



24th November 2023

# St Chad's Catholic Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents,

The school continues to be very busy as we get closer to Christmas. It has been wonderful this week, to hear the beginnings of Christmas performances and concerts.

This week all the children participated in Road Safety Week, please talk to your children about be safe and seen, especially as the nights are getting darker, sooner.

Please ensure you join us at the Christmas Fayre, come and see us on the Bottle Stall, we love to see past and present families.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Mrs Vassallo and Staff

YOU ARE INVITED TO

*St Chad's Christmas Fair*

*26th November*  
*12pm-4pm*

TOYS | CRAFTS | FOOD | CAKES | GIFTS

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO ST CHAD'S  
SCHOOL AND CHURCH

ST CHAD'S CHURCH HALL, BURGoyNE  
ROAD

## Road Safety Week 2023

This week is Road Safety week and during our PSHE lessons, children have been talking about ways to keep themselves safe when out and about. Mrs Gallagher shared the link to this YouTube clip which you may want to watch with your child at home:

<https://youtu.be/ZKrejuEtP5w>

The Road Safety Heroes website gives us tips on how to 'Be Safe, Be Seen':



### Be Safe, Be Seen

Always wear or carry something bright that will help us to be seen more easily during the day, and at night.

### By day...

During the day always wear clothes with bright colours. Fluorescent material is even better as it helps us to really stand out and be seen during the day. This material also helps us to be seen in the evening before it is dark.

### By night...

Fluorescent material does not work in the dark! We need to wear something reflective so we can be seen when car headlights are shining towards us. Even a small patch of reflective material can help drivers to see us from very far away.

### Things to remember!

**FLUORESCENT MATERIAL** – is effective outside during daytime because it reacts to the ultra-violet rays in sunlight. I could be a stripe on your jacket, patches on your bag or an armband.

**REFLECTIVE MATERIAL** – works in the dark because the special surface reflects light (street lights, car headlights etc.)



## Next week at St Chad's

Monday 27th November	Christ the King Liturgy for St James class at 9am
Tuesday 28th November	Open Morning 9.30am
Wednesday 29th November	
Thursday 30th November	St Andrew Class Liturgy - Parents welcome
Friday 1st December	



## Poppy Appeal 2023

St Chad's raised a grand total of **£498.38** for this year's Poppy Appeal— the highest amount in all schools in South Norwood, Upper Norwood and West Norwood!

Thank you all for your generosity.

<https://www.thamehub.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/home-click2feed-BR3313061-logo.jpg>



### Coffee Morning—Supporting Children Through Bereavement

Thank you to all those parents who came to the coffee morning this morning, it was a great turn out, and good that so many of you could come together. A special thank you to Mrs Davern who spoke so knowledgeably about bereavement and for all the work she has done with our bereaved children over the many years. We are very fortunate to have a trained bereavement councillor on the staff.

#### Links to the organisations we spoke about at today's coffee morning.

Winston's Wish

<https://www.winstonswish.org/supporting-you/grief-support-young-people/>

<https://www.winstonswish.org/supporting-you/support-for-parents/>

Child Bereavement UK

<https://www.childbereavementuk.org/supporting-bereaved-children-and-young-people>

<https://www.childbereavementuk.org/adults-bereaved-as-children>

<https://www.childbereavementuk.org/explaining-stillbirth-or-miscarriage-to-a-young-child>

Woodside Bereavement Service

<https://www.thelisteningear.org.uk/children-young-people/>

Mariposa Trust

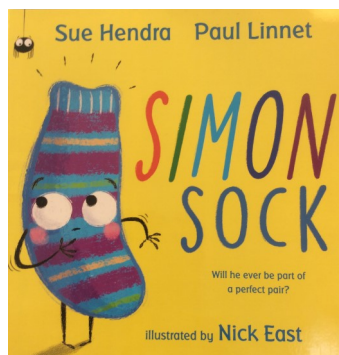
[mariposa-trust-support-leaflet for miscarriage and stillbirth](#)





## Nursery News

Last week was Anti Bullying/Kindness week so in Nursery we showed kindness to our friends by using our words when playing together and sharing. We enjoyed odd socks day and listened to a brilliant story called Simon sock.



Supporting children with special needs  
in Croydon Mainstream Schools

CROYDON  
Locality  
SEND Support  
Be the Change

### Webinar for Parents

For some time now Croydon schools have been working together to provide early support and intervention for pupils on their SEND registers as part of their graded response.

Croydon Locality SEND support has helped over 3000 children.

This webinar will give you the opportunity to find out more about this and meet the team who are working with your child's school.

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023 -10:30am to 12:00

For a free invitation please email: [lss@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:lss@croydon.gov.uk)

In association with:



## 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

This is the last weekend that the Holy Communion forms are available from the parish. Forms should be completed and returned in person, on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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

13/11/2023 - 17/11/2023		
Registration Group	Attendance %	Punctuality (lates) %
St Mary Nur	94.6	3.2
St Peter Rec	92.5	0.5
St Anne Rec	97.6	0.5
St Elizabeth Y1	97.1	1.4
St Martha Y2	94.2	1.2
St John Paul Y2	97.3	0.8
St John Bosco	96.7	2.7
St Martin	99.7	0.7
St Catherine	99.7	1.3
St Andrew Y5	95.2	1
St James Y5	100	1.4
St Therese Y6	99.6	2.3
St Brigid Y6	90	0
Totals	96.6	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

## 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  
Hope



St Elizabeth	Ryeden, Whitney
St Martha	Divine, Hunter
St John Paul	Joseph, Miciah
St John Bosco	Cale, Angel
St Catherine	Zion, Rodrigo
St Martin	Alex, Michaela
St James	Sean, Dara
St Andrew	David, Shayden
St Therese	Royale, Mary Jane
St Brigid	Priscilla, Celestine

St Elizabeth	Britney, Isaac
St Martha	Divine, Rosie
St John Paul	Shalom A, Ayen
St John Bosco	Jermaine, Moyin
St Catherine	Anaiyah, Danielle
St Martin	Dave, Isabelle
St James	Joshua, Sharon
St Andrew	Kayla, Ella
St Therese	Santi, Irene
St Brigid	Sarah, Jazz-Rae

### Victorian Peg Dolls

As part of their Victorians topic the children in year 6, thoroughly enjoyed making Peg Dolls this week. The children embraced the DT skills of manipulating materials and following a design. They were also able to consider the contrast between then and now, with regard to how we dress and what our clothes are made of.



### Football Competition Yr5&6

Yesterday our Year 5 and 6 boys played in a tournament at Dulwich College. They played exceptionally well, demonstrating their skills and team work. All the boys were a credit to the school. They finished 4th out of 8, having kept the winners of the competition to a draw in an earlier round. Well done

