

St Chad's Catholic Primary School

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Newsletter – 14th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

This first newsletter comes with many best wishes to you all for a more promising 2022. Some things in school however won't change as we work together to preserve the wonderful gifts in Gods world whilst looking after each other as brothers and sisters in a shared community. The good Lord has sent some amazing clear blue skies to enjoy, helping to brighten our days.

We do however still need to be mindful of the continuing concerns of COVID and how it manages to infiltrate most families. The governors/ directors met with management to discuss ongoing risk assessment measures as we aim to keep the school fully functional. We will continue from last term with adults wearing face coverings and restricting adult attendance in school but will plan to keep school activities as normal as possible.

Whilst we want to protect staff from infection (supply staff are currently really hard to employ) if parents have reasons to make contact please continue to do so through the school office, we don't want to lose our communication with families. Our aim is to go ahead with Parent Consultations in February, using the same routine as last term.

Ventilation is still key so children may wear an extra layer of clothing under their school uniform if required.

May this year go well with the help of Gods blessings on us all.
Good health and good luck.

Mrs S Hulme
Executive Headteacher

The School Day

Please remember that the school gates open at 8:35am, children must be in class and ready for registration at 8:45am. Any child arriving after 8.45am will be marked in the late book.

In the afternoon the gates will open at 2:55pm for parents/carers to collect their child/ren from the school playground at their dismissal time of 3:00pm.

Please ensure that you are socially distanced from other parents and refrain from walking as a crowd.
Please ensure you are on time to collect your child/ren.

Alternative Collection Arrangements

If you have arranged an alternative adult to collect your child after school please inform the school office as early as possible to ensure that the message is passed over to the class teacher. Our preferred method of communication is a note for the class teacher on your child's arrival to school.

Speech and Language

Are you worried about your child's communication and language skills development? Particularly with the impact of lockdown there is evidence that some younger children are not developing their communication and language skills as they should. If you have pre-school children you might be interested in the following:

BBC Tiny Happy People <https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>

This programme of activities, which parents and carers can do at home, focuses on developing communication skills'



Exciting news!

St Chad's school has received the **Kind School Award**. To receive this award the whole school took part in a Kindness workshop and participated in an act of kindness for someone in the community who needed our support and kindness. The children and teachers of St Chad's then all signed the **Kind School Pledge**. This pledge demonstrates a commitment to encouraging a culture of kindness in the classroom: including both kindness to ourselves and to others.

At St Chad's we recognise that kindness doesn't happen in isolation, but ripples out of the classroom into homes, the local community and ultimately the world!

As a Kind School we believe that "Kind" is the most important thing a person can be.



Would your child like to play in their very own rock band?

Rocksteady in-school band lessons are the perfect opportunity for your child to learn new skills, develop friendships and have the time of their life.

Please copy and paste the link below into your google browser to watch this short video to see what learning in a band could do for your child's well-being:

<https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/watch-video/>

If you would like more information please email band leader Joe Michelson on Joe.Michelson@rocksteadymusicschool.com



If your child brings home another child's uniform item by mistake, please return to the class teacher the following day, a variety of uniform items have been misplaced.

Donations of second hand school uniform

Reception would be grateful for any donations of uniform your child has grown out of. We particularly need trousers of all sizes.

Thank you very much! - Reception Team

Attendance

It is vitally important that your child arrives to school on time every day.

Help us to keep above our school target of 97% in a week and win your class extra playtime if you manage 100%

Week	13/12/2021 - 17/12/2021	
Registration Group	Attendance %	Punctuality (lates) %
St Mary Nur	88.4	3.5
St Peter Rec	98.1	0.8
St Anne Rec	90.6	0
St Elizabeth Y1	95.6	0.4
St Luke Y1	89.3	0.8
St Martha Y2	97.1	0
St John Paul Y2	98.8	2.1
St Clare Y3	96.8	0.3
St Andrew Y5	91.7	0.9
St James Y5	91.7	0.4
St Martin de Porres Yr4	88.6	2.8
St Therese Y6	97.4	1.3
St Cecelia Yr6	90.8	1.3
Totals	93.8	0.9



Should your child, for any reason, not be at school we will require an explanation for the absence. **We would expect you to telephone the school on the first day of absence by 10.00 a.m. or send an email and a written note when your child returns to school.** Should an explanation not be received, the school will investigate to ensure the parent has authorised the absence.

Dates for Diary

Monday 17 th January 2022	NHS - Nasal Flu Vaccine for Reception - Year 6
Wednesday 19 th January 2022	NHS - Height & Weight Measurements - Reception Class Only
Friday 11 th February 2022	INSET Day
Monday 14 th February - Friday 18 th February 2022	HALF TERM
Friday 8 th April 2022	Last day of Spring term (children are dismissed at 2pm)
Monday 25 th April 2022	First day of Summer term
Monday 2 nd May 2022	Bank Holiday
Monday 30 th May - Friday 3 rd June 2022	HALF TERM
Friday 17 th June 2022	INSET Day
Friday 22 nd July 2022	Last day of Summer term (children are dismissed at 2pm)

Safeguarding Statement: This school takes notice of and adheres to all the national and local policies and guidance in regard to Safeguarding Children and Young People.

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