



"Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did."

Saint Maximilian Kolbe

Dear Parents and carers

October has been a wonderful month of faith at St Chad's. Our Lady, has been at the centre of our thoughts and there have been many opportunities to pray to her and ask for her intercessions. We have begun to teach the children about the principles of Catholic Social Teaching and have displayed the animal posters, we are using as a visual connection with the principles. We will continue to share the churches teachings and the principles with the children so that they will know that our faith calls us to love God and to love our neighbours in every situation, especially our sisters and brothers living in poverty. At St Chad's we seek to follow in the footsteps of Christ, and we hope to bring the justice, love and peace of God to everyone. Each month I will put one of the principles/animals on the first page of the newsletter, so that you can continue to talk to your children at home, about the importance of loving and helping all God's people.

God Bless Mrs Mitchener

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION - BELONGING

(10th October 11th November)

Early Years	WELCOME - Baptism: a welcome to God's family
Year 1	BELONGING - Baptism: an invitation to belong to God's family
Year 2	SIGNS AND SYMBOLS - Signs and symbols in Baptism
Year 3	PROMISES - Promises made at Baptism
Year 4	CALLED - Confirmation: a call to witness
Year 5	LIFE CHOICES - Marriage, commitment and service
Year 6	VOCATION AND COMMITMENT - The vocation of priesthood and religious life

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Talk to someone who has been to a Baptism and/or Confirmation about their memories of this celebration.

Pope Francis Prayer Request for October



A Church Open to Everyone

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

Catholic Social Teaching at St Chad's

At St Chad's School, we believe each person is made in the image and likeness of God and has inherent dignity. We share this belief with the children in assemblies and we fund raise to support CAFOD and other charities in working with those living in poverty to have access to food, water, housing and other basic amenities which many of us can often take for granted.

Key Statement

Each of us is made in God's image. Every person has an innate human dignity no one can take away.



Human Dignity

The Holy Rosary



The Rosary is such an important tool for prayer in our lives that the entire month of October has been dedicated to the Rosary. During this month all the children had the opportunity to say the Rosary and to be in prayer with Our Lady. Year 5 and 6 reflected on the Joyful mysteries, as they led the Rosary.



The Rosary is a magnificent and universal prayer for the needs of the Church, the nations and the entire world.

Pope John XXIII

Adoration

Year 4 have resumed their monthly Eucharistic Adoration time.

They continue to use the 'Children of the Eucharist' resources which helps to bring children into a deeper and more meaningful relationship with Jesus.

Year 3 will begin monthly Adoration in January, to support their preparation for Holy Communion.

We pray they will always encounter the love of God truly present in the Blessed Sacrament.

Thank you to Angie Henley and Pam Murtagh for supporting our children in their faith



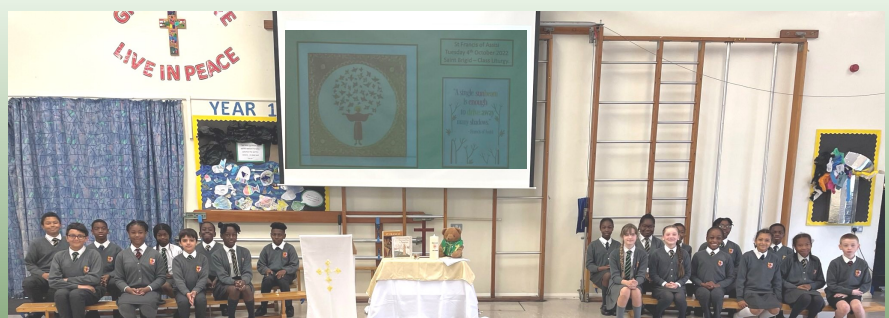
St Francis of Assisi Feast Day

St Brigid Class, led the school in celebrating the Feast day of one of our 'House' Saints. They reminded us that St Francis recognised, that to follow Our Lord, we need to care for our world and the all people in it. St Francis reminds us that we must be fair and just in our actions and that we must seek the love of God, not the love of material things and money. Year 6 reminded us that he taught :

Everything good and beautiful comes from God.



They also reminded the school, that Pope Francis (in his Encyclical Laudato Si) is like St Francis, calling us to care for our Common Home and all the people and creatures, who live in it.



New Faith Leaders

Welcome to our new Faith Leaders. These children have been chosen with the intention of giving all children the opportunity to have more say about how we gather, listen and respond to the Word of God before going forth to walk in the footsteps of Christ.

