

Newsletter

January 2016



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Dates for Your Diary

Mon 11 Jan - Junior Choir and Gymnastics starts
Tues 12 Jan- Girls' football starts Y5/Y6
Wed 13 Jan- Band Starts
Thur 14 Jan-Multisports starts Y2
w/c 25 Jan - Creative Week - World Religions
25 Jan- PTFA meeting in school 6.30pm
Tues 2 Feb-Assessment update for parents 6.30pm
w/c 8 Feb-eSafety Week
Tues 9 Feb-Safer Internet Day
Fri 12 Feb-School closes 3.30pm
Family Masses
Saturday 6 Feb at 5.45pm
Wednesday 10 Feb at 2pm - Ash Wednesday Mass

Our Food Bank- Tel 07594 478093. E-mail: ourfoodbank@gmail.com

To help local people who are in need. Tins and packets are particularly welcome and donations go to local families. Thank you.

ENTERPRISE FOR CAFOD

Our first enterprise project was a great success with every class designing and making a product to sell at the Christmas Fair in aid of CAFOD. The children were determined to make as much money as possible having seen the variety of ways they could help children in developing countries. We debated if a flock of chickens for a village was more value than teaching children to read or providing football clubs for HIV orphans. Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, we can choose a number of initiatives with a total of £452.65 raised! Although these projects are small, the aim is they are sustainable and will spread. CAFOD itself was started in 1960 around the kitchen table of the mother of Mrs Troughton's head teacher. Now it helps millions of people all over the world. We will be creating more sustainability projects later in the spring so watch this space!



THANK YOU!

Year 4 making salt dough Christmas decorations.

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On Wednesday 6th January, Year 5 and 6 had an excellent time watching a performance of 'Inkheart' at the Home Theatre in Manchester. The play, based on Cornelia Funke's novel of the same name, follows the story of Meggie and her father, Mo, who has the ability to bring books to life by reading them aloud. We were all astounded by the quality of acting, the dramatic special effects and the exciting twist in the plot, not to mention a few moments of comedy along the way! Thank you to everyone who helped to make the trip a



NEWS FROM THE OFFICE-

~Recorders are available to purchase from the office at a cost of £6.00. There has been a price increase from the supplier, but no profit is made by school.

~ Snack and milk lists have been finalised. If you have not already paid for this and wish your child to receive fruit and milk, please contact the office.

~ We welcome to our Staff team Mrs Winstanley (part time teacher) and Mrs Mulcock who is a teacher covering Year 6. Also three Year 10 students on Work Experience - Saffron Fenton, Isabel Frankland and Elizabeth Holden.

~There are a few items of lost property in the office. Are you are missing something? Please ask at the office.

OPEN EVENING FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS - 7 January 2016

Congratulations to Year 6 children who lead the recent Open Evening for our prospective parents. They spoke with such confidence and delighted everyone with their music, singing, gymnastics and dancing.

Applications for a school place should be made on the website by 15 January 2016

www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

Christmas Festivities Corner



Santa Fun Run ~
30 children from years 3-6 “jingled” their way round Rishton on our annual Christmas Jumper/ Santa hat fun run! Great fun was had by all!



SANTA'S ELVES GIVE OUT GIFTS TO THE CHILDREN

NEWS FROM MISS GAVIN

We are setting the new year off to a healthy start with myself and Mr Gavin doing a variety of lunchtime and afterschool clubs for children in all year groups. (Details on the Website). Year 3 and 4 children will be taking to the streets of Rishton for this half terms running club.

DO YOU WANT TO TAKE PART IN THE BLACKBURN ROAD RUNNERS 2K RUN?

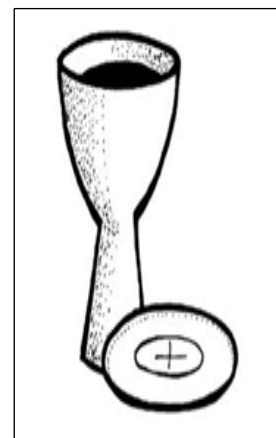


Last year on a foggy Sunday morning 56 little red jumpers took to Witton Park for the 2K run. Can we make it 70 this year? Forms have been sent home along with the flyer. Please return the form along with the £2 entry money. A letter will be sent home nearer the date with meeting points etc.

Holy Communion Candidates:

Family Mass on Saturday 9th January, 6th February and 12th March, 5.45pm

Please remember your attendance card for signing.



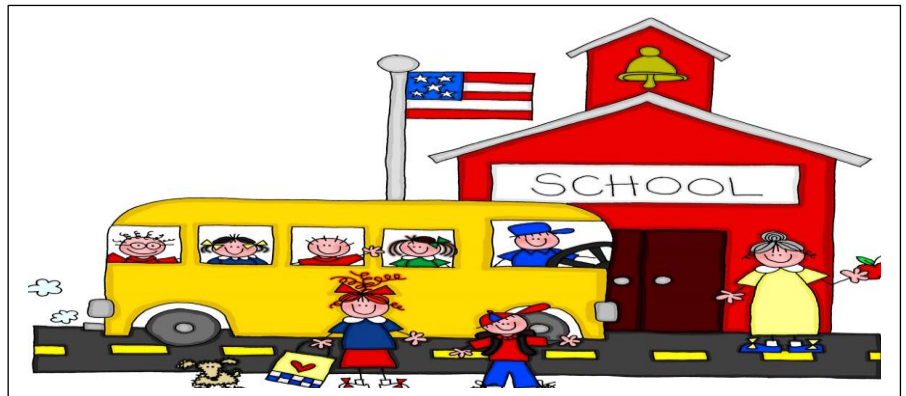
ATTENDANCE MATTERS

We are aware that some parents have recently queried the way in which we calculate children's attendance. We follow the government's guidance of best practice which is that if a child is in school they are marked as present and if they are not in school they are marked as absent. Medical appointments are classed as authorised absence when the appointment details are presented to the school office but this is still an absence and therefore children who are not present for registration at either 8.55am or 1.15pm are classed as absent. We are following the government directive in this.

Also, from November 2015, the rules about absence from school have changed. Ten unauthorised absences in one term (or 14 unauthorised absences over two consecutive terms) will result in Lancashire County Council issuing a £120 penalty notice (fine) to each parent for each child. This means that a family with three children who take a holiday of a week during term time will receive penalty notices of £720. Unauthorised absences include being late after the register has closed (ten minutes after the register is taken) or taking a holiday in term time. Head teachers are no longer allowed to authorise holidays in term time so ten sessions (one week) missed for a holiday will always attract a penalty notice.

I realise that there are many parents who struggle to take their children away during the school holidays for various reasons. At St Charles, our holiday pattern includes an extended half term break in October which benefits our children greatly as the 16 weeks from the start of the Autumn term to the Christmas break is the longest in the academic year. We work closely with St Augustine's to mirror their holiday pattern as we know this is important for many of our families. However, we are not able to make any concessions to families who are unable to comply with our school holiday pattern - it is important to check the exact dates before booking a holiday. The government guidance is clear - making sure that your child is in school every day to learn is far more important than anything else.

Vivien Baker
Headteacher



After School Club



Holiday Club is running
w/c 15 February 2016

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SPORTS HOODIES -



**DUE TO THE POPULARITY
OF THE SPORTS HOODIES,
MISS GAVIN IS GOING TO
ORDER SOME MORE. A
LETTER WILL BE ISSUED
THIS WEEK.**

Next edition – February 10th 2016