



15th December 2023

St Chad's Catholic Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents,

This morning, we enjoyed nativities performed by our Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2. The children were wonderful, bringing the Christmas story to us through their beautiful singing, dancing and acting.

Whilst I was unable to attend last night's Year 3 and 4 Carol Service, I heard that it was incredibly moving and that the children shone.

Well done to the children and thank you to staff for their hard work and commitment to the children.

A strength of St Chad's is its partnership between home and school and I was delighted that so many of you joined us for these events.

God bless,

Mrs Vassallo and Staff



Christmas Dinner



A huge thank you to the catering team for Tuesday's Christmas dinner. The children enjoyed turkey with all the trimmings followed by arctic roll or fruit salad. Catering on this scale is quite some feat and Geraldine and her team did a marvellous job.



Nursery News

Nursery retold the birth of Jesus in our Nativity. They have worked really hard to learn all the songs and actions and sang so beautifully this morning. I'm sure their parents are as proud of them as we are.

Ms Flavin



Congratulations

We regularly celebrate the children's achievements but this week, we offer our congratulations to three members of St Chad's staff.

Mrs Gant, Miss Roberts and Miss Dench have been working for the last year towards the National Professional Qualification for Senior Leadership (NPQSL). They submitted their portfolios of evidence early in September and we received news yesterday that they have all passed with flying colours.



Next week at St Chad's

Monday 18th December	2.15pm: KS1 Nativity—Parents welcome
Tuesday 19th December	
Wednesday 20th December	
Thursday 21st December	School closed at 2pm for Christmas



Yr3/4 Carol Service

Yr3&4 held a beautiful service in the church yesterday evening, to remind us of the true meaning of Christmas. The church was filled with amazing singing, thoughtfully read prayers and poignant acting. It was fantastic to see the church full and parents beaming with pride. A huge thank you to the many staff that made the service possible, and especially to our talented children



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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.

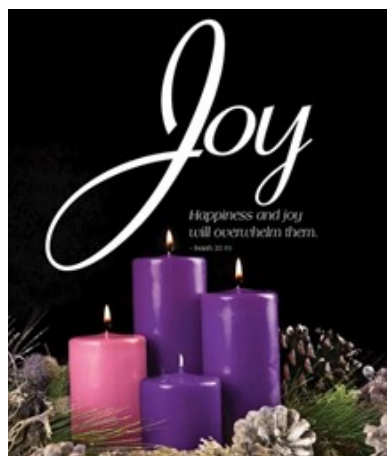
Please look at the following links to help you protect your children whilst they are online. We know that this is an area that parents often find confusing and ask us for support with.

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

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



3rd Sunday of Advent



Lord God, we light the third candle of Advent, a symbol of joy. We pray for joy in our hearts, in our families, in our communities, and in our world. Help us to find joy in the simple things, to celebrate the beauty of creation, and to be grateful for the blessings in our lives.

Amen.



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.

04/12/2023 - 08/12/2023		
Registration Group	Attendance %	Punctuality (lates) %
St Mary Nur	94	2.5
St Peter Rec	93.5	1
St Anne Rec	97.3	1.8
St Elizabeth Y1	98.6	2.1
St Martha Y2	96.2	2.3
St John Paul Y2	95.8	1.2
St John Bosco	96.7	2.3
St Martin	96.6	1
St Catherine	97.7	1.7
St Andrew Y5	91.4	1
St James Y5	99.5	0.5
St Therese Y6	95.9	1.4
St Brigid Y6	93	2.2
Totals	96	1.6

St Elizabeth 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