

December 2020 Nursery Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your continued efforts at drop off and pick up times. All adults are advised to wear face coverings during these times and should be keeping a 2-metre distance from others. Information about wearing masks can be found on our school App and school website.

Evaluation

During this pandemic, our aim was to ensure that all children and their families were safe at St Charles' ELCC. To allow us to continue to make changes to our practice, I would be grateful if you could complete the attached evaluation. Our children and parents play a very important part in all children's learning and value your feedback.

Start and Stop times

The new start and stop times are working well. Details for each groups' start and stop time have been posted on seesaw. Any problems/issues with new times please speak to Patricia or Shameela at the door. Thank you for your co-operation!

Parent Hub

Do you have spare time and would like to be involved!

The next meeting takes place virtually (SKYPE) on Wednesday 9th December 2020 at 6:30pm. The Parent Hub are always looking for new members and fresh fundraising ideas. All welcome! If you require any further information, please contact the school office.

Personal belongings & Outdoor Learning

Children are experiencing both indoor & outdoors learning opportunities each day in nursery. We are aware that the weather is changing, getting colder and wetter. I would ask that all children come fully prepared to be outside in **all weathers** and that the children wear comfortable/suitable clothing, as well as, a change of clothing in the event of an accident. We ask that your child brings a suitable outdoor jacket & welly boots and wear possible waterproof outdoor clothing. Children should bring their wellies in a bag, large enough for the wellies to fit inside & zipped and must be taken home at the end of each day and washed down. We appreciate all your hard work and efforts to have these cleaned daily to allow your child experience learning opportunities indoors and outdoors. It is essential that all clothing & footwear have your child's name clearly marked on them so they can be identified.

Information Updates

We are keen for all parents to download our school APP which is suitable for apple & android phones. We regularly share information via the APP. Please search for **School App for Parents** in the Google Play or Apple App Store. When you have downloaded the app please search for our school name to see our dates, news & receive messages. Please also follow the school TWITTER page @stcharlespais for regular updates

Parent pay

Parent pay has been set up to allow your child to purchase school meals if you choose to do so. There is an opportunity to make a voluntary contribution to school funds also and this can be done by selecting the pay other items drop box. This money goes towards snacks etc.

Fundraising event

Our Christmas Jingle walk will take place on Wednesday 9th December 2020. The children and staff will walk around the school grounds with their musical instruments and playing Christmas music and spreading their Christmas cheer. Sponsor forms have been distributed, if you don't have one please ask! Children can wear something Christmassy, red or sparkly. All monies returned must be in a sealed envelope.

Christmas cards

Parent Hub fundraising - The children have designed their own Christmas cards and have had them printed. These cards are on sale at £ 3.00 per pack of 10 or £ 5.00 per family. Monies to be sent into the school in a sealed envelope with the children's name clearly written on it. Due to the current restrictions, it is advised that children do not send in Christmas cards to give to others. This will help to minimise the spread of infection.

Christmas parties

Our Christmas parties will take place on Wednesday 16th December 2020. The children can wear their party clothes.

Nativity

Usually at this time of year we would be opening our doors and raising the curtains to watch the children perform on stage. The children have been learning about the Christmas story and will perform their very own version of the Christmas story. This will be recorded and sent to all parents for you to watch at the comfort of your own home.

Pantomime

The children will be attending a virtual pantomime – Jack in the Beanstalk on Wednesday 16th December.

Christmas hamper donations

If your child would like to take part in Crazy hair/ Christmas jumper days, these will take place on Friday 4th December and Friday 11th December 2020. A hamper donation would be greatly appreciated!

Christmas holidays

School and Nursery closes on 18th December 2020 at 2:30pm. Doors will be open from 2:15pm to allow for staggered pick ups to keep in line with social distancing.

On behalf of the staff of St Charles' Primary School & Nursery I would like to wish you and your family a happy & peaceful Christmas and a prosperous year!

Yours Sincerely

Pauline Kelly (ADHT)



Dates for your diary

- 01.12.20 New start and stop times begin
- 09.12.20 Christmas Jingle walk – something red, Sparkly or Christmassy
- 09.12.20 Parent Hub meeting at 6:30 – All welcome
- 16.12.20 Christmas parties – party clothes can be worn
- 16.12.20 Christmas pantomime (virtual)
- 18.12.20 School and Nursery closes at 2.30pm for holiday
- 06.01.21 School and Nursery