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## Autumn Newsletter 2

*Growing Together in Faith*



### Big Friends Little Friends Welcome Assembly

Today our reception children had their very first assembly at St Charles. They have spent time working with their 'big friends' and have had a fantastic first few weeks at school





## Special visitors in Eco Club

This week the children in Eco Club were delight to meet some very young chicks! One of our parents brought them into school and held a question and answer session so that the children find out all bout how chicks develop and grow. Thank you and well done!



It was wonderful to welcome you into school for our macmillan coffee morning and afternoon this week. Thank you to all of you for your delicious cake donations and contributions toward Macmillan Cancer Support.

**We collected £178.38p - THANK YOU!**



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### Parent Consultations

We have our first Parent Consultations on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October. Our teachers look forward to meeting you in the school hall for a face to face meeting.

Our booking system will go live via Parent Mail on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October until Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October where you can book a time that suits you. The appointments will be between 1pm and 6pm.

### Movie Nights

The Friends of St Charles would like to invite the children to our Movie Nights.

**Reception and Ks1: Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October**  
**KS2: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October**

The children will stay at school and can be collected at 5pm. The cost is £2 and will include popcorn and a hot dog.

The children will be asked to vote for a movie closer to the event.



St Charles  
Catholic Primary School  
Nursery



## School and Nursery 2023 Open Evening



**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**  
**4.30PM**

Please contact the school office for details:  
01388 814285 | [office@stcharles.bhcet.org.uk](mailto:office@stcharles.bhcet.org.uk)

If you have children starting school or nursery September 2023, please come along to our opening evening and spread the word!

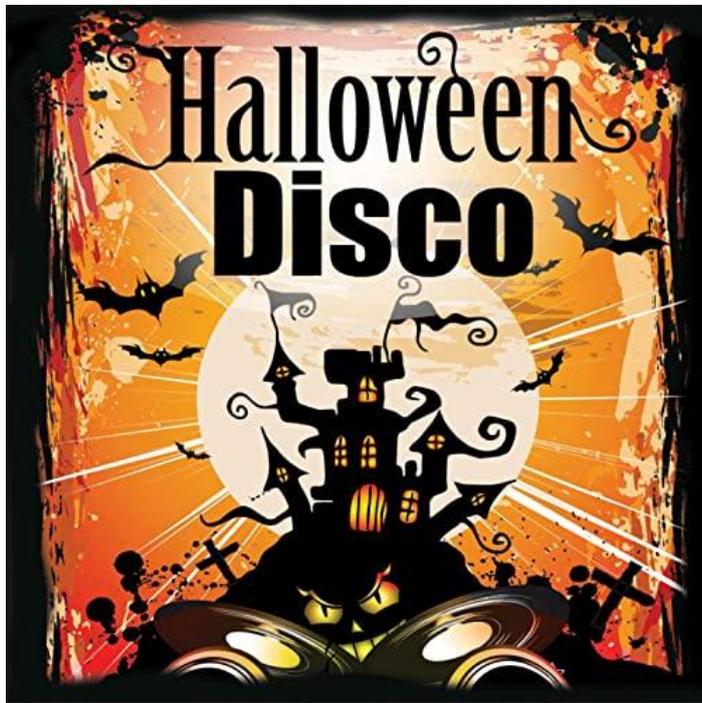


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**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November**

**Reception & KS1**

Doors open 4:45pm for a 5pm  
start.  
Collect children from classrooms  
6pm

**KS2**

Doors open 5:45pm for a 6pm  
start.  
Collect children from classrooms  
7pm  
**£2 Entry**  
**Tuck Shop available**



*St Charles*

**Christmas Fayre**

**STALLS AVAILABLE!**

If you are interesting booking a stall please contact us for more information.

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**3:15pm School Hall**





## Phonics Information Session

Mrs Hall and Mrs Hill would like to invite reception and Key Stage One parents to an information session where we can share details of the Phonics programme we use in school and how you can help your child at home. The session will take place on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October** at 4:30pm and should last approximately 1 hour (if possible we would like it to be an adult only session).

## Meet our Mini Vinnies 2022-2023

They are a group of children who follow the footsteps of St. Vincent de Paul. They lead our school in helping to tackle poverty both locally and worldwide. They meet regularly to discuss how we can improve our environment, engage with the local community and ensure the children of St Charles are aware of their rights and how the duty bearers (adults) can uphold these rights.



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### Dates for the diary

<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	EYFS Open evening for new starters 2023 4:30pm
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Flu Vaccinations – deadline for consent Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October</b>	KS1 Movie Night
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Bishop Robert visit to school
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Parent Consultations-more information to follow
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October</b>	KS2 Movie Night
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	Halloween Disco
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Year 5 visit to the Houses of Parliament
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	School Closes 3:15pm
<b>Half term</b>	
<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	School reopens 8:40am
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	St Charles of Borromeo Feast Day
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November School Closed – Staff Training Day</b>	
<b>30<sup>th</sup> November -2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	Year 4 Visit to the Youth Village
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Reception and KS1 Nativity at St Charles Church. 1:30pm
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	KS2 Nativity Story through song at St Charles Church 5pm
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Babysitting Night (more information to follow)
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Craft Day – parent visits (more information to follow)
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Craft Day – parent visits (more information to follow)
<b>School Closes for Christmas</b>	





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## After-school care

Please don't forget that our after-school care is available to all. We have spaces for regular care or even the occasional day if you have to work late or work shifts.

The children thoroughly enjoy the sessions as it is very relaxed where they can play games both indoors and outdoors, enjoy different crafts and much more.

Please contact school to make any bookings.

There are two sessions available:

**Session 1:** 3:15-4:45 £4.50 per child (If your child attends an after school-club, the cost for the remainder of the session will be £2)

**Session 2:** 3:15-5:45 £6 per child (this also includes a sandwich and fruit. If your child attends an after- school club, the cost for the remainder of the session will be £4)

10% discount will be given for siblings and payments can be made via your child's ScoPay account.





## Reminders....

**Earrings-** lots of children have had their ears pierced. Please make sure they are covered on PE days. If not we will call you and ask you to bring a plaster to school.

**Snacks** – there have been an increasing number of chocolate bars and crisps brought in as snacks. We are a healthy school please give your children fruit or cereal bars. Any crisps or sugary snacks will be sent home.

**School meals to packed lunch** – please can you let the office know in advance if your child would like to change from school meals to packed lunch and vice versa as the kitchen require some notice to adjust orders.

**Car Parking** – Please continue to park on the school grounds! Some of our neighbours have contacted with me with footage of cars across their drives. They have also sent them to the local authority as some footage shows illegal parking.

**Reporting absences** – It is vital that you call school if your child is going to be absent. Please contact the office before 8:55am providing a reason for your child's absence.

**Payments** – Please can you ensure any remaining debts from your Scopay account are cleared as soon as possible. If you need a link for Scopay please contact the office. Thank you for contributions towards trips, if you have not added a contribution for your child's trip this will be shown on your Scopay account to be paid before the end of term



## School Uniform

### **Main uniform**

Bottle green sweatshirts or cardigans  
White polo-shirt  
Grey trousers, grey pinafore or skirt  
Green gingham dress or grey shorts (Summer term)  
Sensible plain black shoes  
Grey or black tights or socks

### **PE Kit**

Plain white T-shirt  
Bottle green hoodie (optional)  
Plain black or green shorts (indoor PE)  
Black sports leggings or trousers without branding  
(outdoor PE)  
Black Plimsols (indoor PE)  
Trainers (outdoor PE)

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