



8th December 2023

St Chad's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents,

It's been another busy week at St Chad's with rehearsals, trips and good focused learning going on in all our classes. Last Friday, the staff stayed late at school to put up Christmas decorations, giving the children a lovely surprise when they arrived on Monday.

The deadline for primary admissions is approaching quickly so if you are a parent of a nursery child, please make sure that you have applied by 15th January. Miss Prestidge checked this week and we have already had a large number of applications for our wonderful school. If you need any assistance, Miss Prestidge is happy to help.

Please make sure that you look at the Christmas dates, as we have a number of wonderful nativities and services happening next week. The whole school community is welcome at St Chad's Church, next Thursday evening at 6pm for our carol service.

God bless,

Mrs Vassallo and Staff

Advent Breakfast



A really big thank you, to everyone who shared our Advent breakfast on Thursday. It was a lovely way to start the day and great to see our school community coming together at the beginning of this special season. Thank you for your generosity, we are still counting, but so far we have raised £120.00 for the HCPT. HCPT is a wonderful Catholic charity, that takes disabled and disadvantaged children to Lourdes.



Warm Welcome

The Warm Welcome scheme ensures that everyone has somewhere warm and friendly to go, so that no one is left to get through winter alone. It begins when the clocks go back at the end of October, and the cold and dark days and nights draw in. Their campaign closes when the clocks leap forward in March, signalling the start of Spring and brighter days ahead.

Warm Welcomes include the following:

Ashburton Hall: Tuesdays 1pm to 3pm

The Salvation Army Christian Community Church, 58 Westow Street, Crystal Palace

If you know of anyone on their own on Christmas Day, The Salvation Army Christian Community Church invites them for carols at 11am followed by a four course Christmas lunch. Places can be booked via this website: www.uppernorwoodsalvationarmy.org.uk

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

Monday 11th December	
Tuesday 12th December	Christmas Dinner Day Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 13th December	
Thursday 14th December	Carol Service—St Chad's Church 6pm
Friday 15th December	Nursery Nativity Reception Nativities KS1 Nativity



Drop Everything and Read

It was a fantastic turn out this morning at our second Drop Everything and Read event. It was lovely to see so many families sharing the magic of books. Developing a love of books and reading.



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.

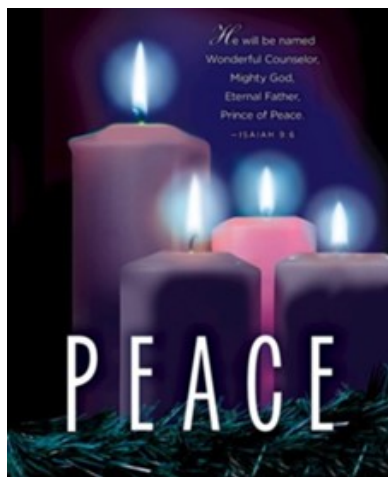
We also have three Deputy Designated Safeguarding Officers: Mrs Davern, Mrs Mooney and Mrs Vassallo. In cases where school staff have concerns, they have a statutory duty to discuss the issue with one of the Designated Safeguarding Officers to seek further advice.

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/>





2nd Sunday of Advent

Prayer of Peace Lord God, we light the second candle of Advent, a symbol of peace. We pray for peace in our hearts, in our families, in our communities, and in our world. Help us to be peacemakers, to forgive those who have wronged us, and to extend compassion to others.

Amen.

I Baptize You With Water, But He Will Baptize You With The Holy Spirit.”

Mark 1-8

Croydon Holiday Activity and Food Programme

Thousands of Croydon children who are eligible for and claiming benefits-related free school meals can now sign up for free activity clubs with healthy meals over the school holidays.

It is open to eligible children and young people aged 4 to 16 years. All programmes provide free, nutritious and tasty food; fun physical activity sessions; a wide range of other exciting activities to suit different ages and personalities; opportunities to learn more about food and nutrition for children and their families.

For more information, click here: [Holiday activities and food | Croydon Council](#)

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.

27/11/2023 - 01/12/2023		
Registration Group	Attendance %	Punctuality (lates) %
St Mary Nur	96.1	2.5
St Peter Rec	94	0.5
St Anne Rec	95.9	2.7
St Elizabeth Y1	97.1	2.5
St Martha Y2	96.9	0.4
St John Paul Y2	97.3	0.8
St John Bosco	99.3	3.3
St Martin	97.2	2.4
St Catherine	96	2
St Andrew Y5	93.3	2.4
St James Y5	100	1.9
St Therese Y6	94.1	3.6
St Brigid Y6	95.7	2.6
Totals	96.5	2.1

St John Paul 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



Gospel Value
Hope

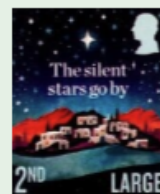


St Elizabeth	Micah , Chizi
St Martha	Favour, Leonard
St John Paul	Aleksis, Johanan
St John Bosco	Malachi, Jacob
St Catherine	Eva, Joseph
St Martin	Gabriella, Arianna
St James	Noah, Amadiwa
St Andrew	Zofia, Liam
St Therese	Dorcas, Caleb
St Brigid	Israel, Jeremiah

St Elizabeth	Logan, Eliora
St Martha	Hunter, Jazelle
St John Paul	Onyx, Monae
St John Bosco	Marisha, Nicole
St Catherine	Tara, Elijah
St Martin	Maelle, Jonathan
St James	Filip, Sean
St Andrew	Nicolle, Angel
St Therese	Crystal, Alexander
St Brigid	Theresa, Soraiya



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 for 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

