



St Chad's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

6th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a busy week at St Chad's!

On Wednesday, a group of Year 6 children represented us at the Faith Day at Good Shepherd Primary School. Our new Kindness Ambassadors for this year are in post and they are already on a mission to spread joy throughout our school. We are pleased to be able to offer a wide range of clubs this term and that there has been so much interest from the children.

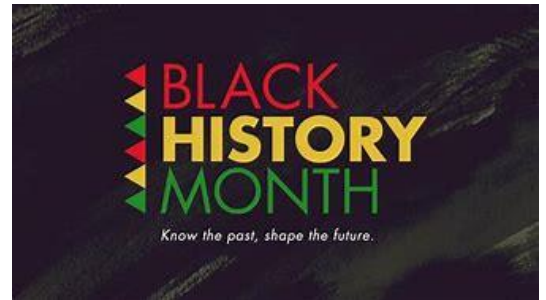
St Chad's is a school that never stands still!

Have a good weekend,

Mrs Vassallo and Staff

Black History Month

To mark Black History Month, all of the children will have an opportunity for African drumming in their music lessons in the coming weeks. Keep an eye on our Twitter feed for more news.



Thank you to our Teachers

Last week we marked National Teaching Assistants' Day and yesterday was World Teachers Day, where we celebrated the hard work and dedication of the teaching staff in our school.

The staff at St Chad's are a great group of people and they give tirelessly of their time and energy to ensure that our children have the very best. Thank you to them all.



Twitter

Have you visited our Twitter feed @StChads_Croydon? Miss Dench updates it frequently and it gives a lovely insight into day-to-day life at St Chad's. Please take a look and follow us.



Open mornings

Our Open Mornings, for next year's Reception cohort take place soon, so please spread the word.

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.

Our Faith

GOSPEL (Matthew 21: 33-43)

Jesus said, "There was once a landowner who planted a vineyard, rented it to some tenant farmers and then went off far away. When the fruit-season came, he sent servants to collect the fruit which he was owed. But the farmers seized his servants. Finally, the landowner sent his son, but they treated him like the other servants so that they could have the vineyard for themselves." Then Jesus said, "When the landowner returns to the vineyard he'll remove those tenants and give the vineyard to good tenants instead."

Pope Francis says,

"May we help people to discover the joy of Jesus' Message."

Macmillan coffee morning

Thank you for your tremendous support for last week's Macmillan Coffee Morning. Together we raised an amazing £280! Thank you for your generosity and special thanks to Mrs Davern for organising and baking for it.



Take Charge- Reducing Parental Conflict Programme

This programme is designed for parents of children with SEND. They offer a range of mentoring, activities and counselling to support parents. Please see the accompanying leaflet for more information.

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.



Home or Out Alone

As children grow older, it is natural that they will want a little more independence. We have attached a useful leaflet from the NSPCC entitled Home or Out Alone to guide you as your child takes these important steps. It covers:

- Do you think they're old enough?
- How long could they cope on their own?
- Can they deal with risks?
- Will they behave responsibly?
- Will they be safe?
- How does your child feel about this idea?

Mobile Phones

Please can I kindly remind all parents that you should **not** be on your mobile phone on the school premises. Sadly, phones have crept back in, with a number of parents on them both in the morning and afternoon on the path. To ensure that we are able to fully safeguard your child/ren, please put them away until you leave the premises.



Earrings

Please ensure that your child wears only plain gold stud earrings to school. Several children are wearing hooped earrings, which pose a health and safety risk.

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.

25/09/2023 - 29/09/2023		
Registration Group	Attendance %	Punctuality (lates) %
St Mary Nur	94.2	4.7
St Peter Rec	97.9	0
St Anne Rec	93.7	1.1
St Elizabeth Y1	90.6	0
St Martha Y2	96.3	0
St John Paul Y2	94	0
St John Bosco	96.9	0.3
St Martin	92.3	0.7
St Catherine	98.7	0
St Andrew Y5	90	0
St James Y5	100	0.5
St Therese Y6	93.3	1.9
St Brigid Y6	94.8	0
Totals	94.9	0.6

St Peter and St James are our best attenders this week- well done!

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



St Elizabeth	Britney, Kymani
St Martha	Jazelle, Wyshown
St John Paul	Hannah, Ayomide
St John Bosco	Kyle, Joshua L
St Catherine	Noah O, Anastasia
St Martin	Benjamin, Maelle
St James	Filip, Sandie
St Andrew	Ella, Latifah
St Therese	Royale, Jermaine
St Brigid	Jazz-Rae, Staas

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.



Gospel Value Justice



St Elizabeth	Chizzi, Jayveon
St Martha	Divine, Eloise
St John Paul	Taylor, Diadem
St John Bosco	Mena, Akonobea
St Catherine	Michael, Serena
St Martin	Joshua, Jason
St James	Joshua, Edward
St Andrew	Nicolle, Khadel
St Therese	Alan, Santi
St Brigid	Anna, Daniel

Another visitor!

