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## Autumn Newsletter 5

### *Growing Together in Faith*



## Remembrance Sunday

On Sunday, two of our children represented St Charles as they read a poem to all those who gathered for a special service. They read beautifully and we are very proud of them. They were later joined by other children who helped to lay a special wreath donated from school.

There were also different activities in school leading up to Remembrance Sunday including Year 6 preparing and leading a wonderful assembly. The children took time to reflect and pray for those who we remember as they placed a poppy around the cross on the fence at the front of school.





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## Reception Bonfire Fun

Last week reception children thoroughly enjoyed recreating bonfire night. They had marshmallows, hot chocolate and sang songs around the 'fire' as Mrs McMullan played the ukelele.





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## School Council



We would like to introduce our school council 2022-2023. The children in each class voted for the girl or boy they would like to represent them as part of the school council. They have been learning about democracy in our British Values lessons and why voting for the right person is very important. The school council have enjoyed meetings with Mrs Thompson where they have discussed online safety, school clubs, lunchtimes, maths lessons, PSHE lessons and much much more!

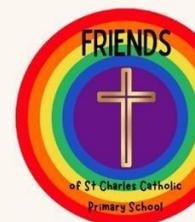
## Friends of St Charles

St Charles is very lucky to have a group of parents who volunteer to make The Friends of St Charles. They are extremely dedicated to organising events and providing resources to contribute to the well-being and educational success of the children. They organise movie nights, disco's, Christmas cards, parent events such as wreath making and much much more. The Friends contribute towards trips to keep the costs down for parents, buy school equipment and are looking forward to working with our Year 6 children to fundraise for their London residential in the summer. If you would like to get involved, please contact school and we will pass on your details. Thank you!

We are just some of the volunteers of the



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## Sports News



Last week children from Year 5 and Year 6 attended a Sportshall Athletics Event where they took place in a carousel of activities including relays, speed bounce, standing long jump and javelin. It was a competitive event and after a few days of waiting in anticipation, Miss Robinson received the news that the children have made the finals!! Well done, we are so proud of you and wish you lots of luck next week.



## Anti-bullying Week

This week has been anti-bullying week. The children gathered with Mrs Thompson to have an assembly to discuss what bullying is and why it is important that they reach out to others if they are worried. They have also been completing lots of work in their classrooms including linking bullying to British Values...

We have been learning  
what bullying means  
Year 1

We have been learning about  
individual liberty. It means  
freedom of choice. Year 5

Mrs Thompson said it  
is okay to talk to others  
if we are worried. Year 3

We all have our own  
identity, we all like  
different things and that's  
okay. Year 6



### **Babysitting Night and Christmas Craft sessions**

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December some of the staff from school are hosting a babysitting night so that parents/carers can do some Christmas Shopping. The plan is to keep the children after school until 7pm. They will have the opportunity to do some Christmas crafts, play games, watch Christmas movies and enjoy spending time with their friends.

The cost will be £10 per child and siblings will be charged £5 (payable in cash on the day). This will include a meal and a drink. The funds raised will contribute towards equipment for Christmas craft sessions. Please contact the school office if you would like to book your child onto the Babysitting Night - it will be on a first come first serve basis.

The craft sessions will be an opportunity for you to come into school and spend some time with your children making Christmas Crafts.

The dates of the crafts are:

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December (9:15am):** Nursery and Reception

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December (1:15pm):** Year 1 and Year 2

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December (9:15am):** Year 3 and Year 4

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December (1:15pm):** Year 5 and Year 6

***The sessions will take place in the school hall. Only 1 adult per child for each session.***





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## Class attendances....

### **Week Commencing 31st October – Well done Year 4!**

Reception	77.2%
Year 1	82.3%
Year 2	96.3%
Year 3	95.5%
Year 4	<b>98.6%</b>
Year 5	97.7%
Year 6	92.9%

### **Week Commencing 7<sup>th</sup> November – Well done Reception!**

Reception	<b>99.2%</b>
Year 1	95.3%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	98.3%
Year 4	94.5%
Year 5	98.1%
Year 6	91.5%





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## Wreath Making

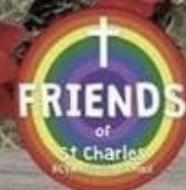
**6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> December**

**6:30 school hall**

Includes everything  
for a basic wreath  
but you can bring extras

inc Hot Drinks, Mince pies  
and Biscuits  
**TICKETS £15**

**Call: 07946106793**  
or contact us through Facebook



**NO DOGS  
ALLOWED  
ON SCHOOL  
GROUNDS**

Please remember that dogs are not allowed on school grounds. Regardless of how big or small they are, they should be left outside of the school gate. We have some children who are frightened of dogs and feel intimidated by their presence.

Thank you





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### Dates for the diary

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November School Closed – Staff Training Day**

<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November</b>	School and Nursery open evening 4.30pm
<b>30<sup>th</sup> November - 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	Year 4/5 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>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Babysitting Night
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Craft Day
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Craft Day

**School Closes for Christmas**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**





## **After-school care and Breakfast club.**

Both our breakfast club and after school club can now be booked online.  
You can book up to 5 sessions at one time.

Breakfast Club: <https://forms.office.com/r/7sfcQ9NPbG>

The cost of breakfast club is £2. It starts at 7:45 and the children will receive a choice of toast, cereals and fruit.

After school club: <https://forms.office.com/r/FHWTuFfwXu>

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.

Please note from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November if your child is not collected by 3:25pm (10 minutes after the end of the school day) they will be placed into after school care for session 1 and this will be charged to your 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