



## July Newsletter 2021

**Designated Safeguarding Leaders for the school are Mr Holt and Mrs Flower** [dsl@stcharlesb.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:dsl@stcharlesb.surrey.sch.uk).

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**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.

In some ways this academic year feels like it has flown by and in other ways it has felt like 3 years rolled into one. To be honest, there are times when I need to question the chronology of the year due to the events that have taken place. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for their tireless efforts this year, for some there has been little respite and I hope this summer affords some time for them to recharge. I would also like to thank you, the parent community, for your trust, support and understanding over the past 17 months, it really has been appreciated. As I write, we are still contending with children and families having to isolate but there is hope ahead that by September, this will no longer be the case.

One of the highlights this past half term has been the trips and outdoor learning experiences we have been able to give the children and it has been wonderful to see them happy in school. I know we still have a few weeks left, but I hope you all manage some quality time with your family and you manage some form of break over the summer holiday period. To all of those families and children leaving St Charles at the end of this month, may God Bless you and keep you safe. Please remember to keep us informed of your child's progress, we always love to hear from you in years to come.

### Bee-lieve 6 Bridges Marathon and 6 Miles for St Charles

Thank you to those families who have supported to date the 6 Miles for St Charles challenge. This sponsored event has been put in place as our main fundraising event this year due to the postponement of the school fete. There is still time to donate and/or complete the challenge over the coming weeks.

Thank you also to those who sponsored me for my Marathon Walk from Westminster Cathedral to Holy Family School in Adlestone. The Bee-lieve Foundation is doing so much to support and raise awareness about young people's mental health. Your best wishes and prayers were appreciated and it was a successful day.

Along with other schools we will be supporting this event, but this year we will be having our own sponsored walk

with funds raised going to our school but with a donation being given to the Bee-lieve Foundation. The PTA will be in contact soon with further details.



**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](mailto: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.

### Values of the Month

June's value was care and co-operation: 'Work together at home, at school and in the wider world.' We saw many examples of this value in action, particularly on our school visits.

July's value is responsibility: with the simple message, 'we all have rights and responsibilities'.

### Sports Days

We will be running our sports days in bubbles this year but with the children still competing for their respective houses. Please can I ask that you avoid the temptation to turn up and watch from afar as this will be a distraction to the children. I appreciate that you would like to be present, but our focus is on the children's experience and ensuring the events can take place. Our KS2 children will be transported to St Georges College by minibus to take part on the track which will be a great experience for them. Thank you to St Georges for facilitating this.

### Year 6 Pilgrimage

Many thanks to Fr Con and the Parish for organising the Year 6 pilgrimage to Arundel Cathedral as well as a visit to the seaside. It was a fitting way of celebrating our Year 6's life at St Charles.



### Poetry Workshop Year 4, 5 and 6

We welcomed a poet into school as part of an Unlocking Creativity project, generously supported by the Cultural Recovery Fund through Never Such Innocence. Our children were invited to reflect upon lockdown and its impact, with the aim of unlocking their future aspirations and creativity. The work they created was absolutely brilliant.



### Day Trips

Every class has now experienced a day trip post lockdown which has been lovely to witness. The children really do enjoy the opportunities presented to them. Nursery class will have their own 'nursery' trip with a mobile farm visiting St Charles this term.



### Extended day trips

I had the pleasure of accompanying Year 6 to the Bowles centre last month for a day of skiing, rock climbing and 'Go Ape' type activities. It was an incredibly long and tiring day, but boy did we have some fun! The children were an absolute credit to the school and many of the children showed a great deal of courage tackling their fear of heights in particular. Thank you also to Mrs Brown, Mrs Bray, Mrs Bristow and Mrs Curtis who also accompanied Year 6 on the trip.



### Bikeability

Despite the shortage of instructors this year, we have managed to ensure that the children have had the opportunity to learn how to ride safely. Once again it was great to hear the instructors commenting on the behaviour of the children.



### Streetdance and The Bolders perform at outdoor Weybridge event

Congratulations and well done to the Streetdance 'crew' and to Harry and Louis (from the band The Bolders), who entertained our local community at an outdoor event last month. It was great to see the children displaying their talents.



### 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.

### 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.

*Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority, they will be liable to receive a penalty notice. Currently the amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days. Thereafter the amount increases to £120.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices.*

### 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 undertake safeguarding training, which we are offering remotely. You only need to attend one session.

Volunteer Safeguarding Training (60 minute session)- please choose one date from the following:

Tuesday 14th September 10am and 1pm  
Thursday 16th September 6.30pm

You will need to email [a.halliday@xaviercet.org.uk](mailto:a.halliday@xaviercet.org.uk) (the Xavier Trust safeguarding lead) to secure a slot.



### Science Investigation Day

Thank you to Mrs Hennessy for organising a very successful Science investigation day. We were really impressed with the children's scientific inquiry skills and their scientific vocabulary. It was great to see the children really engaging with practical science and a lot of co-operation was needed too!



### Year 6 leavers' service

Our Year 6 leavers' Mass and presentations will take place on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 10am. Due to capacity issues, this will only be open to Year 6 parents/family as well as the school children.

### School Uniform and PE Kits

A reminder that 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. Also, a reminder that summer dresses should be striped.

### Wrap Around Care Update from the Governors

Please contact the school office for a registration form if you are interested in signing up for either breakfast or after school club.



### 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

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6 <sup>th</sup> Jul	New Reception Parents information afternoon
8 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Textile recycling
8 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Nursery Sports Day
9 <sup>th</sup> Jul	INSET DAY
13 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Nursery Information Evening 6:30pm
14 <sup>th</sup> Jul	KS1 & KS2 Sports Day
14 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Reception Information Evening 7pm
15 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Back up sports day

15 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Nursery Animal Farm Visit
19 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Year 5 Bikeability
21 <sup>st</sup> Jul	Year 6 Production 7pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> Jul	Year 6 Leaver's Mass and presentation 10am
22 <sup>nd</sup> Jul	Year 6 Production 1:30pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> Jul	Break up for Summer Term (No afternoon nursery) 1:30
6 <sup>th</sup> Sep	INSET Day
7 <sup>th</sup> Sep	First day of term