



December 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.

A Challenging Time

Once again, we have had a challenging few weeks in school due to the number of positive cases amongst our community. Everyone is doing all that they can to try and keep the continuity and routine for the children. We have implemented our contingency plans resulting in very little contact between year groups and we have sadly had to cancel a number of events too. It will mean another disrupted Advent period for the children, coupled with the difficult decision to cancel public events. Please see the update shared in this newsletter that was emailed to you on 30th November.

Value of the Month

This month's value is Love and Humility, reminding us that God showed his love for us by sending Jesus to us. We also remember at this time, the love we can share over Advent and Christmas.

In November, we focussed on the value of unity with so many of you donating so generously to the poppy appeal. Please join us by rewarding the children for displaying any of our core values.

Christmas Public Events

As you will be aware, we have been dealing with an exceptionally high number of positive Covid test results over the past week in particular of children, staff and parents. It will therefore come as little surprise that we have made the disappointing and difficult decision to cancel all school public events over the next couple of weeks, including the attendance of nativity plays, carol concert and Christmas Market. This decision is pretty much beyond our control and in light of recent government announcements and with the Christmas holidays fast approaching, we want to try to ensure that everyone can spend precious time with family and friends this Christmas.

I know that this is yet another disappointment for the children, for us as staff and for you as parents, but it is the right decision in light of the situation the school finds itself in. We will do as much as we can to ensure that the children celebrate, enjoy and understand this important Advent period, irrespective of the challenges we are currently facing.

On yet another occasion this year, thank you for your support and understanding with this matter.

Masses

School Mass is still due to take place but in class bubbles and with no singing.

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 contact Anne Halliday (Xavier Safeguarding Lead) at a.halliday@xaviercet.org.uk or 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.

Children in Need

Thank you for your amazing support for Children in Need, we raised £734. Well done to the school council for organising and well done to Eva who was a very good Headteacher for the morning, leading the whole school assembly with confidence.



Elmbridge Museum Workshop

Thank you to Elmbridge Museum who led an informative workshop on World War 1 for some of our older pupils. Workshops like these will always ensure that the children truly understand the need for Remembrance Day, which was, as always, so well observed by the pupils during their 2 minute silence.



Feast of St Charles Borromeo

Thank you to the children for their support and for celebrating our Feast Day in prayer at our special Mass. As we do every year, we also received a lovely card from Bishop Richard wishing us a Happy Feast Day. Just short of £200 was raised for one of our nominated school charities.



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

Sports Update

Sadly, we have had to cancel a number of sports events recently, but a few events did take place in November.

Year 5/6 Cross Country Relay Event

Our school cross country teams had a really enjoyable afternoon at Notre Dame school with excellent performances taking place from our Year 5 and 6 teams. Special mention to Eva, Dominic, Poppy and Henry who recorded some of the fastest individual times of the afternoon. In addition, a special mention to Matilda, Charlie and Ivo (Year 4), who made up the numbers at short notice. We aim to have more events coming up next term, with a view to getting more of our Year 3 and 4 children involved. At present I have nearly 50 Key Stage 2 children running on a Friday lunchtime, which is great to see.



Year 6 District Football Tournament

Well done to our Year 6 football squad who performed really well at the annual district tournament. Well done to Sam and Jack who were drafted in at very short notice and performed really well as Year 5 representatives. We won one game, drew

one and lost two narrowly by a single goal, one which was to Cleves. The boys played with grace, good sporting behaviour and gave 100% throughout.



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.

Thank you to Cllr Tim Oliver

Our wrap around care provision is proving very popular and our initiative has been very well supported behind the scenes by our staff and governors. In addition to this I would like to say a big thank you to Cllr Tim Oliver who recently agreed to help towards the cost of the internal storage cupboards for after-school club equipment, which was supported by County Councillor Tim Oliver's Members' Community Allocation Funding.

A Magical Day

Thank you to the Governors who approved the use of the governors' development fund to pay for an amazing Travelling Crib Workshop on Tuesday 16th November. Actors and animals from Wintershall, including Sam the donkey, helped the children to understand what Advent is all about. If any families are interested there are tickets still available at Wintershall for a live performance of The Nativity Journey at <https://www.wintershall.org.uk/our-events>



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. Please note that this does not apply to funerals, medical appointments etc.

