



St Chad's Catholic School

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Weekly Newsletter

Friday 30th June 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the weeks get closer to the summer holidays, the days appear to get busier and busier with lots of activities and learning happening across the school.

On Tuesday afternoon, I met with our local councillor and Croydon's Parking enforcement team regarding the ongoing issues concerning parking in Alverston Gardens and the surrounding area. The council have plans that they will be sharing with you, in the near future, which will ensure a safer solution to this problem – one that according to our records has been going on for forty years!

Thank you to all the Year Five parents who attended the secondary school meeting on Wednesday. It was a very informative meeting and we are very grateful to St Joseph's College, St Mary's High School, Bishop Thomas Grant, Virgo Fidelis, Coloma, Thomas More and St Philomena's who all sent senior members of staff or their head teachers to meet with our parents.

Our SS Peter and Paul feast day mass, on Thursday, was beautiful and Father Emmanuel commented on how lovely it was to see the children participating so well and singing clearly. Well done everyone for this but particularly our Reception children who sat with such reverence.

Finally, on Friday afternoon, children from Years Two to Six were treated to a surprise performance of "Tom's Midnight Garden", which was a lovely end to the school week.

Joanne Hawthorne

Free summer swimming for under-16s is available at all of Croydon Council's leisure centres for the six weeks of the summer holiday. Monday 24th of July 2017- Monday 4th of September 2017

As well as free swimming there will be crash courses for those new to the water, and centres will offer a range of fun and fitness activities, including inflatable sessions in the pools, junior gyms, trampolining and water polo. Regular football and basketball sessions are also on offer.

Membership cards for the free swims are available from the centres at South Norwood, New Addington, Waddon, Thornton Heath, and Purley. To be eligible, people must either be resident in the borough or attend school here.

Parents or guardians need to complete the form and pay a small one-off £2 fee, after which members can swim for free as many times as they like.

The council's centres welcome first-timers as well as those who already make regular use of the facilities.

Free cycling course available over the summer at Regina Coeli, Croydon Arena and Woodcote schools – please see attached information sheet for details.

Due to some members of our school community moving out of London, we have some school places available for September. Please let friends, neighbours and family know if they are interested in their child coming to St Chad's. More information is available from the school office.

Manna Appeal

We regularly support the Manna Society for our Harvest Collection, however they have been in touch to say that June to September is the time when their foodstuffs are at their lowest levels. They are in need of the following items: Tins of fish, tinned meat, rice, corned beef, tinned ham, coffee, tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables, sugar, powdered milk, dilutable soft drinks. They also need toiletries including shampoo.

If you are able to contribute to the Manna Society, please leave your donation with the office and we will arrange for a collection mid-July.

Key Dates

Wednesday 5 th July	9.30am New Reception Children and Parents meeting Secondary School Induction day for some Year 6 pupils
Thursday 6 th July	Infant Catholic Schools' Sports Day at Thomas Becket Picnic at Margaret Roper with Director of Education
Friday 7 th July	Year 3 to mass at St Chad's Re-arranged Catholic Schools' Sports Day
Wednesday 12 th July	7pm Year 6 production (no younger siblings please – if there is an issue then please speak to class teachers and they can come to the dress rehearsal)
Thursday 13 th July	7pm Year 6 production (no younger siblings please – if there is an issue then please speak to class teachers and they can come to the dress rehearsal)
Friday 14 th July	Handover day – children meeting new teachers Year Six Leavers' Disco (organised by parents)
Monday 17 th July	6pm Year Six Leavers' Mass
Thursday 20 th July	2pm School Closes for the summer holiday
Friday 21 st July	INSET – school closed to pupils

Summer Holidays

Monday 4 th September	INSET – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 5 th September	School re-opens for children in Years 1 – 6

Please refer to website for full list of term dates for 2017-2018
Remember that holidays booked in term time cannot be authorised

Head Teacher Award

Class	Name	Name
St Mary	Maya	Mezuo
St Joseph	Zoe-Grace	Liam
St Peter	Viola	Adam
St Ann	Ryan Y	Mikey
St Elizabeth	Blessing	Zane
St Martha	Petronilla	Vlad
St John Paul	Ayen	Oscar
St John Bosco	Adrianna	Olayinka
St Clare	Tiannah	Rachael
St Brigid	Emilia	Tecla
St Martin de Porres		
St Mary Mackillop	Aliynah	Joel
St Joseph Cupertino	Sade	Eli
St Thomas Aquinas	Jaydyn Geraghty	Jessica
St Therese de Lisieux	Chinedum	Tyra
Coach Richard's Award	Jakob	Eden
Mrs Savage's Music Award	Brooklyn	Uriel

Summer Holiday ideas – things to do with your children

<http://www.moneysavingexpert.com/travel/school-holiday-deals>

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

The Summer Reading Challenge takes place every year during the summer holidays. You can sign up at your local library, then read six library books of your choice to complete the Challenge. There are exclusive rewards to collect along the way, and it's FREE to take part!

The Summer Reading Challenge website helps you keep track of your reading all year round: find [new books to read](#), take part in [competitions](#) and play [games](#).