Congratulations to the following children chosen to represent each year group:



Year 1



Year 2



Year 3 and 4



Year 5

Our School Faith Leaders are role model of faith in our school, sharing their love of prayer and worship with all members of our School community.

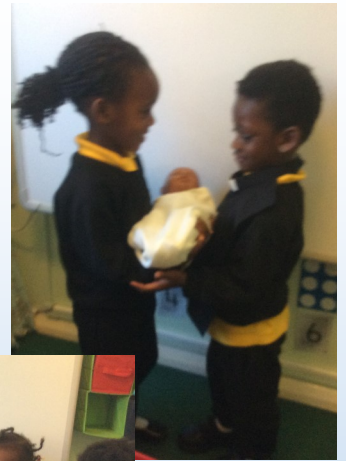


Year 6

They will be responsible for guiding and supporting children in their Collective Worship planning, supporting staff in planning and leading charitable fund raising and in being ambassadors for their faith by meeting visitors and helping with organising Mass and other Religious gatherings.

Baptism

Nursery and Early Years have been learning about how the church welcomes everyone to the family of God. This week they have been learning that everyone is invited to share in the life and work of God through Baptism. The Nursery children loved baptising the babies and welcoming them into God's special family.



Ordination

Year 6 have been studying the topic of Commitment and Vocation in their Religious Education lessons. They have looked at what qualities are required to follow a vocation and how important vocations are for the world. This week they focused on the vocation of Priesthood and what happens at an Ordination. As you can see they thoroughly enjoyed acting out an Ordination of Fr Nosa and Fr Asher. Bishop Benjamin was excellent in the role!





St Therese Feast day

Thank you to all the Year 6 parents who were able to attend the St Therese Feast day Liturgy. It was a lovely opportunity for the Year 6 children to reflect on how St Therese is an excellent role model and how like her they can strive to service God through 'little acts of kindness'.

Throughout the liturgy, all present were reminded that:

"Our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions, or even at their difficulty, as at the love with which we do them" St Therese



St John Paul II Feast Day

St John Paul Class celebrated their Class saint Feast day and were reminded that Pope John Paul II had address the young by reminding them that:

"Dear young people, like the first disciples, follow Jesus! Do not be afraid to draw near to him, to cross the threshold of his dwelling, to speak with him, face to face, as you talk with a friend". At St Chad's we all work hard to make friends with Jesus and to follow his example of how to be a good friend.



Grow in Love, Live in Peace

CAFOD Club

The children of CAFOD Club led our assembly today. We began by watching the National Harvest Assembly together and then the children of CAFOD Club led the rest of the school by explaining how St Chad's was going to participate in the 'Brighten Up' campaign.

They reminded the rest of the school that around the world, one in three people have gone hungry in the last year and that this Harvest, the children of St Chad's school are going to help to brighten up the world by fundraising for CAFOD's World Food Crisis appeal, which supports our global family.

Dress Like a Fruit or Vegetable!

To make a difference and build a brighter world, CAFOD Club are asking everyone to dress as a fruit or vegetable on Wednesday 2nd November and bring in a donation, to help all people around the world who are in need of the love and compassion of others.

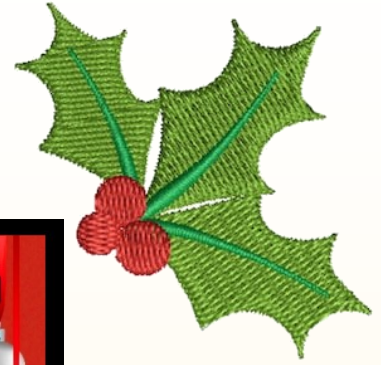


This money will be used to help CAFOD to make the global food system fairer and to support the most vulnerable around the world.



Parish News

Save the date!



ST CHAD'S SCHOOL & ST CHAD'S CHURCH

CHRISTMAS FAIR

DATE:

SUNDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2022

TIME: 12PM - 4PM

VENUE

ST CHAD'S CHURCH HALL
BURGOYNE ROAD
SOUTH NORWOOD
LONDON SE25 6JT

ENTRY FEE:

ADULTS - £1 CHILD - 50P

THERE WILL BE LOTS OF FUN, FOOD STALLS, DRINKS,
CAKE STALL, GAMES, STALLS AND MANY MORE.

CONTACT 07507772568 / 07984920601 FOR STALLS OR TO HELP.

