Topic project: As we are learning about the industrial revolution this half-term, our topic project is to produce a presentation (poster, power point or some other creative idea on a famous Victorian of your choice. Some ideas are Charles Dickens, Dr. Barnado, Issambaad Kingdom-Brunel, Florence Nightingale, Lewis Carroll, Robert Peel and Mary Seacole.



Curriculum

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2
RE	Creation and Covenant, how the creation story uses a range of language, including metaphor to show it is not to be translated literally. Looking at the story of the Fall as the first and original sin. Exploring how Genesis relates to Baptism	Prophecy and Promise - Looking at the role of Women in the old testament and exploring the role of Women in the Catholic Church today.
English	Looking at a range of narratives which have a historical context. Oliver Twist, Steet Child, Secret Garden. Exploring how description and language can be used to create tension and suspense and how dialogue can move on action. Using 'show not tell' in character description.	Exploring biographies and autobiographies- How do we present ourselves in a positive light whilst being humble. Heroes...who do we like and admire. Writing a formal letter of application
Maths	Place value up to Millions and the four rules of calculation.	Fractions and Converting units
Science	Electricity including circuits and problem solving	Animals including Humans
Computing	Communication - How does the WWW work?	Webpage Creation
Topic	Why is the Industrial Revolution so Important?	How has the role of women changed in society?
Art		Portraits
Music	Developing melodic phrases - How does music bring us together?	Understanding structure and form - How does music connect us with our past?
PE	Dance	Dance
D&T	Using fabric - choosing the right materials for a task Fairgrounds - Exploring Mechanisms	

Many thanks for all your support and cooperation.

Mrs Hackett and Miss Kenzitt

Autumn diary dates

<u>SEPTEMBER IS THE MONTH OF WELLBEING</u>	<u>OCTOBER THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY AND BLACK HISTORY MONTH</u>	<u>NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS</u>	<u>DECEMBER IS THE MONTH OF ADVENT</u>
<p><u>Week 1</u> Mon 4th Children start school</p> <p><u>Week 2</u> Weds 13th Whole School Welcome Mass (9.15am in school - All welcome)</p> <p><u>Week 3</u> Weds 20th Y6 Prayer service (9.05am in class - All welcome) Thurs 21st Y2 Class Assembly (All welcome) Y4 Go outside residential</p> <p><u>Week 4</u> Weds 27th Y5 Prayer service (9.05am in class - All welcome) Thurs 28th Y3 Class Assembly (All welcome) Fri 29th McMillan Coffee Morning and raffle after assembly</p>	<p><u>Week 5</u> Weds 4th Y4 Prayer service (9.05am in class - All welcome) Thurs 5th Y1 Class Assembly (All welcome) Sun 8th Mass led by Bishop John 2pm</p> <p><u>Week 6</u> Mon 9th Parent Drop in – after school in classrooms Tues 10th Mrs Starkie Day Fri 13th Charity Raffle – The Christie/McMillan</p> <p><u>Week 7</u> COMMUNITY WEEK Weds 18th Mini Vinnie Harvest Assembly (9.05am in hall - All welcome)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HALF TERM 20th OCT – 30th OCT</p>	<p><u>Week 1</u> Mon 30th Children start school Weds 1st Feast of All Souls Mass (9.15am in church - All welcome) Thurs 2nd Y5 Class Assembly (All welcome)</p> <p><u>Week 2</u> Weds 8th Y2 Prayer service (9.05am in class - All welcome) Thurs 9th Y6 Class Assembly (All welcome)</p> <p><u>Week 3</u> Thurs 16th Parents evening – in school Fri 17th Harpers Army charity cake sale and raffle after assembly Sun 19th Whole school Mass at St Charles 11.15am</p> <p><u>Week 4</u> Weds 22nd Y3 Prayer service (9.05am in class - All welcome) Thurs 23rd Y4 Class Assembly (All welcome) Flu Jab Whole school Jolabokafloð celebration</p> <p><u>Week 5</u> Weds 29th Advent Mass (9.15am in school - All welcome) Christmas Markets 3.30pm Thurs 30th Whole school Panto – Treasure Island</p>	<p><u>Week 6</u> Weds 6th Nursery Christmas Show 10am Reception Christmas Show 2pm Thurs 7th Reception Christmas show 10am Nursery Dress show 2pm Fri 8th KS1 Christmas show 2pm</p> <p><u>Week 7</u> 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</p> <p><u>Week 7</u> 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</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS 21st DEC – 8th JAN</p>

Websites

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>
<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/>
<https://learn.sumdog.com/>
<https://www.brainpop.com/>
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