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Dear Parents,

It may have only been a 4 day week but we have been very busy at St Charles: Class 1 had a real baby join them for their Baptism lesson, Class 5 had Sharna Jackson, the author of their whole class read book, reply to their tweet and we have all been learning about anti-bullying and how we can follow this year's theme 'Reach Out.' We wore odd socks today to celebrate how we are all different and we marked Vegan Day by trying vegan hot school dinners and taste testing sessions in our classes to see if we could tell the difference between vegan and non-vegan foods.

Christmas Arrangements at St Charles this year

This year Class 1 and Class 2 are joining together to perform their Christmas Nativity play, their performances are Tuesday 6th at 2pm and Wednesday 7th December at 9:15am – each child can have a maximum of 2 members in the audience at each performance please.

Key Stage 2 (Class 3, 4, and 5) are hosting a Christmas Sing-a-long on Friday 9th December at 9:15am and 2pm – unfortunately due to there being more children in Key Stage 2 we will have to limit the places to 2 per child across both performances. This is due to the maximum amount of people we can accommodate in our school hall. Refreshments will be available at all performances.

Friends of St Charles

On Thursday 24th November at 2pm there will be a FOSC meeting to plan our Christmas fundraising events – please come along to the school hall if you can. Don't forget on Thursday 8th December it is our Christmas Fayre – there will be several stalls, the opportunity to see Santa and refreshments.

Advent Mass

On Sunday 27th November at 11am we will be joining together with the parish at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Ashby to celebrate the first Sunday Mass of Advent as a school family. Please complete the slip at the bottom of the letter to state if your child/ren will be attending Mass please. Children to wear school uniform please.

Attendance

Our highest class attendance last week was 90.87% for Class 5. This is extremely low and our whole school attendance was 88.84%. This is really concerning and research shows that anything below 89% has a **drastic** effect on academic achievement. Figures between 95 to 90% are a serious cause for concern. May we ask that you strive to get your children to school as much as possible.

EVERY DAY COUNTS

In primary school, some students **miss** on average **3 weeks** of school **per year**. That's **half a year** of school by the end of **year 6**.

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education.



Date	Event
Friday 18 th November	CMAT INSET day – School closed
Monday 21 st November	Year 3/4 dodgeball festival
Tuesday 22 nd November	Year 5/6 dodgeball festival
Thursday 24 th November	Friends of St Charles meeting at 2pm in school hall.
Friday 25 th November	Non uniform day - £1 per pupil for Christmas Fayre raffle prizes.
Sunday 27 th November	Whole School Advent Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Ashby: 11am
Thursday 1 st December	Measham Christmas Event – St Charles performance at 6:30pm
Friday 2 nd December	Menphys Choir Concert at De Montfort Hall
Tuesday 6 th December	KS1 Nativity at 2pm with refreshments by FOSC
Wednesday 7 th December	KS1 Nativity at 9:15am with refreshments by FOSC
Thursday 8 th December	Christmas Fayre 3:15pm – 5pm
Friday 9 th December	National Christmas Jumper Day *Children can bring in £1 to wear a Christmas jumper or non-uniform KS2 Christmas Sing-a-long 9:15am & 2pm with refreshments by FOSC
Monday 12 th December	School Christmas Disco by DJ Dann – details to follow.
Tuesday 13 th December	Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 14 th December	Whole school at Pantomime: Belgrade Theatre, Coventry
Friday 16 th December	Break up for Christmas (12.00pm)

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Mrs Knight
Headteacher

Advent Mass – 27th November 2022 at 11am

My child/ren _____ will / will not be attending Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 11am.

Signed: _____