



November 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.

November is always a poignant month in the school's calendar as we remind the children of the sacrifice many people made so that we could maintain our freedom. The children will observe a two minutes silence on 11th November and they will be reminded of the importance of what has happened in the past whilst praying for peace in our current lives. This month is also a special month for us as we celebrate the Feast of St Charles Borromeo on Thursday 4th November. We will also be saying farewell to Mrs Monk who has given 17 years of service to our school as a LSA.

Value of the Month

This month's value is Unity, reminding the children that if 'we work and play together we can achieve great things.' This value ties in beautifully with Remembrance Sunday, when we remember those that gave their lives so that we can be free. I will ensure that poppies will be available as well as other merchandise for the British Legion, but please observe social distancing if purchasing. In October we focussed on the value of happiness remembering that a smile can go a long way! Please join us by rewarding the children for displaying any of our core values. We were also very fortunate to meet two inspirational people last month, Paralympic gold medallist, Hannah Russell and Believe Foundation supporter, Liam Flanagan.



Thank you for our Harvest donations

A big thank you to you all of your very generous Harvest donations. The food will be distributed by the SVP. Fr Con kindly blessed the donations and Year 1 shared their work on the Harvest with the rest of the school.

Poppy Appeal

We are mindful that many charities have been severely hampered over the past 18 months so we are very pleased that we can continue to support the British Legion. We will be selling poppies and other merchandise as in previous years, but would ask that the children come into school with money in a marked envelope (handed to the class teacher) with a request for either a poppy (20p minimum), zip pull (50p), reflector (50p), wristband (£1) or snapband (£1.50). We will aim to meet demand where we can. Suggested minimum donation in brackets. We will try to be available at the end of the school day as well.

INSET Day reminder - A reminder that there is a school INSET day on Monday 29th November.

Children in Need - We aim to support Children in Need again, more details to follow.

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.

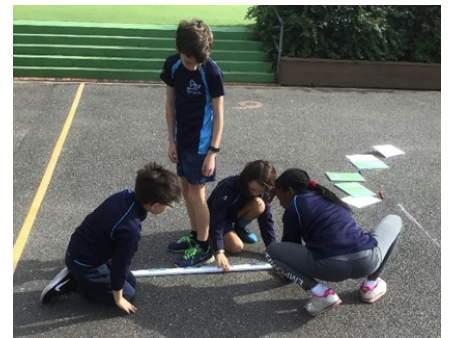
Availability: 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday

Phone: 0300 470 9100

Out of hours phone: 01483 517898 to speak to the emergency duty team.

Working Scientifically Science day

Last month the children enjoyed another special science day, this time focussing on biology. Thank you to Mrs Hennessy and Tom Holloway (a science consultant), who helped organise the day.



School Trips

It has been great seeing the children out and about enjoying the learning opportunities that school trips can bring. Year 5 had a great day out, learning about the Anglo Saxons and our Year 4 pupils were busy pond dipping with some great finds! Thank you to St Georges College who provided the transport. Thank you also to our Year 1 volunteers who assisted with a local walk around Weybridge as well as a visit to Wisley.



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

Farwell and thank you to Mrs Monk

On Thursday 4th November at the conclusion of our school Mass, we will be saying a fond farewell and thank you to Mrs Monk for 17 years of dedication to our school. Mrs Monk has been a well liked and respected member of our LSA team, but the time has come for her to spend more time with her family. Mrs Monk will be remembered for her smiles and laughter and she will be missed.



Extra MUFTI Day

This Friday (5th) will be a mufti day. We will be collecting items in the morning for the Christmas Market tombola, which will be on 12th Dec.

KS1 children need to bring chocolate or sweets in, KS2 need to bring in Alcohol. Cash will also be accepted instead of items. This also includes nursery, which we will arrange to collect from the teachers directly. Please can we also make sure no nuts in the sweets or chocolates.

An Inspiration to us all!

As part of our commitment to values education, we were delighted to welcome another inspirational person to St Charles namely Hannah Russell. Hannah, a former pupil at Holy Family was able to share her inspirational story with us. She showed us that anything is possible as she has shown that her limited sight has not stopped her from achieving great things. Hannah was very kind and generous, giving of her time as well as letting the children handle her Paralympic gold medal!



Looking ahead to Advent and Christmas

It will not be long until we enter the Advent period and I just wanted to indicate to you that it is our intention to ensure that families can join us for our festive celebrations. We will of course be led by the guidance and we may have to put some precautions in place but we would love for you to be part of our nativity celebrations in person this year.

