



“Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us.”

Dear Parents and Carers

John 4:12

The focus during the month of February has been how we can share our love with others. As a school, we have been putting in to practice our kindness award and learning that to love like Jesus, is to put the needs of others before our own. We have continued to share the Pope’s message of Fratelli Tutti (love for all our global brothers and sisters) and have been fundraising for others who are in need. St Andrew’s class have worked really hard to live their mission of service to others, with the children and Miss Dench working incredibly hard to make the cake sale a success. We have also participated in the Fairtrade Fortnight, making the children aware of global injustice and how they can help.

Thank you for all your prayers in support of the children and St Chad’s school.

Mrs Mitchener

EUCARIST - RELATING

(31st January-4th March)

Early Years	GATHERING - Parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist
Year 1	MEALS - Mass, Jesus’ special meal
Year 2	THANKSGIVING - Mass, a special time to thank God
Year 3	LISTENING & SHARING - Jesus gives himself to us
Year 4	GIVING & RECEIVING - Living in communion
Year 5	MEMORIAL SACRIFICE - Eucharist as the living memorial of Christ’s sacrifice
Year 6	UNITY - Eucharist enabling people to live in communion

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Look through the family photograph album to help the children remember important events and special people in their lives.

Discuss how we come together for special celebrations.

Pope Francis Prayer Request for February

Religious Sisters and Consecrated Women

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

Join Us!

If you can, please join us for Mass, every Friday mornings (9:30) at St Chad’s Church.

The parishioners have welcomed the children so enthusiastically and it would be lovely, for you to join us, whenever you can.





Over the last 2 weeks at school, we have been finding out about Fairtrade; what it means and how as a school we can try to support Fairtrade.



Mrs Gallagher

We enjoyed listening to a Fairtrade volunteer, who helped us to learn about the inequalities faced by many farmers and workers. He helped us to learn about what the Fairtrade logo means, and to understand about how we can all take actions to create a fairer future for all our global neighbours.



Our School Council children have decided to take on a project, aiming to make our school a "Fair aware" school.

Faith Leader

Year 2 have been studying the topic 'Books' in their RE lessons. As part of the topic Mathias, our Head Boy and Faith Leader, went down to Year 2 to speak to the children about the importance of the Gospels in his life and how the Bible influences him in his actions and decisions. The children were completely enthralled with what he had to say and listened beautifully.



Well done Mathias!



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.**

Year 4 Fr Ambrose Visit

Last week, Father Ambrose visited St. Chad's and spent the afternoon with the children in year 4. The children are studying the topic 'Called' in their RE lessons and they wanted to ask Fr Ambrose about his calling and vocation. Each child prepared some questions to ask Father Ambrose about his job as a priest, the work he does in St. Chad's Parish and how he serves the South Norwood Community. All children really enjoyed spending time with Father Ambrose and learnt a lot from him.

Thank you Father Ambrose!



Miss Dench

St Andrew's Class

Living their Mission



St. Andrew's Class worked very hard to organise a fantastic cake sale for the whole school to enjoy. They really enjoyed baking, decorating and selling cakes and biscuits. Thank you very much to all the staff and families who donated cakes to help this very worthy cause. Many families also donated homemade cakes and we would like to give a special thank you to Luna (Y2), Asher (Y5), Rocio (Y4), Angel (Y4) Leonard (R) and Edward (Y5). A HUGE thank you also to

Mary Jane's mum (Y4) who was extremely generous and donated over 300 doughnuts! Congratulations to Mrs Mitchener who had the winning raffle ticket and won the beautiful cake which was kindly made by Anna (Y4), Joanna (Y6) and Miss Zajac.



St. Andrew's cake sale and the mufti day was a HUGE success and the children have so far raised an amazing £804! Thank you ever so much to all who contributed towards this and a very well done to all the children in St. Andrew class. All money raised will be donated to a very special charity which is close to the hearts of everyone in St. Andrew class. The Chartwell Children's Cancer Trust is a vitally important local charity. They provide a range of support services including capital projects, equipment, training and medical staff in our local hospitals. They also fund Childhood Cancer Support Groups for children and their families who have been affected by cancer.



CAFOD Club

This term Cafod club have kicked off the year with enthusiasm and plenty of ideas for fundraising for Cafod. They were keen to get started with an idea from Year 4; making bracelets to sell to the rest of the school. They had lots of fun making bracelets and sharing ideas for other ways to fundraise for Cafod's project this term "Walk for Hunger".



The bracelets will be sold, to raise funds for the "Walk against Hunger" campaign, which aims to end malnutrition in children around the world.

RSE

Gospel Value - Love



Generosity & Magnanimity

When we share the gospel value of love with the children, we are teaching them that to love is always to think of the needs of other people, before ourselves. The gospel value of love wants to raise other people up, to delight in their successes and in their happiness.

We will be linking it with Pope Francis letter Fratelli Tutti, in which he reminds us that St Francis "calls for a love that transcends the barriers of geography and distance, and declares blessed all those who love their brother 'as much when he is far away from him as when he is with him'". We want our children to love each other, as Jesus taught us to.

Love

IS PATIENT,
LOVE IS KIND,
IT DOES NOT ENVY,
IT DOES NOT BOAST,
IT IS NOT PROUD,
IT DOES NOT DISHONOR OTHERS,
IT IS NOT SELF-SEEKING,
IT IS NOT EASILY ANGERED,
IT KEEPS NO RECORD OF WRONGS,
LOVE DOES NOT DELIGHT IN EVIL
BUT REJOICES WITH THE TRUTH.
IT ALWAYS PROTECTS,
ALWAYS TRUSTS, ALWAYS HOPES,
ALWAYS PERSEVERES.
LOVE NEVER FAILS.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-8

Parish News

First Holy Communion 2022

Just a reminder to everyone who has registered for First Holy Communion 2022, that our first Parents meeting is in St Chad's Church Hall at 7pm on Thursday 24th February. This meeting is for adults only and it is hoped that a representative from every registered family will be able to attend this important meeting, where the programme of preparation for the children will be outlined.

Classes to prepare for First Holy Communion begin on Saturday 26th February. Every registered child attending St Chad's primary school will be in our Emerald class which is from 9am-10 am each Saturday morning.

We very much look forward to meeting you and your children very soon.

God bless,

The First Holy Communion Team



St. Chad's Parish Event

PADDY-JOE EVENING

Friday 18th March 2022

7.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m.

At St. Chad's Church Hall, Burgoyne Rd,
South Norwood, SE25 6JT

Tickets £8

Food on Sale Licensed Bar

On this evening, we celebrate together the feast of St Patrick (17th March) & St Joseph (19th March) in one celebration. Featuring Irish Dance from special guests.

Tickets now on sale
Book Early & Don't Miss Out



Live Band

Grow in Love, Live in Peace