



## 'GOD WHO SPEAKS' The Year Of The Word 2020



The Gospel of Matthew presents Jesus as a teacher from God, who is the expected Messiah and who personifies wisdom and embodies goodness.

How do we make sense of something as big as the Bible? With 73 books it's no small read, without even trying to remember even a fraction of all the characters.

To help this challenge we will be looking in depth at Matthew's Gospel here in school. The children will be reading as a class over the coming weeks and they will get to learn more about this very important Gospel. The whole point of reading the Bible is to encounter God, understand how he reveals himself to us and to grow in faith. We will work together as a school community to understand the words within the Gospel of Matthew.

You can join us by sharing with your families the Official Prayer for the Year of The Word which can be found below.



We are pleased to inform you about the upcoming **Maths week** in the week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020. It will be a hugely exciting week at St Chad's with the aim to encourage a **positive attitude** towards maths, **improve confidence** and promote the value of maths as an **essential life skill** amongst all our children. Our vision is for everyone to feel positive about maths – to feel that it is something they can do and enjoy.

We look forward to your presence and support as always. This year each year group has been given a theme on which various activities have been planned during the week.

<b>EYFS</b>	<b>Code-Decode</b>	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Maths through Art</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Maths with dice</b>	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Magic Squares</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Maths with cards</b>	<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Maths with D&amp;T</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Fibonacci Sequence</b>		

Look out for workshops on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February. Please do try your best to attend. The information you will gain will help you to be able to further support your child with their school work. Thank you in advance.

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The theme of this year's Children's Mental Health Week is **Find your Brave**.

Life often throws challenges our way. Bravery isn't about coping alone or holding things in. It's about finding positive ways to deal with things that might be difficult, overcoming physical and mental challenges and looking after yourself.

As parents and carers, you play an important role in your child's mental health. Check out our free resources below.

### What's it all about?

Bravery comes in all shapes and sizes and is different for everyone. Bravery can be about sharing worries and asking for help, trying something new or pushing yourself outside your comfort zone. Finding your Brave can build your confidence, self-esteem and make you feel good about yourself. Life often throws challenges our way. Bravery isn't about coping alone or holding things in. It's about finding positive ways to deal with things that might be difficult, overcoming physical and mental challenges and looking after yourself. We all have times when we need to **Find our Brave**.

## What Can you Do?

Here are a few simple ways you can encourage your child to **FIND THEIR BRAVE**.

1. **Remind your child that bravery comes in many forms and everyone is different.**  
*What's brave for them might not feel brave to someone else.*
2. **Chat with your child about a time when you've had to FIND YOUR BRAVE.** *It might have been something big or small.*
3. **Praise your child when they FIND THEIR BRAVE.** *Maybe they've kept going at learning a new skill or tried something outside of their comfort Zone which boosted their confidence.*
4. **Point out examples of bravery in books and films to your child and talk about how trying out different ways of being brave will help them feel good.**
5. **Reassure your child that not feeling brave is OK too and that there are times when it might be**





## Daily Reading

We are having a real push with our reading this year. Reading is the most important subject in school. A child needs reading to master most of the other subjects. We would like to encourage you to ensure that your child reads daily for at least 20min in KS1 and 30min at KS2. Even those children who are confident readers need to be listened to and encouraged to read daily. It is vital for their success in school.

Please ensure that you sign your child's reading diary daily as this is an ongoing record of their reading.

Talk to your children about the books that they are reading and encourage them to use new vocabulary that they have learnt.

There are suggested reading list on our school website for Years 3-6, and Key Stage 1 and EYFS are coming soon.



## Parking



We have had a number of complaints about parents parking in front of resident's homes preventing them from being able to get out of or into their drives.

I must again ask you to be considerate of our neighbours, they too have to get to work and have children to drop off to school. Please can you ensure that you do not make it difficult for others to get in or out of their drives.

## Uniform

May I remind parents to ensure that your child comes to school wearing the correct school uniform. Over the last few weeks there have been a number of children coming in to school in the incorrect uniform. St Chad's School Winter Coat should be a **Grey Duffel Coat** with **NO FUR** around the collar. The lighter black reversible coat with the school logo on it can also be worn. If any parent is struggling with the cost of the Winter Duffel Coat, please see your child's class teacher, as we do have a number of good quality 2<sup>nd</sup> hand coats here in school.



Half term is fast approaching. Children break up on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 3pm and return on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 8:45am.



Red Disco

PTFA are organising this years Red disco -on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February. Please see the posters around the school for further details.



There are always times when we can do with a helping hand or someone to talk to, below are links to websites that can offer support for families in need.

<https://www.familylives.org.uk/>



<https://www.croydon.gov.uk/community/childcare/childcentres/best-start-childrens-centres-in-croydon>

<https://www.croydon.gov.uk/healthsocial/croydon-immigration-and-asylum-support-service-iass>



<https://www.croydon.gov.uk/community/dabuse/fjcentre>



<https://croydon.foodbank.org.uk/>