



February Newsletter 2022

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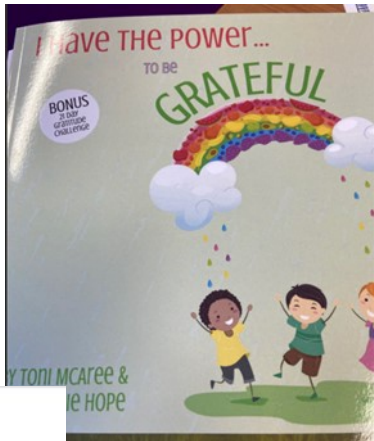
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This newsletter is sent via email only, so please ensure that we have your correct details. This saves on paper and administration. However, if you would like to have a paper copy, please let the office know and we will ensure that you receive one. 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.

Blue Monday

Linked with the theme of hope, we teamed up with The Beelieve Foundation to try and bring some hope and happiness to others on the infamous 'Blue Monday' in January which falls on the third Monday in January. The third Monday is often referred to as 'Blue Monday'



Look at these marvellous Blue Monday cards what residents have received today morning from St Charles Borromeo Catholic Primary School and Nursery. Residents are extremely grateful and they wish they could thank the children in person in the near future. #fulfillinglives #careuk #bluemonday



due to the impact that the cold weather, post-Christmas lull and long nights can have on our mood. We focussed on gratitude and appreciation and the children made cards, drawings and poems to bring hope and to spread some happiness. As you can see from the photo from Norfolk care home, our Nursery children as an example, brought a great deal of hope to others.

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 team.

Nursery Applications for September 2022

Applications for Nursery September 2022 are currently being accepted. We will continue to provide a true pre-school experience. All children will be entitled to 15 hours free pre-school education and some may even be entitled to 30 hours. Application form, nursery policy and terms and conditions can be found on our school website or paper copies can be obtained via the school office. So, if your child will be 3 years old by next September, please consider applying. Please note the first round of applications for September 2022 close on 11th February 2022.

Value of the Month

This month's value is Trust- meaning you are there for me and I am there for you. We often remind the children of the importance of being trusted, gaining trust and being responsible.

Last month's value was Hope- reminding the children we can achieve our goals, whatever they may be. I often share with the children inspiring role models and last month in assembly, we talked about Tony Bowman who is one of the fastest over 80 year old athletes in the world; he is currently 86 years old and even does the high hurdles! Please join us by rewarding the children for displaying any of our core values.

Year 2 Mothers' Day Mass

We hope that our Year 2 Mothers' Day classroom Mass will take place on Friday 25th March at 9.30am. Please put the date in your diary. If you are not able to attend, a grandmother, auntie or female family member/friend may wish to join us in your absence. More details to follow at a later date.

Star Gazing Workshop

Unfortunately, it was not a clear night and therefore the workshop did not include star gazing but a great time was had by all that attended. The Star Gazing Workshop organised by Mrs Hennessy was a great success. Mr Holloway who led the session was a wealth of knowledge and we will be repeating the workshop for those on the waiting list on February 8th. Apologies to those who could not secure a place, all places got snapped up in less than a minute on SCOPAY, it 'sold out' quicker than Glastonbury!



Day of Hope

Our Day of Hope (Friday 11th February), will look a little different this year as we focus our attention to our revamping of our school library. We will be asking for families to donate a book from a carefully selected book list, with many of the books focussing on equality and diversity. The intention being that by raising awareness of diversity through education, we will bring some hope that our world will be a better place in the future. If you cannot buy a book a smaller donation can be made through SCOPAY. The children can wear MUFTI on Friday 11th February. More details to follow.

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

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.

Internet Safety Day with Sharon Girling OBE 26th January

The children had a really productive day with Sharon Girling OBE regarding how to stay safe online. Sharon was really impressed with the engagement of the children and their questions. We also received some additional staff training and I hope the 40 or so parents who attended the evening session found it useful too. With this newsletter we have attached some handy safety setting tips that were shared at the workshop. We cannot underestimate the importance of staying safe online, should you ever have any worries or concerns in this regard please speak to me in confidence or email through the DSL link at the beginning of this newsletter.



Lost Property

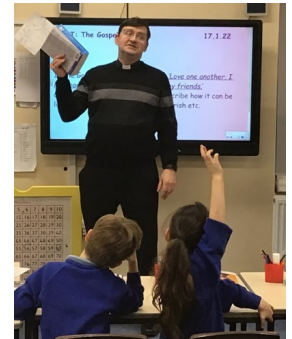
The lost property box has been reinstated and can be found by the corridor to Year 5. Please ensure your child's property is labelled as it is so much easier to return to the right person if their name is on it.

