



# THE ST CHARLES' NEWSLETTER

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

*"Bring Forth Christ"*



**Determination Friendship Good Manners Respect Responsibility**

\*\*\* SCHOOL WILL REOPEN ON MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL \*\*\*

## LENT

Thank you for all the support you have given to school during the period of Lent. Your generosity has been fantastic. The children enjoyed the Easter Egg Raffle this afternoon organised by our Year 4 class and we have raised nearly £400 from this alone. We had that many Easter Eggs donated that we were able to offer some extra ones as prizes to children within school whilst still donating a large amount to our local Foodbank. We hope that the children have enjoyed all the activities in school over this period and are able to fully enjoy the Easter break.



## GENERAL UPDATES

- Our Uniform policy will be enforced in full after the Easter break. Please make sure your child is wearing full school uniform when they return. Information about our school uniform can be found on our website: <https://www.st-charles.lancs.sch.uk/uniform>. Red sports jumpers are not to be worn as a replacement for red school jumpers however they may be worn at breaktimes/lunchtimes around school. Any allowances for children to wear alternate items of clothing which have been made in recent months will no longer be allowed. Please speak to Mr Kennedy if you wish to discuss any aspect of this further.
- The building work will continue after the Easter break and so the children will continue to have hot and cold packed lunches in their classrooms. **Choices for this period need to be made through the Microsoft Form (CLICK HERE TO ACCESS) and then payment made through ParentPay.** The cost of lunches remains at £2.30 per day. Please complete by 11:45pm on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2021.
- Breakfast Club and ASC will continue to operate under the same dropping off/collection arrangements whilst the building work continues. Confirmation of places was e-mailed out this week to those parents who completed the booking form.
- Any children who still have Reading books at home are asked to return them to school.
- We request that fruit is the only item of food the children have to eat at breaktimes. Fruit winders or other fruit based biscuit bars are not permitted as they can contain hidden sugars.
- The Relationships and Sex Education consultation was e-mailed out to all parents on Monday. The feedback form closes on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April. More information can be found on our website: [www.st-charles.lancs.sch.uk/pshe](http://www.st-charles.lancs.sch.uk/pshe)

## DISABLED RAMP ENTRANCE

Work will start during the Easter break on our new disabled ramp entrance. Unfortunately it is anticipated that this work will continue into the new term which will result in the main entrance being out of use. This will have no impact on the dropping off and collection arrangements for children in Reception and Year 1 however it will mean we have to make some changes for Years 2 – 6 (see below).

From Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April, please can parents use the gate on St. Charles' Road to drop children off at the beginning of the day. This will operate as a drop-off zone only and parents will not be allowed to enter the school grounds. A member of the office staff will be at this gate for parents to talk to about any issues.

At the end of the day, we will continue to have the zoned collection points on the yard however entrance in and out of the yard will be made through the gate on St. Charles' Road. We will allow parents to enter the yard up until 3:30pm when the children start to exit school. From this point onwards, children and parents leaving the yard get priority and we request that parents outside the gate make way for those children and parents leaving the yard by standing back at a safe distance. Once the flow of children and parents off the yard has started to slow, we will then start to allow parents through the gate to go and collect children again. We request that masks are worn on our school site and parents observe social distancing at all times. This system is not perfect but it is the best solution we can come up with given the layout of our school site.

Children who are arriving late for school or who need collecting early for a medical appointment will need to phone ahead to the school office so the staff can meet you at the gate on St. Charles' Road.

### **THANK YOU**

This has been an incredibly hard term since we returned in January 2021. Staff in school have had to juggle providing remote learning for children at home and supporting the critical worker and vulnerable children in school with this work too. Some parents have had to deal with additional work pressures whilst also home schooling or juggling days in school with varying working patterns or shifts. And finally, our fantastic children have had to continue dealing with the 'unknown' and the pressures of learning at home in a different format or being in school for a couple of days or whole weeks with reduced numbers of children in school. For those of you who have got some time off over the Easter break, please make sure you 'switch off' and have time to relax and unwind as a family in less stressful circumstances. I continue to hope that we are coming to the end of this period in our history. Restrictions are slowly being lifted and we are making efforts in school to return the children to 'normality'. One of the steps we are taking after Easter is returning the classrooms to the more traditional layout the children are used to. I continue to hope that we can gather in our new school hall as a school family once again before the end of this academic year.

I hope all our children and members of our school community have a happy, Holy and restful Easter break. See you all on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

Mr Kennedy  
Acting Head teacher