Safeguarding Training

If you intend to volunteer in school, you must complete the virtual safeguarding training which is run by the XCET MAT. The next available training date is **Wednesday 8th December at 10am**. You will need to email a.halliday@xaviercet.org.uk to secure a slot.

Christmas Food for those in need—Foodbank Donations

A reminder that we are collecting for the Runnymede Foodbank on **Monday 6th December** by donating special Christmas items to bring a bit of extra special cheer to those in need. Suggested donations:

Nursery : Cranberry sauce and stuffing
Reception : Boxes of Christmas chocolates
Year 1 : Christmas selection boxes
Year 2 : Christmas cakes
Year 3 : Boxes of Christmas Chocolates
Year 4 : Boxes of Christmas biscuits
Year 5 : Christmas puddings
Year 6 : Christmas Crackers (the type that go bang!)

Thank you in advance for your generosity - you will and have made a difference, thank you!

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

3rd Dec	-	Advent Reconciliation 9:30am
12th Dec	-	CANCELLED Christmas Market
13th Dec	-	KS1 Christmas Craft Day
13th Dec	-	Secret Santa
14th Dec	-	KS2 Christmas Craft Day
15th Dec	-	CANCELLED Catenians Choir
15th Dec	-	Christmas Lunch Day
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
7th Feb	-	District Sports
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 2022-2023

AUTUMN TERM 2022

Term starts	Monday 5th September 2022
Half term	Monday 24th to Friday 28th October 2022
Term ends	Wednesday 21st December 2022

SPRING TERM 2023

Term starts	Monday 9th January 2023
Half term	Monday 13th to Friday 17th February 2023
Term ends	Friday 31st March 2023

SUMMER TERM 2023

Term starts	Monday 17th April 2023
Half term	Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2023
Term ends	Friday 21st July 2023
Bank Holidays	Monday 1st May 2023

INSET DAYS

5 September 22
7 October 22
28 November 22
15 March 23
7 July 23
+1 TBC

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 should 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.

Raising awareness of the signs and symptoms of neglect

According to [the NSPCC](#), 1 in 10 children in the UK have experienced neglect.

The [Surrey Safeguarding Children Partnership](#)* and the NSPCC are working in partnership with the whole Surrey community to raise awareness of the signs and symptoms of child neglect.

*The Surrey Safeguarding Children Partnership is made up of three statutory Safeguarding Partners in Surrey; Surrey County Council, Surrey Police, and Surrey Heartlands Clinical Commissioning Group - who form the Executive Group for the Partnership.



The signs of neglect

The signs of neglect are often hard to spot, as neglect can appear in many different ways. There are six types of neglect which are described as:

Medical neglect

A child's health needs are not met, or the child is not provided with appropriate medical treatment when needed as a result of illness or accident.

Nutritional neglect

A child is given insufficient calories to meet their physical / developmental needs; this is sometimes associated with 'failure to thrive', though failure to thrive can occur for reasons other than neglect. A child may be given food of insufficient nutritional value (e.g. crisps, biscuits and sugary snacks in place of balanced meals); childhood obesity as a result of an unhealthy diet and lack of exercise has more recently been considered a form of neglect, given its serious long-term consequences.

Emotional neglect

This involves a carer being unresponsive to a child's basic emotional needs, including failing to interact or provide affection, and failing to develop a child's self-esteem and sense of identity.

Educational neglect

A child does not receive appropriate learning experiences; they may be unstimulated, denied appropriate experiences to enhance their development and / or experience a lack of interest in their achievements. This may also include carers failing to comply with state requirements regarding school attendance and failing to respond to any special educational needs.

Physical neglect

A child has inadequate or inappropriate clothing (e.g. for the weather conditions), they experience poor levels of hygiene and cleanliness in their living conditions, or experience poor physical care despite the availability of sufficient resources. A child may also be abandoned or excluded from home.

Neglect through lack of supervision and guidance

A child may be exposed to hazards and risks, parents or caregivers are inattentive to avoidable dangers, the child is left with inappropriate caregivers, and/ or experiences a lack of appropriate supervision and guidance. It can include failing to provide appropriate boundaries for young people about behaviours such as under-age sex and alcohol use.

We can all do our part to keep children safe from neglect by making ourselves and our colleagues aware of the signs of neglect.

What to do if you think a child is suffering from neglect

If you have concerns about a child in Surrey who could be suffering from any of these types of neglect, call [Surrey's Children's Single Point of Access](#) on 0300 470 9100 or call 999 in an emergency.

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