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Dear Parents,

What a start to Advent at St Charles! The week began with a visit from Michael the reindeer, who even had a walk around school to meet the children! Advent prayer reflection time has started which is a lovely way to end the school day and, of course, our Key Stage 1 Nativity and Key Stage 2 Christmas Extravaganza rehearsals are in full swing!

### **Reminder: Christmas Arrangements at St Charles this year**

Class 1 and Class 2 are joining together to perform their Christmas Nativity play; their performances are on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 9am and 2pm, with refreshments – each family, like last year, 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 Extravaganza on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 9am and 2pm – unfortunately due to there being more children in Key Stage 2, like last year, we will have to limit the places to 2 per family 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.

We also have a parent hosting a pop-up shop selling novelty Christmas gifts – all monies raised will be going to the Dementia UK charity. The pop-up shop will be at all performances next week.



### **Attendance**

We have been suffering with a lot of absences over the last few weeks, if you are unsure whether your child's illness requires them to stay at home or not, please ring the school office for clarification. Remember children who are persistently absent (less than 90%), are less likely to make expected progress in their learning. Well done to Class 5 who had the highest attendance last week with 94.4%.

### **Parent Governor**

We are currently recruiting for a new parent governor, if this role interests you please contact Mrs Knight or Mr Robert Hicklin, current Chair of Governors for St Charles.

Good luck to our school choir, who with Mrs Maher and Mrs Johns, are singing at the Menphys Concert at De Montfort Hall tonight.

Kind regards,

Mrs Knight