



October Newsletter 2021

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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 to the October issue of our newsletter. It is heartening to see the school as busy as ever and opportunities opening up for our children to be even more involved in school life and beyond. School trips and clubs are back up and running and we have been welcoming guest speakers to the school too. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your kind words of support during my absence and thank you to Mrs Flower for leading the school so well. Thankfully in this technological age we were able to keep in regular contact, although being away from the school was difficult to cope with on my part, as I really missed the children!

Harvest and donations to the SVP

Every year we ask children to think of families less fortunate than themselves and ask parents to allow their children to bring into school non-perishable food items. The sell by date must not be before 25th December 2021 as the items will be distributed to needy families by the SVP in time for Christmas. Please can your child bring food into school on **Tuesday 12th October** at drop off and it will then be blessed by Fr Con before being safely collected by members of SVP. Year 1 will be reminding the school about the importance of the Harvest and will be making a recording of their efforts celebrating the blessings of the Harvest.

Congratulations to our First Holy Communion Children

Congratulations to our Year 4 children who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday 25th September. I joined a number of staff on the Saturday morning to join in with this special celebration and the whole school celebrated with a follow up Mass on Tuesday 28th September. Thank you to Fr Con, our staff and our catechists for preparing the children so well, they were a credit to their parents and school on the day.

October– The month of the rosary

We will remind our children of the importance of praying the rosary, especially during October, the month of the rosary. Please support us by praying the rosary with your child.

School INSET Day

A reminder that the school will be closed to the children on Friday 8th October as we have a staff training (INSET) day.

Clubs

I am pleased to say that our clubs are up and running now and there may be spaces available for some clubs, please check and book via SCOPAY if interested.

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.

Year 6 Bikeability

As part of our commitment to giving our pupils experiences to prepare them for later life, our Year 6 pupils undertook a week of road safety bikeability lessons. The children were a credit to the school, with their excellent behaviour reported back by the instructors.



Sports Fixtures

Due to lockdowns, we have waited a long time to resume competitive football fixtures and St Charles welcomed Ongar Place. Two spirited performances took place with Year 6 losing 4-0 and Year 5 narrowly losing 4-3.



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

An Inspirational Visitor to St Charles

We had the privilege of welcoming Liam Flanagan to St Charles last month. I have completed two walking Marathons with Liam for the Beelieve Foundation and he is an inspirational young man. Despite the numerous obstacles Liam faces, he continues to challenge himself. Liam visited St Charles along with his Uncle, Headteacher Mr Tindall. Liam was born 3 months premature (pictured are



Liam's trousers which were too big for him) and with numerous complications such as being deaf as well as other life changing conditions. Liam shared his story highlighting how running has helped his mental health and well being. We presented Liam with some special good luck gifts and messages. He was chosen as one of 40 representatives to run for the London Marathon charitable trust, recognising his years of supporting charities through his running. Liam was on course for a 3 hour run but suffered a lacerated foot at 24.5 miles. St John's ambulance patched him up and he bravely completed the final mile. I know the children and staff have been inspired by this amazing young man and the courage he displayed on the day, it summed Liam up perfectly!



Our Beelieve marathon hero with his medal. The stoppage was officially due to a lacerated foot with lots of blood at 24.5 miles. St John's ambulance patched him up and then he finished. #nevergiveup #LondonMarathon2021 #beelievefoundation #MentalHealthMatters



Year 6 Residential

A reminder for Year 6 parents that the deposit for our Bowles trip in June is due this month. Any problems with payment, please speak to Mr Holt in confidence.

Tours of the School for Reception admission 2022

I am currently holding small group school tours of the school for prospective parents. Please contact the school office if you wish to book an appointment.

Parents Afternoons — These will take place this term and will be via our online system. Further details will be provided shortly.

Secondary School Applications

The closing date for state secondary school applications for September 2022 is October 31st with the expectation that applications will be made online. If applying to a Catholic school such as Salesian, a supplementary form will be required to indicate that you are a Catholic family. Applications can be made via <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/secondary/apply>

NSPCC Keeping Safe Assembly

On Tuesday 19th October our children will have a special assembly run by the NSPCC on keeping children safe and from harm. This is part of a national project for schools and will ensure that our children know how to stay safe.

Wraparound Care

The Breakfast and Afterschool club have made a really great start to term and the children are enjoying the experience. If you would like to sign your child up to any regular or ad hoc sessions.. Please contact the school office for a registration form or any further information.



