



Designated Safeguarding Leaders for the school are Mr Holt and Mrs Flower dsl@stcharlesb.surrey.sch.uk.

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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.

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I hope you had a good Easter break albeit a quiet one with restrictions still in place. We look forward to brighter and warmer weather and the easing of restrictions over the coming months. I have combined April and May's newsletter as there are a number of dates and information that we need to make you aware of, as well as some general school matters.

Please keep in your prayers the family of former headteacher of St Charles, Mrs Mary Tomnie, who sadly passed away before Easter. Mary was an inspirational headteacher and I was blessed to have followed in her footsteps, she will be missed.

Values of the Month

April's value is **care and compassion**: 'Look after yourself, look after others and look after the environment'.

May's value is **confidence**: with the simple message, 'you can do it.'

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.

Buzz with Bee-lieve Week

This week, we have been supporting the Bee-lieve Foundation by taking part in their 'Buzz with Bee-lieve' week. The major emphasis of the week is on providing opportunities for the whole school community to socially interact, exercise, appreciate the wonder of nature, communicate and have fun. It is about us all re-connecting with the people and things that make us happiest and most fulfilled.

Although fundraising is not the centre of our focus for the week we are hoping that we can raise a few pounds for Bee-lieve Foundation. As is the aim of the charity, every penny we raise will be used to support young people move towards a happier, healthier and more fulfilling life.

We have been supporting in the following ways:

1. We would like you to consider cycling, scootering or walking to school rather than travelling by car during this week and beyond.
2. On Friday we are asking the children and staff to come to school wearing blue and yellow, the charity colours and make a donation via SCOPAY.
3. Children will spend a few minutes outside at the beginning of each day for a few minutes of fun exercise such as skipping, walking or games. It's a perfect way to get the brain warmed up for a day of fantastic learning. PE lessons with Mr Mazzone and Mr Seuke will also have a wellbeing focus this week.
4. Children will be invited to enter our 'design a t-shirt' competition for the charity. 2 lucky winners from all schools entering will have the opportunity to see their design appear on t-shirts this year.
5. Staff will take part in a bake off style competition.
6. Bee badges, made by Mrs Normington will be available to buy, please can the children bring in a donation of a minimum of 50p for a badge, she also has a limited number of knitted bee pencil toppers, available for £1.

A donation area is set up on SCOPAY for all donations which will go towards the wonderful work that this charity is doing and from which we as a school have benefitted so much already.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school or Bee-lieve Foundation via their website <https://www.beelievefoundation.co.uk/>

Many thanks for your support



This Lent/Easter

Well done to all of the children and families who supported the Lenten challenges and also tried to help others over the Easter period. I saw many great examples of children thinking of others before themselves.

In addition, well done to the younger children for their filmed Easter assembly which I hope you enjoyed watching and to Year 6 for their Stations of the Cross art work.

Continued Support during lockdown phases

Thank you for your ongoing support with our Crisis fund which has been put to good use supporting families in need since March 2020. If you are able to contribute to the fund, please make a payment via Scopay, it will be put to good use. In addition, if you are in need of support or know someone who is, please reach out in confidence to me (Mr Holt) and we will help where we can.

Thank you Morrisons

Morrisons have been very supportive recently providing the school with a lovely set of books for the library as well as some cupcake making kits which Year 2 used as Mothers' Day gifts (as sadly, we were not able to have our traditional Year 2 Mothers' Day class Mass).



Home School Link Worker

A reminder that Weybridge schools have appointed a 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.

Bikeability

We are experiencing difficulties getting bikeability slots but have secured a number where possible. However, there are currently a shortage of instructors so any changes are beyond our control, we will of course keep you updated.

Do you intend to volunteer in school over the coming year?

I have been blessed over the years with plenty of parental and parish support in school. We have missed having you in school and our intention is to bring volunteers back to school in a safe way and when appropriate. However, in preparation for this, any volunteer must take safeguarding training, which we are offering remotely on the following dates. You only need to attend one session and it should last no more than one hour.

Volunteer Safeguarding Training (90 minute session)- please choose one date from the following:

Thursday 29th April 10am, 1pm and 6.30pm

Tuesday 4th May 10am

You will need to email a.halliday@xaviercet.org.uk to secure a slot. Ann (the Xavier Trust safeguarding lead) will send the link for the session.

Proposed dates for July and September: Wednesday 7th July 10am, 1pm and 6.30pm. Tuesday 14th September 10am, 1pm and 6.30pm.

School Uniform and PE Kits

Now that the shops are back open, full school uniform should be worn as usual, especially school shoes, with the exception of wearing PE kits on PE days. With regards to PE kits, only school PE kit should be worn with the exception of plain navy blue leggings/tracksuit bottoms that can be worn instead of the school leggings.

Elmbridge Literary Competition 2021

I am delighted to announce that we have some winners at this year's Elmbridge Schools writing competition. Well done to all of the children but in particular to those who were recognised with a prize.