Parents Afternoon

Meeting slots will be allocated for Tuesday 8th February and Thursday 10th February. It may be a timely reminder to be online a good 5 minutes before your allocated slot as everything is automated and the system cuts off the meeting at the allocated time automatically. However, please remember that staff will always attempt to make themselves available to talk with you about your child should there ever be something that you need to discuss.

Thank you Fr Con

We are really fortunate to have such a supportive Parish priest and parish community. This month Father Con and Dan Lally (a seminarian) has spoken to a number of classes about their RE topic, for example Year 2 with Holy books and Reception with celebrations.



Road Safety Awareness

Well done to Year 4 for taking part in their bikeability sessions highlighting bicycle safety. In addition, Year 3 and 4 were treated to a heavy duty vehicle road safety talk from Weybridge Skip Hire, who brought a huge lorry to school, highlighting driver 'blindspots' as an example of the need to be careful when close to vehicles.



Covid Update

A reminder that the period of isolation after a positive Covid test is now 5 days. If there is a negative LFT on day 5 and day 6, your child can return to school on day 6.

Never Such Innocence Workshop

We were delighted to welcome a resident poet, Clive, to St Charles who helped our Year 5 and 6 pupils explore the topic of conflict. The children will produce their own poems which will then be entered into an international competition run by the Charity, Never Such Innocence.



Deputy Headship Vacancy

We are currently shortlisting for a replacement for Mrs Flower who will be moving onto her headship at St Josephs, Kingston, after Easter. Once we have confirmation as to who will replace her, we will be in a better position to know what our options are for after Easter with regards to covering Year 2 for the final term.

Linked to the above, we aim to have a **farewell Mass and presentations for Mrs Flower on Thursday 31st March in the afternoon.** By this time we hope that members of the school community will be able to join us.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

7th Feb	-	Indoor Athletics at Xcel
8th Feb	-	Diversify Workshop
11th Feb	-	Mufti Day of Hope
11th Feb	-	Juniper Hall Yr 4
14th—18th Feb	-	Half Term SCHOOL CLOSED
2nd Mar	-	Ash Wednesday Mass 10am
7th Mar	-	Year 6 Screening
8th Mar	-	Kew Gardens Yr 5
11th Mar	-	Year 3 Mini Olympics at Cleves
15th Mar	-	Working Scientifically Day
15th Mar	-	School Disco PROVISIONAL
16th Mar	-	INSET DAY
18th Mar	-	Year 2 Mini Olympics at Cleves
22nd Mar	-	School Council to Parliament
24th Mar	-	Lent Reconciliation 9:30am Yr4
25th Mar	-	Mothers Day Mass Yr2 9:30am

28th Mar	-	Cross Country event at St Georges 3pm
29th Mar	-	School Photos
31st Mar	-	Last Swimming for Year 5
31st Mar	-	End of Term Mass pm
1st April	-	End of Term (No PM nursery)
19th April	-	Summer Term starts
21st April	-	Swimming begins Year 3
20th—22nd April	-	Bikeability Yr5
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
26 May 23 TBC
7 July 23

Covid Update

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding with regards to our attempts to keep the disruption of COVID to a minimum. At all times we have tried to take the approach that being careful ensures that as many staff and children can remain in school, although we appreciate we cannot have restrictions in place for ever. Assuming numbers fall, we aim to return to having school based Masses with parents welcome as well as returning to larger gatherings.

On Thursday 27th January, 'Plan B' restrictions were lifted by the government and therefore, unless there is an outbreak in school, masks will no longer be needed in the playground. This of course remains a personal preference and many of you may choose to continue to wear a mask as will be the case in school. However, I would like to remind all parents that at no stage have masks been a requirement for Primary aged pupils, although for some of you, it has been your preference for your child to wear one. Please do continue to take Lateral flow tests and be vigilant/responsible in taking the correct action if any of your family presents with symptoms.

Beelieve Charity Ball

Bee-lieve Foundation trustees would like to invite you all to the first ever Bee-lieve Charity Ball to be held at St George's College, Weybridge on Saturday 30th April. Tickets can be bought individually or, alternatively, why not book a whole table for 10 and come along with a group of friends. All money raised will go towards the Bee-lieve mission to support the most vulnerable young people in need of help with mental health & emotional wellbeing problems.

Contact details for ticket requests or any queries are: **beelievefoundation@gmail.com**

Tickets can be purchased by using the link below. Please ensure you tick the Gift Aid box when booking as this secures an additional 25% donation for the charity with no cost to yourself. Alternatively, please contact them on the gmail address if you wish to purchase via BACS or cash. <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/19475>