

St Chad's Catholic School



Grow in Love

Live In Peace

02nd February 2018

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We are now fast approaching the half term– doesn't time fly? I can say we have made a good start to the spring term. Children are having some great experiences. There have been a number of new after school clubs, lots of drama, sporting events, as well as the Rock steady music sessions which take place every Monday. I am so pleased that the children are taking part so enthusiastically and it is reflected in the children's work. I walk around the school all the time and behaviour for learning is very good. Behaviour is generally very good at St. Chad's, thanks to you, the parents. However, occasionally the children can forget their manners and speak to adults and/or their peers disrespectfully. People can be offended and upset by unnecessary comments and this leads to teachers spending valuable time dealing with issues that could easily be avoided. I would ask you to speak to your children about this and please remind them of the use of good manners at all times.

Reading is a key life skill, please make sure your children are reading as much as they can and don't forget to fill in their reading diary. At least 10min daily reading is what we recommend.

Likewise, getting children to recite and know their times tables is essential.

Delia Jameson

Website

Please have a look at our new updated website www.stchadsprimaryschool.com and catch up with the latest news. Can I ask that at the curriculum letters and also the RE newsletters? If you look at the Learning Resources section you will also find many sites that your child can use to help their learning from Year 6 to Nursey. Enjoy

Sickle Cell

Staff have had training regarding the needs of children with Sickle Cell. If your child has Sickle Cell and you haven't informed the school would you please do so as a matter of urgency. We do want to make the children as comfortable as possible during the school day so they are able to learn at their best.



Online safety

With the increasing use of social media on mobile phones, tablets, computers I need to ask you if you are really aware of what your children may have on their phones/computers. This is worrying for any parent. If you don't know make every effort to find out. Please check out the **Online Safety** tab on our school website for further information. Next week is Online Safety week and the children will learning lots more about keeping themselves safe online.

If you go to any O2 store and mention the NSPCC keeping children safe, they will help to ensure that your children's mobile phones have the correct security settings.

Office staff

The staff in the office do all they can to ensure that each child gets to attend the after school clubs of their choice and keep you up to date as best as they can. However, it is not always possible for every child to get every club choice all the time. We ask that you understand this and behave accordingly towards the office team. Regrettably, we have had some parents who have been rude to the office team and this is unacceptable.

Thank you to those parents who understand and accept the situation gracefully.

Year 2

This week Year 2 have been working hard being authors. The children have been retelling the story of the 'The Great Fire of London' and using new vocabulary to create their own factual accounts of the events.



Catlin, Alva and Isaac produced some wonderful work and received a Headteacher's special award.

Well done to you all!

Year 4

In year 4 we celebrated St Brigid's feast day by engaging in lots of different activities. We read and discussed stories about our class Saint, created St. Brigid crosses and even designed St. Brigid bookmarks with our own prayers.



Sports update

On Monday 29th January, St Chad's took 8 Girls to Selhurst Sports Arena for the first Palace for life Foundation Croydon U11 Girls Premier League Primary Stars football Tournament. The girls were placed in "Group A" with St James the Great, Selsdon, Monks Orchid and Downsview.

All St Chad's girls played really well as a team and worked hard together, the standard which was very high. St Chad's were very unlucky in some of the games they played. We did however manage to draw 1-1 with Selsdon.

The girls wore the school kit with pride and did the school proud. They have all been rewarded for their efforts with a free days coaching during half term by The Palace for Life Foundation Coaches.



Well done girls!