



Designated Safeguarding Leaders for the school are Mr Holt and Mrs Flower

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This newsletter is sent via email only, so please ensure that we have your correct details. This saves on paper and administration. However, if you would still like to have a paper copy, please let the office know and we will ensure that you receive one. It is important that parents continue to receive and read this newsletter as it is the main communication channel for the school.

Reminder School News App- Don't forget to download the School News app so you can access our website and updates via your phone or tablet.

Welcome back and Happy New Year to you all. The end of term was as eventful as ever and it is fair to say that working with children during the festive period certainly helps to maintain the magical feeling of Christmas. Over the Advent period, we reminded the children of the meaning of Advent and had an enjoyable balance of activities. The Christmas craft days were a great success and were thoroughly enjoyed by the children who had the opportunity to work with pupils from other year groups. The Christmas performances were very special and sent out the true message of Christmas. A record total was raised for two causes, namely the school and Parishes designated charities The Weybridge Clubhouse Project (a charity supporting local young people with learning difficulties) and Catholic Children's Society Crisis Fund. Thank you for your generosity. The children, as always, were a credit to us and I was very proud of them all, they really did sing their hearts out! Our Nursery children showed courage as ever performing at the age of 3 or 4 and our children also sent joy to others when singing at various community events. On a personal note, I would like to thank you for your kind words of support and Christmas gifts. Thank you also to the dedicated group of parents who help in the school and for the work of the PTA; you make this school such a special place. Events such as the Secret Santa and the Christmas Market take a huge amount of time and organisation and I am truly humbled by the generosity of the school community.

Safeguarding: Should you ever have a concern about the welfare of a child or adult, please come and speak in confidence with the school's safeguarding leads. Our Designated Safeguarding Leaders for the school are Mr Holt and Mrs Flower. If you cannot speak to us in person we can be contacted via email at: dsl@stcharlesb.surrey.sch.uk Should you not wish to speak to a member of the school team you can make contact with Surrey Children's Single Point of Access (SPA). The SPA is based at County Hall and acts as the front door to children's services in Surrey.

The SPA provides residents and people who work with children in Surrey with direct information, advice and guidance about where and how to find the appropriate support for children and families.

Availability: 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday **Phone:** 0300 470 9100
Out of hours phone: 01483 517898 to speak to the emergency duty team.

100% attendance

Well done to the 69 pupils who achieved 100% attendance last term. We had a lot of sickness so fingers crossed for a healthier start to 2020!

Term Dates

Xavier Trust have released the term dates for 2020-21. A couple of INSET dates are yet to be confirmed. You can find these dates at the end of the newsletter.

Buddy Awards

We are blessed to have such helpful, caring and willing buddies at St. Charles, helping to look after the younger children at break and lunchtime. We had a number of special nominations this year for buddies who have really excelled. Congratulations to Daniel T, Daniel N and Anthony who were nominated for the first half term in Autumn and to Molly B and Thomas for last half term.



Value of the Month

This month's value is Hope: 'we can achieve our goals no matter what they may be.' Last month's value was love and humility. Our pupils took part in a number of local community events, bringing the true meaning of Christmas to those around them, thus spreading a great deal of love and joy. Your response to the local Foodbank appeal was also amazing, thank you!

Primary School Applications

The closing date for state primary school applications for September 2020 is January 15th 2020, the expectation is that applications will be made online. If applying to a Catholic school, a supplementary form will be required to indicate that you are a Catholic family.

Sports News

Congratulations to the Year 5/6 Indoor athletics team who came 6th at the multi-district indoor event before Christmas. There were some excellent performances and we were the best placed small school and runner up in the Elmbridge school category to Cleves.



Our Year 2 pupils also enjoyed an afternoon Mini Olympics event at Cleves last month, one of many initiatives that we hope to be involved in over the coming months.

We have a number of events coming up so watch this space....

Chess Club and Cross Country Club

A reminder that chess club and cross country will commence again on 10th January. Donations may be made online.

PE Kits during the winter

It is great to see lots of the children in the new PE kit. Can I remind parents that the children have the option of wearing their school tracksuits or outer layer. The school sports socks are ideal in the winter months too and I would encourage you to purchase them. Most outdoor PE at this time of the year is undertaken by our older pupils. If your child is not able to take part in a PE session due to a medical reason or due to injury, please can this be relayed in writing or in person to the teacher concerned, thank you.

The parish have a defibrillator situated in the narthex of the church.

Absence during Term Time: A Reminder

Every day at school is important and regular attendance is the key to a confident and successful child. Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. In light of this, parents should not request absence for holidays during term time, including taking the last day of term to avoid costs/charges. Any requests such as these will not be authorised and may lead to a fine being issued by the local authority.

