



3rd November 2023

St Chad's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents,

I hope that you had a lovely half term. It's good to have the children back to school refreshed and looking so smart in their winter uniforms.

You may have noticed that the school has undergone a transformation during the break with scaffolding now in place for the roof replacement project. Work will commence in two weeks and is being funded through a successful bid (thank you, Mrs Christie!) for a government grant.

Enjoy the weekend.

Mrs Vassallo and Staff



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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Drop Everything and Read!

Thank you so much to everyone who joined us for our first D.E.A.R. session this morning. It was wonderful to see so many mums and dads come into school to enjoy books with the children. Keep an eye on Twitter for photos, and thank you to Mrs Gant for organising it.



Good news!

Two of our children received this lovely letter and a promise of some funding from Jaime Thurston, the founder of 52 Lives ([About - 52 Lives \(52-lives.org\)](https://www.52-lives.org))

Hi Theresa and Jazz-Rae,

Thank you so much for your lovely letter. I'm so pleased to hear how many kind initiatives are happening in your wonderful school. And it's great to hear how enthusiast you are about creating a kindness corner.

We would love to give you a Kindness Fund grant to help you to do this. Can you let me know how much you think you will need for the items? We can provide grants of up to £250.

I would also be absolutely delighted to come and visit your school to open your kindness corner when it is ready!

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,

Jaime

Jaime Thurston BEM

CEO and Founder

52 Lives

[www.52-Lives.org](https://www.52-lives.org)

www.SchoolofKindness.org



"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." Margaret Mead

Information about the Government's Early Years Education and Childcare Plan

Parents up and down the country can see for the first time from 27 October 2023 exactly what additional childcare support they will be entitled to over the coming months and years thanks to the government's largest ever investment in childcare.

The updated eligibility checker on childcarechoices.gov.uk is now live, and allows parents to access personalised information on the support available to them, including which of the new transformational childcare offers they will be eligible for depending on the age of their child and earnings.

The website will also give parents the opportunity to sign up for regular updates letting them know when they should take action to make sure they are getting the support they are entitled to. This includes when the new 15 free hours for two-year-olds shortly becomes available for sign-ups, with the offer beginning in April 2024.

This comes as the government rolls out the next stage of delivery of its [childcare plan](#) which is set to save working parents using 30 hours of childcare, up to £6,500 per year.

£100 million is being made available for local areas to support childcare settings in their areas to increase their physical space, anticipated to add thousands of new places across the country.

Winter uniform

The children will return from half term in winter uniform. Full details are available on the website but here is a summary, for your information.

St Chad's reversible black school coat
Or grey duffle coat (available from Bubblegum)
Grey or white socks or grey tights
Plain white school shirt – not blouse
St Chad's grey jumper or cardigan
Grey pinafore/skirt or short trousers (Long trousers for Yr 6 boys only)
School tie (available from school)
St Chad's black ski hat
Black shoes – shoes need to be flat, robust and with a fastening to keep them on such as Velcro, buckles or laces. Short boots (ankle boots), trainer type shoes, ballet pumps, flashing lights etc are not allowed.
St Chad's book bag
St Chad's rucksack – Yr3 upwards only

Please note that the uniform policy also states the following:

Long trousers may be worn by boys Yrs1-6

No jewellery including watches may be worn but girls are permitted to wear small gold stud earrings only.

No religious symbols to be worn (including crucifix on a chain).

Long hair must be tied back (boys and girls).

No overly long hair extensions, beads or head coverings.

Ribbons and hair fastenings must be yellow, grey, black or white only. (No beads or large decorative flowers etc) No gel, tramlines, or other shaved designs including Mohicans are allowed nor is a completely or closely shaved head.

Nursery News

Nursery have been learning about being part of God's family and baptism. We acted out the ceremony with Father Emenike, welcoming Baby Mary and her parents and Godparents. Then we had fun pretending to baptise our own babies.



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.



St Chad's church - Holy Communion Forms

The Holy Communion forms are available from the parish. Forms should be completed and returned in person, on Saturday 2nd December between 10am and 1pm, to the First Holy Communion team in the Guild Room at the Church Hall.

Unfortunately forms received after this date will not be eligible for the Holy Communion programme in 2024.



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.

16/10/2023 - 20/10/2023		
Registration Group	Attendance %	Punctuality (lates) %
St Mary Nur	91.6	2.1
St Peter Rec	94.5	0.5
St Anne Rec	91	0
St Elizabeth Y1	94.6	0.7
St Martha Y2	90.8	0.4
St John Paul Y2	92.8	1.6
St John Bosco	98	1.7
St Martin	92.4	0
St Catherine	99.4	1.6
St Andrew Y5	97.1	0
St James Y5	99	0
St Therese Y6	98.2	1.8
St Brigid Y6	100	0
Totals	95.4	0.8

St Elizabeth and St Brigid 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

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.





St Elizabeth	Leah, Whitney
St Martha	Yaya, Paul
St John Paul	Logan, Shalom
St John Bosco	Manny, Nicole
St Catherine	Serena, Charlotte
St Martin	Stanley, Abel
St James	Edward, Soriah
St Andrew	Michelle, Malachi
St Therese	Amelia, Stacy
St Brigid	Priscilla, Stas

Gospel Value Justice



St Elizabeth	Micah, Eliora
St Martha	Yousra, Wyshown
St John Paul	Leonor, Micaiah
St John Bosco	Moyin, Kyle
St Catherine	Noah B, Jacob
St Martin	Karis, Alex
St James	Sharon, Selasi
St Andrew	Raphael, Zofia
St Therese	Angel, Rocio
St Brigid	Anna, Israel

CALLING ALL KIDS & FAMILIES!

BUY, SELL & TRADE USED TOYS & GAMES!

- BUY USED TOYS & GAMES READY FOR CHRISTMAS & **SAVE £££**
- EARN £££** BY SELLING YOUR NO LONGER WANTED TOYS & GAMES
- TRADE TOYS & GAMES** WITH OTHER SELLERS IF YOU CAN SEAL A DEAL!

TO SECURE A SELLING PATCH E-MAIL
SUSTAINABLETHORNTONHEATH@GMAIL.COM
SEE FULL TERMS & CONDITIONS BELOW

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 18TH

FREE ENTRY | 1-4 PM

SALVATION ARMY, 66 HIGH STREET, THORNTON
HEATH CR7 8LF

TERMS & CONDITIONS

- PEOPLE THAT DO NOT SECURE A SELLING PATCH BY E-MAIL WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SELL IF THERE ARE NO SPACES LEFT ON THE DAY
- TOYS & GAMES MUST BE COMPLETE & IN FULL WORKING ORDER
- SELLERS WILL BE LIMITED TO 1M2 OF SPACE. THIS MAYBE ON THE FLOOR OR ON TABLES
- 10% OF ANY SALES TO GO TO SUSTAINABLE THORNTON HEATH TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE COST OF RUNNING HUBS - THIS WILL BE DONE ON AN HONESTY BOX BASIS
- SELLERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PRICING THEIR ITEMS
- SUSTAINABLE THORNTON HEATH WILL NOT BE INVOLVED IN ANY POTENTIAL NEGOTIATIONS OVER PRICE OR TRADING
- SELLERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL ASPECTS OF CASH MANAGEMENT, INCLUDING PROVISION OF CHANGE