



1st December 2023

St Chad's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Last Sunday was my first experience of a St Chad's Christmas Fair and it was lovely to see the school and parish come together for the occasion. Thank you to all of the St Chad's parents who were involved in its organisation; to staff who gave up their Sunday to help and to everyone who came along to the Fair.

This is a busy time of year in school and it's a pleasure to hear the children busily preparing for their Christmas productions.



Advent Breakfast

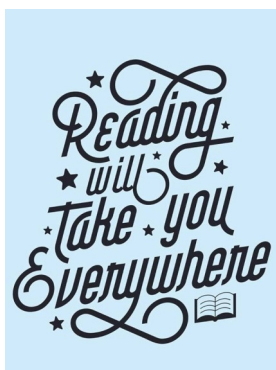


Next Thursday we are once again holding our annual Advent Breakfast. You are all more than welcome to come along to the hall at 8am to join us for bacon rolls, croissant, toast and tea, coffee and hot chocolate. All money raised this year will be donated to HCPT. The HCPT group take disabled and disadvantaged children to Lourdes, it is a very worthwhile cause.



Thank you to ABC Books!

A HUGE thank you to @abcbookclubuk for the generous pre-loved book donation to help replenish our classroom libraries! The children are thrilled to be enjoying the new reads. Thank you for your support.



Coffee Morning Topics

Following last week's coffee morning to explore the area of bereavement, Mrs Cowmey and Mrs Davern are keen to find out what future coffee morning topics you would like to see covered. They have set up a survey, the link to which you will find here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/V2D8VZT>



Next week at St Chad's

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| Monday 4th December | Clubs end this week Advent Liturgy 9:00am - St Therese Class 14:15 Rock Steady Concert - Parents of band members are welcome. |
| Tuesday 5th December | |
| Wednesday 6th December | 6pm: Full Governing Body meeting |
| Thursday 7th December | 8am: Advent breakfast |
| Friday 8th December | 8.25-8.50: DEAR- Drop Everything and Read! All parents welcome. |

Nursery News

In Nursery we have been scientists seeing if we could make a bouncy egg! We put the egg in white vinegar for 48 hours. Our experiment worked when we dropped it from a small height as it bounced. When it was dropped from a bigger height it broke like it we expected it to.



X (formerly known as Twitter)



For insights into what is going on at St Chad's, please follow our page:

@StChads_Croydon

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.

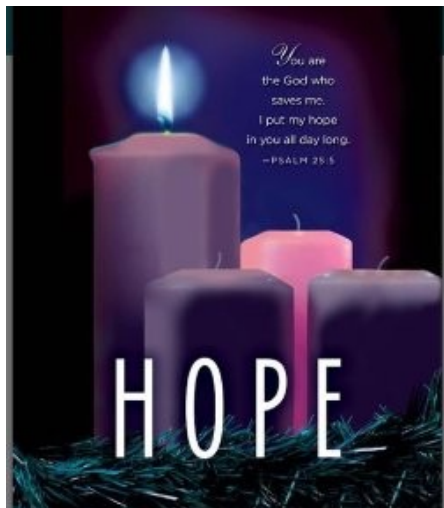
We also have three Deputy Designated Safeguarding Officers: Mrs Davern, Mrs Mooney and Mrs Vassallo. In cases where school staff have concerns, they have a statutory duty to discuss the issue with one of the Designated Safeguarding Officers to seek further advice.

Please look at the following links to help you protect your children whilst they are online. We know that this is an area that parents often find confusing and ask us for support with.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/#children>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/inappropriate-explicit-content/>





1st Sunday of Advent

O Lord, we thank You for this time of Advent. A time to be still and know that You are God. A time to prepare our hearts and minds. We thank You for this time of peace and calm to prepare.

So you also must be ready,
because the Son of Man
will come at an hour
when you do not expect him.
Matthew 24:44

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 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.

| 20/11/2023 - 24/11/2023 | | |
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| Registration Group | Attendance % | Punctuality (lates) % |
| St Mary Nur | 94.6 | 3.2 |
| St Peter Rec | 93.5 | 2 |
| St Anne Rec | 94.6 | 2.3 |
| St Elizabeth Y1 | 98.6 | 2.1 |
| St Martha Y2 | 100 | 1.5 |
| St John Paul Y2 | 98.1 | 1.2 |
| St John Bosco | 98 | 2.3 |
| St Martin | 100 | 1 |
| St Catherine | 98 | 2.7 |
| St Andrew Y5 | 93.3 | 0.5 |
| St James Y5 | 91.9 | 1 |
| St Therese Y6 | 97.7 | 2.7 |
| St Brigid Y6 | 94.4 | 0.9 |
| Totals | 96.7 | 1.8 |

St Martha and St Martin are our best attenders this week- well done!

Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to 100%?

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| 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 |



Gospel Value Hope

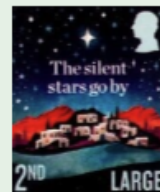


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| St Elizabeth | Chelsey, Noah |
| St Martha | Antonelle, Simeon, Louis |
| St John Paul | Diadem, Leonora |
| St John Bosco | Joshua B, Elisha |
| St Catherine | Rhyme-Ray, Michael |
| St Martin | Dave, Ksawery |
| St James | Alison, Ikem |
| St Andrew | Malachi, Nicolle |
| St Therese | Santi, Theresa |
| St Brigid | Justin, Priscilla |

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| St Elizabeth | Ava Rose, Theo |
| St Martha | Favour, Paul |
| St John Paul | Ife, Zofia |
| St John Bosco | Jacob, Leilah |
| St Catherine | Serena, Sienna |
| St Martin | Jason, Kristan |
| St James | Edward, Soriah |
| St Andrew | Ezra, Liam |
| St Therese | Irene, Dorcas |
| St Brigid | Vware, Jordan |



Christmas at St Chad's



Dear Parents and Carers

The birth of Our Lord is such a special time at St Chad's school. It is a time to focus on the real meaning of Christmas; the birth of God's Son – Jesus. It is about how he came to give us love, hope and joy.

To prepare the children for this joyous celebration there are many opportunities to remember the Nativity story and engage in religious preparation for our Lord's arrival. Below are some important dates for your diary.

7th December 8:00 Advent Breakfast - money raised for charity

8th December 8:35-9:00 D.E.A.R (Drop Everything And Read—Christmas Theme)

12th December—Christmas Dinner Day

12th December - Christmas Jumper Day - £1.00 to support the work of the NSPCC

14th December 6:00pm- **St Chad's Church**- Year 3 and 4 Carol Service - all welcome

15th December 9:00 Nursery Nativity - parents are welcome to join us

15th December 10:20 St Peter's Nativity (classroom) parents are welcome to join us

15th December 11:20 St Anne's Nativity (classroom) parents are welcome to join us

15th December 9:30 KS1 Nativity (hall) - KS1 parents are welcome to join us

18th December 2:15 KS1 Nativity (hall)- KS1 parents are welcome to join us

21st December - Break for Christmas 2:00pm



The theme for the decorations in our school is based on the beautiful postage stamps produced by the Royal Mail this year.

We look forward to seeing you at these joyous celebrations and sharing the true spirit of the season with you in the coming weeks.

God bless,

Mrs Vassallo and Staff

