



# St Chad's Catholic Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

13<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents,

Our autumn Parent Consultation Evenings take place next week, and it is important that you join us to see your child's books and to discuss their learning and progress. We hope to see you there.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Vassallo and Staff

  
**SAINT CHAD'S**  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



**WELCOMING    NURTURING    INSPIRING**

St Chad's welcomes pupils of all faiths and nationalities to our secluded, spacious setting in South Norwood.

With excellent academic results, nurturing pastoral care and a full range of extra curricular activities, we welcome prospective parents to attend one of our open days for places in September 2024 (each day starts @ 9:30am).

TUESDAY 17th OCTOBER	TUESDAY 31st OCTOBER	TUESDAY 7th NOVEMBER
THURSDAY 16th NOVEMBER	TUESDAY 28th NOVEMBER	

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### Open Mornings

Our Open Mornings for next year's Reception cohort take place on these dates, all at 9.30am. We would be grateful if you could share them with friends and family:

17<sup>th</sup> October

31<sup>st</sup> October

7<sup>th</sup> November

16<sup>th</sup> November

28<sup>th</sup> November

## Black History Month

As part of our celebration of Black History Month, each class will be learning about a black author. We will also be having an African and Caribbean lunch on Wednesday 18th October 2023 where the children and staff are invited to come into school in cultural dress or wearing the colours of the flag that represent their country. Mrs Campbell- Music Leader



## Nursery News

As part of black history month nursery children watched Yaw and friends playing the African drums and learnt a dance to the story a Lion Has A Tail. Later in music we played the drums and tried to follow the beat.



## Our Faith

*Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like when a king held a wedding feast for his son. He sent his servants to summon those who had been invited, but they didn't want to come. Then the king said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. Now go out into the streets and invite everyone you find to the wedding feast.' The servants went out and gathered together everyone they could find, until the wedding hall was filled with guests."*

Matthew 22:1-10

## Twitter

Visit our Twitter feed @StChads-Croydon to see news about:

Green Club

Cooking Club

World Mental Health Day

Kindness Ambassadors

Cross country

The CO crew

Thank you to Miss Dench for keeping the feed up to date.





## **PERSON-CENTRED PLANNING**

### **A Workshop for Parents of children with additional needs**

Is your child nearing transition from school?

Do you want to ensure their voice is heard in determining support needs beyond school?

Person-centred planning empowers individuals to shape their own future.

Learn how to make this approach the cornerstone of your child's transition.

#### **Take-aways:**

- An improved understanding of the concept of person-centred planning and its significance in your child's life
- Advocacy skills to ensure you, and your child's, voice is heard and informs planning
- Realistic "SMART" goal setting
- An individualised plan for your child, considering their unique needs, strengths and preferences
- Resources to support your child's transition
- Support from other parents sharing their experiences & solutions



**MONDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2023**

**11AM-2PM (Including breaks)**



**RUTHERFORD SCHOOL**

**1A MELVILLE AVE, SOUTH CROYDON CR2 7HZ**

**PLEASE EMAIL TANSY TO BOOK YOUR FREE PLACE:  
[tansy.muller@croydonmencap.org.uk](mailto:tansy.muller@croydonmencap.org.uk)**

### **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.





## 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.

02/10/2023 - 06/10/2023		
Registration Group	Attendance %	Punctuality (lates) %
St Mary Nur	97.9	4.3
St Peter Rec	87.3	2.1
St Anne Rec	95	1.5
St Elizabeth Y1	95.2	1.9
St Martha Y2	96.9	0.4
St John Paul Y2	97.2	0.4
St John Bosco	94.7	2.3
St Martin	91.1	1
St Catherine	96.1	1.3
St Andrew Y5	95	1.5
St James Y5	100	0.5
St Therese Y6	98.2	2.3
St Brigid Y6	96.1	0
Totals	95.4	1.4

*St Mary 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	Harlem, Ebun
St Martha	Jayden, Kamiya
St John Paul	Arabella, Leonor
St John Bosco	Emmanuel, Leilah
St Catherine	Tara, Siena
St Martin	Jonathan, Shalom
St James	Chanelle, JR
St Andrew	Raphael, Jessica
St Therese	Paul, Alexandra
St Brigid	Amelia, Irene

## 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	Micah, Christly
St Martha	Aaron, Antonelle
St John Paul	Aleksis, Shalom
St John Bosco	Brielle, Christian
St Catherine	Anaiyah, Carla
St Martin	Ksawery, Michaela
St James	Ruby, Jayrell
St Andrew	Raphael, Mason
St Therese	Angel, Royale
St Brigid	Viktoria, Faith



Well done to all the children who have been to see Hope.

