



# THE ST CHARLES' NEWSLETTER

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021

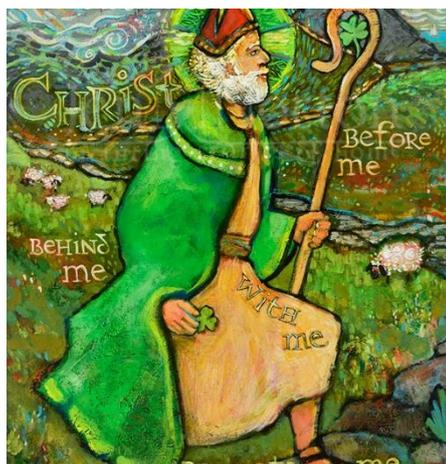
*"Bring Forth Christ"*



**Determination Friendship Good Manners Respect Responsibility**

## LENT

It was a delight to see our children dressed for our 'Go Purple' Day. We had a mixture of purple t-shirts, trousers, dresses and even some children in fancy dress. It was a joy to see a smile on the children's faces at the end of their first week back. Thank you to all of those who brought in their donations of £1 which will go towards Caritas and the St. Joseph's Penny Appeal.



Today we had some of our Reception children out with their buckets collecting for the St. Joseph's Penny Appeal and I'd like to thank all those who added their donations. They will be out every morning on each yard so please add to the buckets if you have any loose change you can give to Caritas. Money will be quarantined before being counted and donated. I've also seen some of the Easter Eggs which have been sent in ahead of the raffle. Thank you for your generosity. More information about the Easter Egg raffle will be sent out shortly.



Our 'Prayer of the Week' for next week will be the Prayer of St. Patrick. We pray for Christ to be with all members of our school community during the coming week.

## STAFFING UPDATE

Miss Gavin has recently informed me that from Easter, she no longer wishes to continue with her role as Acting Assistant Head teacher and the additional responsibilities associated with this role as she wants to focus on her role as a class teacher. Miss Gavin has worked incredibly hard in recent years supporting me in my role and was a big part in our school retaining its 'Good' grading by Ofsted back in January of last year. I'm sure you'll join me in thanking Miss Gavin for the work she has done in this role.

Mr Holmes, our current Year 1 teacher, has been appointed to replace Miss Gavin as Acting Assistant Head teacher. Mr Holmes taught for 5 years in the Midlands before joining our school back in September 2019. He'll work closely with me during the next term as we continue to reintegrate all our children following their periods of lockdown to ensure their mental health and wellbeing are prioritised and their progress is maximised.

We have also appointed a new SENDCo, Mrs Fiona Murgatroyd, who will be working with school half a day a week to support the provision we have in place for our children with SEND. Mrs Murgatroyd works for the SEND specialist company ADYSS and joins us with a wealth of experience.

Please contact me in school if you have any questions.

Thanks, Mr Kennedy, Acting Head teacher

## BUILDING WORK – STARTING MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2021 (continued on next page)

As mentioned in previous correspondence, we have received some funding from the Diocese of Salford to replace our hall flooring and redecorate it and then to install disabled ramp access at the entrance to school. This week I had a site meeting and was informed that the work will be starting on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. The main focus for the first phase of the work will be our school hall which means that it will be out of action for the two weeks before we close for Easter. We then hope that the work can be completed over the Easter break ready for the children returning on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

During these two weeks, I ask parents to be extra vigilant when on the KS2 playground. A cabin will be installed in the yard next to the presbytery garage and partition fencing erected to ensure the safety of all children and to give the workers on site secure access to the premises. I have ensured that the one-way system we have will remain in place and will closely monitor this as the building work starts. Any last minute changes we make will be communicated as soon as possible to ensure the safety and security of all our children.

Children will be eating their lunches in their classrooms during the period when the hall is out of use. School dinners will continue to be available but there will be a reduced menu on offer. Details of this reduced menu can be found in the school dinner section of our school website (<https://www.st-charles.lancs.sch.uk/dinner-money-and-menu>) and information for booking school dinners will be sent home next week.

Breakfast Club and After School Club will continue to operate during this time but with adjustments in place. Due to the limited space in school, the children will be outside as much as possible and so please ensure your child brings a warm coat or extra jumper. If there's wet weather then the children will be inside.

Food provided at these clubs will be limited during these two weeks and there won't be the range of foods we normally offer due to the reduction in facilities available. If you have any specific concerns about this, please don't hesitate to contact me in school.

As our Breakfast Club is over-subscribed most days, we have a large number of children in attendance and so we have decided to split the children attending into two groups. Children in Reception and Year 1 will be based in the Reception outdoor area and will use the conservatory part of our Year 1 class for their food/snacks. Children from this group will continue to enter through the infant gate on Knowles Street. Children in Years 2 – 6 will be based on the KS2 playground and will eat their breakfast in different parts of the ASC at different times, dependent upon which school group they are in. Children in this group will enter through the gate on St. Charles' Road. We apologise for the inconvenience this causes for those parents who have children in both groups however this is only a temporary measure for the last two weeks of this term.