Year 5 and 6 Sustainability Workshop

In September our Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in a SATRO science and sustainability workshop. The children worked really well together and showed some real enterprise along the way!



Thank you to Mrs Hennessy for organising.

COVID in school

As we start the new term we will continue to follow updated Covid-19 guidance for schools. This will involve ensuring classrooms are ventilated and hand sanitising solution is available. During break times the children will have more space but will still play with their own equipment/games and on certain days. The children will continue to eat at the dining table as a class and will be served by the staff.



PE Kits

Our children are looking really smart in their PE kits. With the colder days approaching, can I remind parents and children (with the exception of reception class), that the sports socks should also be worn with the kit as this will help with the colder weather. Our official tracksuit can be worn but no other tops other than the school PE kit will be allowed. Any parent experiencing financial difficulty with the purchase of kit should make contact with Mr Holt in confidence and we will see if we can help you.

Returning of school library books from home

Please can we ask that any school library books that you may still have at home be returned. Unfortunately it is impossible to see how many books have/haven't been returned from the various lockdowns over the past 18 months, but we want to 'reset' the Librarian system to ensure all of the children can start checking books in/out again. Many thanks.

Can we help?

Throughout the pandemic, we have done our very best to support families in need. I am mindful that we have come to the end of the furlough scheme and also that additional Universal credit payments are also changing. With this in mind, this is a timely reminder that we have our Crisis fund in place to help any family in need. Please do not hesitate to contact me in confidence should you need our help. This can range from support with food, school uniform, trips etc.

Information Evening

Thank you to those that attended the information evening highlighting the key areas to focus on in the year ahead. The slides from the evening can be found on the school website.

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.

Bikes and Scooters

Bicycles and scooters should not be used in the playground. Bicycles and scooters are left at your own risk and can be left in the racks inside the Nursery and Carlo room green fencing or if space, in the racks by the office. Please do not use the racks opposite the church by the parish hall walkway as these are reserved for parishioners. Dogs, other than guide or 'assistance' dogs should not be on the school premises.

Jewellery and hair

Our usual reminder that we recommend that if children are to have their ears pierced, that this is done at the beginning of the summer holidays. No jewellery should be worn other than earrings which should be a single stud in each ear and must not be of the hooped variety. Hair for boys and girls, if below collar level, should be tied back.

Trim Trail and playground banked area before and after school

A reminder that for the safety of all concerned, especially toddlers, the trim trail and banked area should not be used before or after school.

Please can you ensure we have the most up to date mobile and work numbers for at least 2 emergency contacts on our records. This is a safeguarding requirement.

Important Safeguarding Information for Parents

Along with most, if not all schools, St Charles has taken the opportunity to join the Operation Encompass scheme which will run jointly between local schools, Surrey Police and Surrey County Council.

Operation Encompass has been designed to provide early reporting on any domestic incidents that occur outside of school and might have an impact on a child in school.

Operation Encompass will ensure that a member of the school teaching staff, named a 'Key Adult' or "Deputy Key Adult", is informed the next morning that there has been a domestic incident or if a child has been reported as missing. These school colleagues will be those who already have safeguarding responsibilities and are fully aware of the sensitive and confidential issues regarding such information.

Through sharing this information with the Key Adult or Deputy Key Adult, the school can ensure that the child is supported in the most appropriate way during the school day.

We are keen to offer the best support possible for our pupils and we believe this is going to be extremely beneficial for all those involved. For more information see www.operationencompass.org

A reminder that children are to come to school in their PE kit on their PE days as listed below -

Reception—Wednesday	Year 1—Wednesday & Thursday	Year 2—Tuesday & Wednesday
Year 3—Wednesday & Thursday	Year 4—Thursday	Year 5—Monday & Thursday
Year 6—Monday & Thursday		

Important information regarding informing the school of certain illnesses

Last term we sent out a letter informing you that one of our pupils, Freddie, is currently receiving medical treatment for leukaemia and this puts him at serious risk if exposed to infectious diseases; specifically, measles, chicken pox or shingles. Therefore, this is a reminder to please let us know immediately if you suspect that your child or someone else in your household has measles, chicken pox or shingles and also follow the current guidelines for Coronavirus notification. If your child has not already been vaccinated, you should also consider vaccinating your child against measles as this is the best way to protect all children from this disease. Please discuss measles vaccination with your GP if appropriate. We have also been informed that, in order to help Freddie build up his immune system, we should not shield him from everyday coughs, colds etc. so please continue to send your children into school if they are well enough to attend. Your own child is not at risk from this situation, however as Freddie is vulnerable and his health and well-being is at serious risk, we depend on the cooperation of our families in this matter and Freddie's family appreciate this too.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

