



12th January 2024

St Chad's Catholic Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents,

It was lovely to welcome the children back to school on Tuesday. They have settled back into their school routine, ready for the challenges of this new term. We have welcomed a large number of new families to the school recently and it is lovely to have them as part of our school community.

Mrs Janet Burrell joined the staff team this week as new teacher for St Martha's class. I hope that she has a very happy association with St Chad's.

On behalf of the staff I wish you all a Happy New Year, and thank you for the cards, messages and gifts you so generously gave us at Christmas.

God bless,

Mrs Vassallo and Staff

Message from the Mayor of London

Please find attached a letter from the Mayor of London, confirming that the Universal Free School Meal Scheme for all primary aged children will continue into the middle of 2025.



The Wednesday Word

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH

Sunday 14th January 2024



As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, “Look, there is the lamb of God.” Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, “What do you want?” They answered, “Rabbi,” – which means

Teacher – “where do you live?” “Come and see,” he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour. One of these two (who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said) was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, “We have found the Messiah,” - which means the Christ - and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, “You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas,” – meaning Rock.

Adapted from John 1:35-42

A safety message from the Met Police



Listen to any advice from your school that helps you keep safe. Speak to your teachers if you are worried about you or a friend's safety. If you are a victim of crime, don't get into a confrontation – your safety is more important! If you can, try to remember distinctive things about any suspect. Did they have any distinctive clothing, brands, colours? Did they have any particular type of footwear? Did they have any marks, scars, hair styles? What was the approximate age of the suspect? Were they from another school? Try to find a safe place and a capable guardian as soon as possible i.e. a shop keeper or responsible adult and try and report the incident to police as soon as possible. Don't wait until you get home from school or the next day. Also make school staff aware as soon as possible.

Next week at St Chad's

Monday	Geo Bus Year 3/4
Tuesday	Yr6 Junior Citizen Scheme
Wednesday	Yr6 First Aid Training
Thursday	Nursery Trip to Selhurst Station
Friday	

Nursery News

Our topic this half term is transport so we did a traffic survey counting how many vehicles that passed by. We have been driving on our nursery road watching the traffic lights changing and driving carefully. In our role play Garage we have been car mechanics fixing the cars. We are working very hard!

If you have had a clear out during Christmas, Nursery would be grateful for donations of scooters, bicycles or ride-on cars that are in good condition. Thank you.



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/>



Year 3/4 P.E

This half term Year 3 and 4 are completing a gymnast unit as part of their P.E curriculum. This week they were investigating point and patch balance techniques. The children came up with a number of creative ways to balance.



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

18/12/2023 - 21/12/2023		
Registration Group	Attendance %	Punctuality (lates) %
St Mary Nur	86	0.6
St Peter Rec	81.3	1.9
St Anne Rec	92.1	0.6
St Elizabeth Y1	92	1.3
St Martha Y2	92.3	0.5
St John Paul Y2	88.9	0.5
St John Bosco	97.5	1.7
St Martin	93.1	1.3
St Catherine	92.9	1.7
St Andrew Y5	95	1.3
St James Y5	95.2	0
St Therese Y6	98.9	2.3
St Brigid Y6	84.1	0.6
Totals	91.8	1.1

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



St Elizabeth	Keziah, Smith
St Martha	Jayden, Paul
St John Paul	Andre, Patrick
St John Bosco	Manny, Christian
St Catherine	Logan, Tahlia
St Martin	Karis Aista
St James	Amari, Abdul
St Andrew	Filip, Ruby
St Therese	Jermaine, Caleb
St Brigid	Vware, Yeshua

Gospel Value
Humility



St Elizabeth	Isaiah, Fabiola
St Martha	Divine, Monisade
St John Paul	Liora, Ayomide
St John Bosco	Emmanuel, Moyin
St Catherine	Lashonda, Jacob, Danielle
St Martin	Dave, Alex
St James	Soriah, Alison
St Andrew	Ezra, Abdul
St Therese	Theresa, Irene
St Brigid	Paul, Anna



Learning Development Workshop:

Collaboration and communication with children and young people with learning needs

This session will be delivered by **Communicate 2 U** and will be collaboratively facilitated by our Occupational Therapists and Communication Experts.

Our Communication Experts will deliver key messages and facilitate activities using their preferred communication methods including song and drama.

Workshop objectives:

- Understand the importance of adapting our communication to mirror the communication strengths of our service users
- Learn about intercultural communication theory: an evidence base developed by staff and communication experts at Communicate 2 U
- Practice using 'words plus...' communication to communicate common messages in health, social care and education including non-verbal communication, pictures and drama
- Generate goals to take in to practice



Wednesday 17th January

13.00 –14.30

Virtual (Microsoft Teams)

Please click [here](#) to join