However, there may be times when there is a genuine need to take time off during term time and we would wish to continue to help families with a proven need. Our attendance figures will be scrutinised and if families can adhere to our request not to take leave unless there are exceptional circumstances, then we may not have to adopt a zero tolerance approach.

Every school day missed by our school children is a lost opportunity and we as a school are keen to ensure that we meet a very challenging target of 3.6% authorised absence by the Local Authority. This equates to slightly less than 7 days absence per child per academic year. Last year a large number of absences were not authorised for various reasons and we need to reduce the number of absences to support families with a genuine need.

Request for volunteers—We are building up a valued group of volunteers, so many thanks for your support! However, we never say no to offers of help, so if you are able to give your time on a regular basis or know of anyone who may wish to help, please contact your child's class teacher or the school office. Enhanced DBS checks will be required for regular helpers.

Home School Link Worker

A reminder that Weybridge schools have appointed a new home school link worker, Debbie Watts. If at any time you would like to speak to her please let your child's class teacher know in confidence or speak to myself or Mrs Bray. You can leave a message for her via St James School 01932 851762 and she will return your call.

REMINDER CHANGE OF MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY

A quick reminder that to mark the VE day celebrations, the government have changed the May Day bank holiday to Friday 8th May.

Dates for the diary—I try to give you as much notice of key events over the year and these are highlighted at the end of the newsletter but more importantly via the school website and app. These dates tend to remain fixed but at times may be subject to change. I hope the advanced notice will help.

After School Clubs

School run clubs are now available to book on SCOPAY.
External clubs can be booked directly through the providers.

School Closures

With the possibility of inclement weather this winter, I would like to draw your attention to our emergency closure procedures. Should the school need to close, the local authority will be informed and an update placed on the Surrey website <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/school-closures>, as well as Radio Jackie 107.8 fm. Our website will also give up to date information. We will aim to email/text parents/class reps, where appropriate. I would recommend to parents that the best place to find out whether the school will need to close will be via our school website. Please see an aide memoire regarding school closures added to the end of this newsletter. I will always make every effort to keep the school open, but it will be dependent on appropriate staffing ratios and on site health and safety arrangements. I cannot guarantee the safety of the paths and roads approaching the school and it is the responsibility of parents to decide whether it is safe to travel. I hope that by adding this message to the newsletter we will have fine weather!



School Clubs – Spring Term 2020



Day	Club	Time	Staffing	Year Group	Cost per term	Dates
Monday	Spanish	Lunchtime	Maria - Spanish Amigos (EXTERNAL)	Years 1 - 6	£67 Call 07738 101034	13/1 – 23/3
	Street Dance	3:20- 4:15	Nova Falconer (EXTERNAL)	Years 1 - 3	Call Nova 07847 500439	6/1 – 30/3
	Netball	3:20- 4:15	Miss Ryan	Years 3 - 6	£27	13/1 – 23/3
Tuesday	Football Club	3:20- 4:15	Surrey Football Coaching (EXTERNAL)	Years 4 - 6	£40	13/1 – 10/2
	Art and Craft Club	3:20 - 4:15	Mrs Horton and Mrs Burr	KS2 this half term	£25	14/1 – 11/2
Wednesday	Tennis	3:20 – 4:25	England Sports Group	Years 1 - 6	£72.95 Call 0208 339 0523	7/1 – 31/3
	Choir	8:30 – 9:00	Mrs Lawton	Years 3 - 6	£15	9/1 – 25/3
Thursday	Dodgeball	3:20 - 4:30	Paul Seuke - Planet Soccer (EXTERNAL)	Years 3 - 6	£72 www.pssportscoaching.com	Whole Term
	Recorder Club	3:20 - 4:15	Mr Clay	Years 3 - 6	£24	9/1 – 26/3 (Excl. 13/2)
Friday	Multisports	3:20 - 4:30	Multisports (EXTERNAL)	Years 1 - 6	£48 Call 01932 873131	9/1 – 13/2
	Football Club	3:20 - 4:15	Surrey Football Coaching (EXTERNAL)	Years 1 - 3	£48	10/1 – 14/3
	Street Dance	3:20- 4:15	Nova Falconer (EXTERNAL)	Years 4 - 6	Call Nova 07847 500439	10/1 – 27/3
	Chess Club	3:20 - 4:00	Mr Holt	Years 4 - 6	£15	10/1 – 27/3 (Excl. 14/2)
	Cross Country	Lunchtime	Mr Holt	Years 3 - 6	£10	10/1 – 27/3 (Excl. 14/2)

If you wish to register for any of the clubs above, please contact the external provider directly or contact the school office for registration forms.
Surrey Arts Music: Contact 01483 519303 or email surreyartsmusic@surreycc.gov.uk for more information, or contact the school office.

PLEASE NOTE: Changes may be made to dates and times and we endeavour to do our best to notify you in advance.