8th Oct	-	INSET DAY
11th Oct	-	Flu Immunisations
18th Oct	-	Pond dipping Yr 4
19th Oct	-	Wisley Trip Yr 1
20th Oct	-	Chertsey Museum Trip Yr 5
22nd Oct	-	INSET DAY—Golden Jubilee
1st Nov	-	Return to school
1st Nov	-	Feast of All Saints Mass 10am
4th Nov	-	St Charles Feast Day Mass
29th Nov	-	INSET DAY
2nd Dec	-	Last Swimming for Year 4
3rd Dec	-	Advent Reconciliation 9:30am
12th Dec	-	Christmas Market
16th Dec	-	End of Term Mass Yr 5 10am
17th Dec	-	End of Term (No PM nursery)
4th Jan	-	Spring Term starts
13th Jan	-	Start of Term Mass Yr2 10am

13th Jan	-	Swimming begins Year 5
2nd Mar	-	Ash Wednesday Mass 10am
16th Mar	-	INSET DAY
24th Mar	-	Lent Reconciliation 9:30am Yr4
25th Mar	-	Mothers Day Mass Yr2 9:30am
31st Mar	-	Last Swimming for Year 5
31st Mar	-	End of Term Mass 10am
1st April	-	End of Term (No PM nursery)
19th April	-	Summer Term starts
21st April	-	Swimming begins Year 3
2nd May	-	Bank Holiday
3rd May	-	Start of Term Mass Yr1 10am
3rd-4th May	-	Year 5 Residential to Henley Fort
5th May	-	British Wildlife Centre Trip Reception
26th May	-	Feast of the Ascension 10am
10th—12th Jun	-	Year 6 Residential to Bowles



XAVIER SCHOOLS' TERM DATES 2021-2022

AUTUMN TERM 2021

Term starts	Monday 6th September 2021
Half term	Monday 25th to Friday 29th October 2021
Term ends	Friday 17th December 2021

SPRING TERM 2022

Term starts	Tuesday 4th January 2022
Half term	Monday 14th to Friday 18th February 2022
Term ends	Thursday 1st April 2022

SUMMER TERM 2022

Term starts	Monday 19th April 2022
Half term	Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June 2022
Term ends	Friday 22nd July 2022
Bank Holidays	Monday 2nd May 2022

INSET DAYS

6 September
8 October
22 October
29 November
16 March
8 July

Queen's Platinum Jubilee

The government have announced an additional bank holiday to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. As this falls within the June half term holiday, Surrey schools have been awarded an **additional day of holiday on Friday 22nd October 2021**. All schools in the Xavier Catholic Education Trust, including St Charles will be closed on this day.

Isolation rules changed significantly over the summer and Test and Trace duties are now being carried out by the NHS and not by the school. The following guidance is in place for those that are deemed to be close contacts and highlights that you do not need to self-isolate if:

- You're fully vaccinated – this means 14 days have passed since your final dose of a COVID-19 vaccine given by the NHS
- You're under 18 years and 6 months old
- You're taking part or have taken part in a COVID-19 vaccine trial
- You're not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

If the above applies, you should still get a PCR test but you do not have to isolate whilst waiting for the results unless you have symptoms.

In practice this means—If your child displays COVID symptoms - please seek a PCR test as soon as possible, keeping them home until the results are known. If the test comes back positive, they will be expected to isolate for 10 days from the day symptoms started and work will be provided by school. If the result is negative, they return to school as soon as possible.

If your child is identified as a close contact through NHS Test and Trace please book a PCR test as soon as possible. Please note, if your child has no symptoms they should continue to attend school until they receive their test results. If the result returns positive they will need to isolate for 10 days from the date of the result.

If a member of your household tests positive, please book a PCR test for your child as soon as possible. Please note, if your child has no symptoms they should continue to attend school until they receive their test results. If the result returns positive they will need to isolate for 10 days from the date of the result.