An important few months ahead

As mentioned to you in my previous correspondence, we are acutely aware of the impact the pandemic has had on our community, in particular the children. Every child's experience will be different, some will have thrived and made good progress, some may have had the opposite experience. This is not a reflection on you as parents, it is just the reality of the situation. With this in mind, we will be doing everything we can to ensure that the children get the support they need to keep 'moving forward'. We are going to try to avoid the term 'catch up' as this has negative connotations. I have always said that 'life is a journey and not a race' and we will ensure that the children are best prepared over time for secondary school life and life ahead in general, but this will take time and patience. We have additional sessions planned for children who would benefit from some further support, as well as whole class and individual input where necessary. In addition to this we have planned lots of additional activities to boost self-esteem and fitness, with a number of workshops planned. Pictured below is an example of the additional outdoor sessions we have undertaken, in this case with

Year 4 enjoying some hockey workshops courtesy of Surbiton Hockey Club.



The term ahead

We have tried to ensure that every year group has some form of trip this term, so thank you for your understanding and patience with this. We will need to follow National guidance with respect to visits and in place of the Year 4, 5 and 6 residentials, we have planned extended days at the venues so that the children get as positive an experience as possible.

Swimming Update

Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions, we have not been able to provide our usual swimming sessions for the children. The plan for September is that we will take our current Year 2, 3 and 4 children for one term each in the academic year 2021-22. More details will follow next term.

Congratulations Mr Seuke

Congratulations to Mr Seuke who has qualified for the World Duathlon Championships for his age category. He has trained so hard over the past year, so he is an inspiration and great role model for the children. He doesn't know whether he will take his place in Australia next year but regardless of this, we are very proud of him.



National Day of Reflection

As part of the National Day of Reflection in March, marking the anniversary of the first lockdown, our children made 100s of daffodils for the residents of Norfolk House, bringing a sense of joy and hope to all concerned.



Year 6 leaver's service

Hopefully by July we will be in a position to have larger gatherings in place, so our intention is to hold out Year 6 leaver's Mass and presentations on Thursday 22nd July at 10am, with Year 6 parents in attendance. As soon as we have more details of any other events we will let you know, but please can Year 6 parents note the July 22nd date.

Parents' Afternoon

Thank you for your attendance at the remote parents' afternoon consultations. We intend to continue with this format as it now allows for both parents to be present when in different locations. Our intention in the future is to incorporate an additional open afternoon session after school where parents can view their children's work, as this is obviously missing when using a remote format. The above will come into play starting next academic year and I will give you more details nearer the time.

Wrap Around Care Update from the Governors

Many thanks to those of you who completed the wraparound care questionnaire. As a result of your responses we have decided to proceed with the provision of both morning and afternoon wraparound care starting from September 2021.

We are now starting to work on organising practicalities and I will provide details on timings, costs, availability and all other matters before the Summer half term.

As we will be using the newly built extension next to the nursery for wraparound care, numbers will be limited as we are constrained by the size of the room. Our intention is therefore to implement a booking system that will prioritise those who can commit to regular slots, and thus give you peace of mind if you need regular care.

Thank you for your patience and we will keep you updated as we progress.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

19 th Apr	Summer Term starts
29 th Apr	Reception to British Wildlife Centre
30 th Apr	Perform Drama Workshop Nursery—Year 2
3 rd May	Bank Holiday
4 th May	Beginning of Term Mass 11am—Year 5
14 th May	Cricket sessions Rec—Year 3
18 th May	Year 4 Juniper Hall extended day
21 st May	Year 5 Henley Fort extended day
28 th May	School closes for Half Term
7 th Jun	INSET DAY
11 th Jun	Year 6 to Bowles extended day
15 th Jun	Year 1 Chiltern Open Air Museum

22 nd Jun	Legoland Year 3
28 th –30 th Jun	Year 5 Bikeability
29 th Jun	Feast of St Peter & St Paul Mass 10am
2 nd Jul	Year 2 Lookout
6 th Jul	Induction afternoon
6 th Jul	New Reception parents information afternoon
8 th Jul	Textile recycling
9 th Jul	INSET DAY
14 th Jul	KS1 & KS2 Sports Day
15 th Jul	Back up sports day
22 nd Jul	Year 6 Leaver's Mass and presentation 10am
23 rd Jul	Break up for Summer Term (No afternoon nursery) 1:30



XAVIER SCHOOLS' TERM DATES 2021-2022	
AUTUMN TERM 2021	
Term starts	Monday 6th September 2021
<i>Half Term</i>	<i>Monday 25th to Friday 29th October 2021</i>
Term ends	Friday 17th December 2021
SPRING TERM 2022	
Term starts	Tuesday 4th January 2022
<i>Half term</i>	<i>Monday 14th to Friday 18th February 2022</i>
Term ends	Friday 1st April 2022
SUMMER TERM 2022	
Terms starts	Tuesday 19th April
<i>Half term</i>	<i>Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June</i>
Term ends	Friday 22nd July 2022
Bank Holiday	Monday 2nd May

INSET DAYS

6 September
8 October
29 November
16 March
8 July