



St Chad's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

22nd September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Open Mornings take place soon and we are relying on everyone to spread the word about what a fantastic school St Chad's is! Please let your friends, families and communities know about the dates, which are as follows:

17th October

31st October

7th November

16th November

28th November

All of these are at 9.30am and places can be booked by phoning the office.

St Chad's SATs results are consistently amongst the highest in the borough and as you know, the community and pastoral care here is second to none. Thank you for your support!

All good wishes,

Mrs Vassallo and Staff

Exciting news!

You may be aware that Blue Peter presenter Mwaka (Mwaksy) Mudenda is a past pupil of St Chad's and she is remembered fondly by staff who worked here at that time. Mrs Mitchener has been in touch with Mwaka and the Blue Peter team and we have some very exciting news! On Monday, a crew from Blue Peter will be here at St Chad's to film with all of our Year 4 children. When Mrs Mitchener announced this in assembly this morning, Mrs Bolshaw was every bit as excited as the children!

Keep an eye on our Twitter feed for photos of the day.



Our Faith

GOSPEL (Matthew 20: 1-16)

Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Then at various times throughout the day, even right up to the eleventh hour, the landowner hired and sent more workers into his vineyard. In the evening, he said to his manager, 'Call the workers and pay everyone one denarius each.' The ones who had worked all day grumbled at the landowner, complaining that he paid the men who came last the same amount as them. The landowner said, 'My friends, I am not being unjust to you. Did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?' Thus the last will be first, and the first, last."

Pope Francis says: 'May we learn to be generous in giving; to love without limits.'

Safeguarding

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff. Should any parent have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform the school's Designated Safeguarding officer: Mrs P Mitchener.

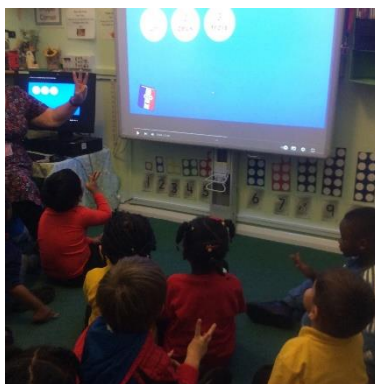
We also have three Deputy Designated Safeguarding Officers: Mrs Davern, Mrs Mooney and Mrs Vassallo. In cases where school staff have concerns, they have a statutory duty to discuss the issue with one of the Designated Safeguarding Officers to seek further advice.



Nursery at work

Here is a photo of Nursery taking part in Wednesday's French Day. We learnt to sing Frere Jacques and by watching a short video could to say numbers to 10 in both English and French.

Mrs Flavin



Meet the Teacher

Wednesday's weather was not kind to us but despite the rain, we had a large number of parents join us for the Meet the Teacher evening. We were pleased that so many of you made the effort to attend and I hope you found it useful.

Attendance

Regular attendance at school is vital so that children can progress in their learning and friendships.

If your child is unwell, please leave a message on the answer phone or email the office by **8am**. The office staff check registers and must follow up on any unexplained absences by 9.15am, so your cooperation with this is appreciated.

Routine medical and dental appointments should be scheduled for outside school time. Holidays in school time cannot be authorised.

A big 'well done' to St James for perfect attendance, and to St John Paul for best attendance in KS1. A great start- keep up the good work!

11/09/2023 - 15/09/2023		
Registration Group	Attendance %	Punctuality (lates) %
St Mary Nur	88.7	5.2
St Anne Rec	96.5	0.9
St Peter Rec	94.8	1.7
St Elizabeth Y1	90.7	0
St Martha Y2	93.3	0.7
St John Paul Y2	97.2	0.4
St John Bosco	96.3	0.9
St Martin	94.8	0.3
St Catherine	99	2.6
St Andrew Y5	94.5	2
St James Y5	100	1.5
St Therese Y6	89.1	2.3
St Brigid Y6	95.7	0.9
Totals	94.9	1.3

Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to 100%?

0 days off school	100%	Perfect!
Equates to 2 days off school each year	98%	Excellent
Equates to 13 days off school each year	93%	Good
Equates to 22 days off school each year	88%	Concerned
Equates to 32 days off school each year	83%	Very Concerned
Equates to 47+ days off school each year	75% or Below	Extremely Concerned

News from our SENCO- Mrs Cowmey

Saturday 23 September is International Day of Sign Languages which is celebrated annually across the world, along with International Week of the Deaf. The Day is a unique opportunity to support and protect the linguistic identity and cultural diversity of all deaf people and other sign language users.

Here is a video which teaches 50 simple signs.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YtAi0R83qzU>



St Elizabeth	Adhija, Jayveon
St Martha	Julia, Aaron
St John Paul	Ife, Johanan
St John Bosco	Maria, Khayson
St Catherine	Jacob, Anaiyah
St Martin	Jesse, Cressida
St James	Marlon, Amardiwa
St Andrew	Liam, Angel
St Therese	Alexander, Raphael
St Brigid	Jordan, Zephaniah

Gospel Value Compassion

St Elizabeth	Micah, Whitney
St Martha	Yaya, Simon
St John Paul	Logan, Monae
St John Bosco	Joshua L, Emmanuel
St Catherine	Zion, Lashonda
St Martin	Ameerah, Jemiah
St James	Alison, Chanelle
St Andrew	Shayden, Jessica
St Therese	Santi, Amelia
St Brigid	Paul, Maya

Yr6 trip to Dulwich College

On Tuesday and Thursday Yr6 went to Dulwich College school to further their learning about the Antarctic region and Ernest Shackleton. While there they got to see the James Caird, the lifeboat on which Shackleton and his men made their miraculous escape.



Hope

Have you been to see hope yet? She is being proudly displayed in Waterstones Croydon. If you haven't you still have time. Please take a photograph of yourself with Hope and send it into the office. We will be putting some in the upcoming newsletters.