After School Club will be based in the After School Club room and the library with the different groups kept apart. Children will be outside as much as possible. Children will continue to be collected from the gate on St. Charles' Road.

### **WORLD BOOK DAY**

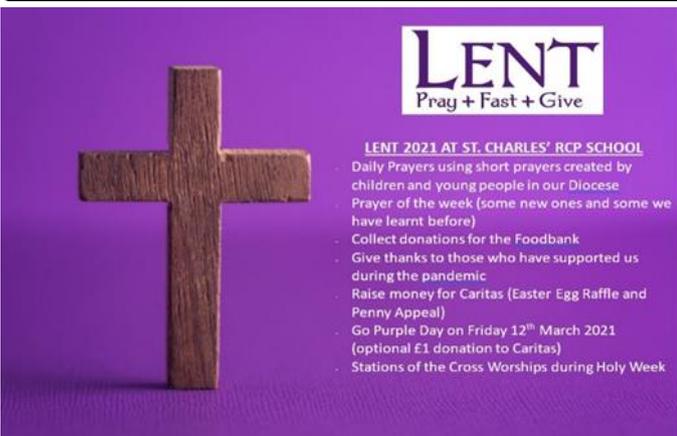
Thank you for purchasing books through the Virtual Book Fair held by one of our parents. As a result, we have been able to place a book order for school totalling more than £160. We hope to have them in school in the coming weeks for the children to enjoy. Thank you.

### **UNIFORM**

During recent months, we have not enforced our school uniform in full due to the increased ventilation we have been required to have in place and the stresses families have been put under through Covid-19. However after the Easter break, we will start to implement our school uniform expectations in full and parents will be contacted if children are not in full uniform. Please can you use the next few weeks to ensure your child has a full school uniform and speak to school if there are any issues. We have received information about a local Uniform Swap initiative and will communicate details of this in the coming weeks. A copy of our uniform policy can be found on our school website: <https://www.st-charles.lancs.sch.uk/uniform>

### **BREAKFAST CLUB/AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

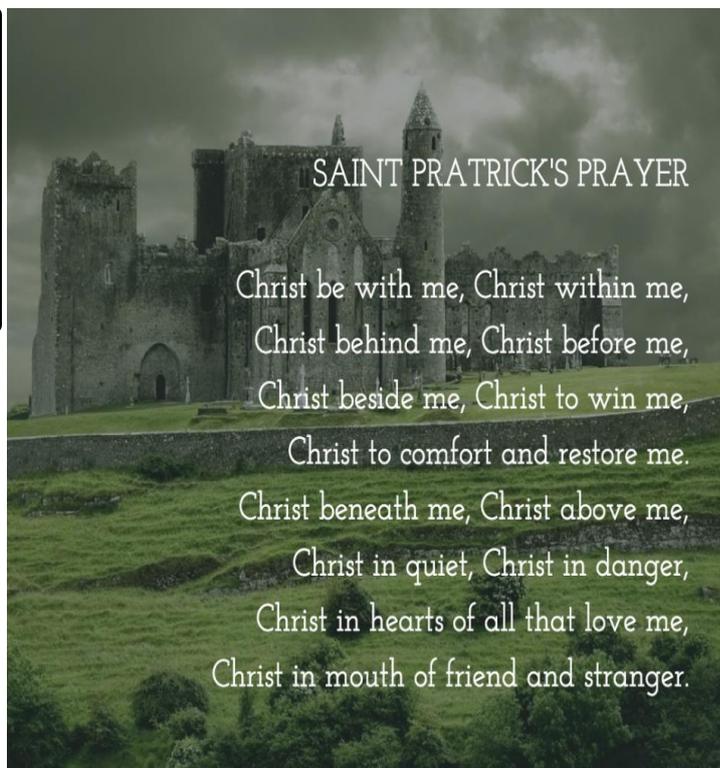
Please can you make sure you clear any debts you have to these clubs over the weekend. The school office will make contact next week with those parents who have debts to school to begin the process of offering places to other parents. Thank you for your support in ensuring your account is fully up to date.



**LENT**  
Pray + Fast + Give

**LENT 2021 AT ST. CHARLES' RCP SCHOOL**

- Daily Prayers using short prayers created by children and young people in our Diocese
- Prayer of the week (some new ones and some we have learnt before)
- Collect donations for the Foodbank
- Give thanks to those who have supported us during the pandemic
- Raise money for Caritas (Easter Egg Raffle and Penny Appeal)
- Go Purple Day on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021 (optional £1 donation to Caritas)
- Stations of the Cross Workshops during Holy Week



**SAINT PATRICK'S PRAYER**

Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me.  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.