Talking of Advent, we have a special day planned on Tuesday 16th November, with a 'live' travelling nativity visiting St Charles from Wintershall. The children will take part in a workshop with animals and actors present, bringing to life the story of the nativity. The day will be funded by the governors fund and it should be a memorable day.

Volunteers needed

We would like to update our school library this year but as you can appreciate this will be a big job. We are therefore looking for volunteers who may be willing to give some time to this project which will ultimately benefit the children. If you are able to help please contact Mrs Flower at year2@stcharlesb.surrey.sch.uk

Primary School Applications

The closing date for state primary school applications for September 2022 is January 15th 2022 but the expectation is that applications will be made online and well in advance of the deadline. If applying to a Catholic school, a supplementary form will be required to indicate that you are a Catholic family.

School Attendance

This is a reminder that If you take your child(ren) out of school without authority, you may 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.

Feast of St Charles Borromeo

We have celebrated the Feast of St Charles Borromeo today. If you haven't already done so, please make a donation on SCOPAY which will go to one of our school's designated charities.



Due to limited capacity, only the school children and staff can attend Mass. However, as soon as we are able to have parents attend, we will of course let you know! For those of you that are not aware, St Charles Borromeo is the Patron Saint of many things, but in particular patron of our seminarians, so we will pray for our future priests on this day.

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

4th Nov	-	St Charles Feast Day Mass
16th Nov	-	The Travelling Crib visit
17th Nov	-	Yr3 to Brooklands Museum
29th Nov	-	INSET DAY
30th Nov	-	Great Fire of London Theatre
2nd Dec	-	Last Swimming for Year 4
3rd Dec	-	Advent Reconciliation 9:30am
12th Dec	-	Christmas Market
15th Dec	-	Catenians Choir
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
22nd Mar	-	School council to Parliament

24th Mar	-	Lent Reconciliation 9:30am Yr4
25th Mar	-	Mothers Day Mass Yr2 9:30am
29th Mar	-	School Photos
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
6th—8th Jun	-	Year 6 Residential to Bowles
8th July	-	INSET Day
21st July	-	Leavers Assembly and Mass
22nd July	-	End of academic year



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

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.

Reading Help Suggestions

Research shows that getting children reading at home can increase their ability to read at school – and improve their well-being overall. Parents and carers like you can make a big difference.

Benefits of Reading:

Reading can give children a break from technology-centered activities. It can help them to relax and unwind; simply, reading a book can make children laugh and feel happier! Through hearing stories, children are also exposed to a rich and wide vocabulary. It is important to establish a regular reading routine, e.g. just before bedtime is a great time, as a nightly reading routine is associated with improved sleep in children.

Top Tips:

Read with and not to your child. It doesn't matter how long you set aside to read – just 10 minutes of quality reading time can make a big difference.

Here are a few concrete reading tips:

- Ask children lots of questions while reading.
- Use encouragement and praise to keep children engaged. Saying things like “what fantastic ideas” or “you thought so carefully about that, what might happen now?” will keep their minds working.
- Use their past experiences to talk about what's being read. Things like “have you learnt about...at school?” or “do you remember when we watched...and found out about...” are good conversation starters.
- Tune-in and listen to children, and be curious about their interests. “I didn't know you knew so much about...” or “I love reading stories about...with you,” are good phrases to keep in mind.
- Look up read-aloud YouTube videos featuring authors, teachers or librarians reading their favourite stories. This way, children can watch and listen as many times as they like.

Before reading

Parents can take turns with their children to predict what the story is about – or what will happen next. Here is an activity you could try:

“Start with the cover of the book and the blurb on the back cover. Reveal the cover slowly to ask the child what they can see. Ask them to guess what is on the cover. Once they have seen the cover, ask them questions about the images on the cover – who, what, why, where and how?”

While reading

Focus on your children's reading comprehension by using strategies like prediction, questioning, clarifying, and summarising. E.G:

- Check ideas and understanding as the child is reading: ‘So, you think that...’ ‘Did you expect...to happen?’ ‘Why do you think that happened?’
- Use the pictures in the book to help with comprehension.
- Describe what is happening and talk about the characters.

After reading

Don't forget: you can continue to explore the book's topic once reading time is done!

- Organise a puppet show for family members and siblings after making puppets of the characters in the book.
- Have children draw a picture of their favourite character or from their favourite page in the story.
- Encouraging children to express their opinion on the book.

“You can find magic wherever you look! Sit back and relax all you need is a book!” – Dr Seuss, The Cat in the Hat.

Further information on reading can be found on our school website including links to websites to help you choose suitable books for your child. <https://www.stcharlesb.surrey.sch.uk/page/?title=Reading+%>