



23rd February 2024

St Chad's Catholic Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all of the St Chad's families who attended the special Mass with Archbishop John Wilson last Sunday to mark the beginning of the parish mission. We were so proud of Jessica who made a speech and presented a bouquet of tulips to Archbishop John on behalf of St Chad's parish and school.

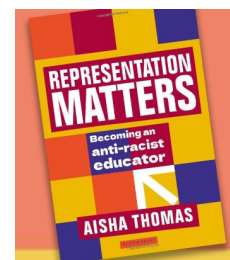
God bless,

Mrs Vassallo and Staff



INSET day

St Chad's staff joined with colleagues from the Croydon Catholic Schools' Umbrella Trust on 9th February for training led by Aisha Thomas from Representation Matters. Aisha spoke powerfully about inclusivity in education, anti racism and promoting inclusion and diversity.



You will find further information on her work here: www.repmatters.co.uk.



Talent Show

Please make every effort to attend the annual talent show on Thursday 7th March at 6pm in the hall.

Admission is free and the acts promise to be outstanding.



THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH

Sunday 25th February 2024



Peter, James and John went with Jesus to pray on a mountain top. While they were there, Jesus was transformed. His face shone like the sun and his clothes became as dazzling as the light, whiter than any normal clothing could ever be. Suddenly Moses and Elijah, the great teacher and the great prophet of the Old Testament, appeared and were talking with Jesus. Then a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said,

"This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him."

Then suddenly, when the disciples looked round, they saw only Jesus was left there with them.

Mark 9:2-10

Morning snacks

All of our Reception and KS1 children have a piece of fruit for morning play, provided as part of the government's infant scheme.

If your child is in KS2 (Years 3-6), they are welcome to bring in a piece of fresh fruit or vegetable (carrot or cucumber sticks etc) for morning play. This is a good way to boost energy mid-morning.

Please note that as some children have allergies, nuts and nut products are not allowed.



Can you help St Chad's as it continues to grow and flourish?

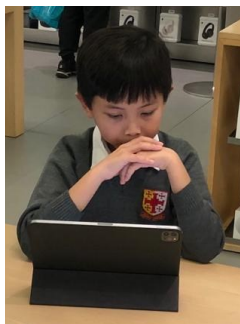
We wish to appoint to a number of foundation governor positions. If you are a practising Catholic and would like to help St Chad's on the next stage of its development, I would love to hear from you. Please email the school office (office@stchadprimaryschool.com) marked for the attention of Mrs Vassallo. Thank you.

We pray for those who are sick

Please keep Mrs Richardson's son in your prayers.
He is unwell and recovering in hospital.



Yr5 Trip



This week year 5 visited the Apple Store in Bromley to take part in a coding workshop. They experimented with coding to design their own app and had lots of fun customising with fun fonts, background colours emojis and more.



Smart watches and mobile phones

For safeguarding reasons, all mobile phones and smart watches must be given to the teacher at the beginning of the day for safekeeping.

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/>



Animal Aid

A volunteer from Animal Aid came in on Tuesday and Thursday this week to speak to Yrs 2-6 about how to care for wild animals, and what to do if they saw a wild animal in distress. The session was both informative and fun and helped to remind us about our responsibility in caring for God's creation.



Mobile Phones– A polite reminder, again

We would like to remind you that the use of mobile phones is prohibited on school site. Therefore, when dropping off or collecting your child, please ensure your mobile phone is away and not in use. Several parents have raised concerns recently, that they have seen mobile phones being used on the school playground.



This is to ensure the safety of all of the children at St Chad's Primary school and is part of our safeguarding policy.

Online Safety

Please follow the link below to find online safety advice and information guides regarding keeping children safe when online, gaming, screen time, digital resilience and cyberbullying.

A gentle reminder: to access social media platforms, including WhatsApp and You Tube, the minimum age is at least 13 years, and in most cases, 16 years. Please ensure the appropriate parental controls have been set on all devices children have access to - this may include your own phone.

[Internet Matters e-safety information and resources](#)



The next coffee morning is to be led by a Croydon Educational Psychologist, who is going to talk about communication and play with children. This will be held on **Tuesday 5th March at 9.00am. Please note the change to the usual day.**



Next week at St Chad's

Monday 26th February	
Tuesday 27th February	
Wednesday 28th February	Gaelic Football Yr6 Yr4 Mass—Sr. Briege McKenna—Talk on Adoration
Thursday 29th February	
Friday 1st March	St Chad's Feast Day Liturgy



ROUND TOWERS

YOUTH SECTION

GAELIC FOOTBALL TASTER SESSIONS

BOYS & GIRLS 8YRS – 16YRS

FREE!



Trinity School
Addiscombe Road
Croydon
CR9 7AT



Every Wednesday
From 7th Feb
5.45pm - 7.00pm



FOR MORE INFO:
Danny O'Donovan **07796 934748**
Timmy O'Donovan **07809 642060**

REQUIRED:
TOP, SHORTS, SOCKS, & TRAINERS
(NO FOOTBALL BOOTS WITH STUDS)

Early Positive Approaches to Support (E-PaTS) Research Study

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If your child has **additional developmental needs** (diagnosis not necessary) and is **at least 18 months old but not yet 6**, you might like to take part in the E-PaTS Research Study.

What is E-PaTS?

E-PaTS is an 8-session group programme for families that is designed and run by families and professionals working together.

What is the E-PaTS Research Study?

We want to find out if E-PaTS helps parents and carers of children with additional developmental needs.

This is a randomised study, which means families will be selected by chance (like tossing a coin) to either attend an E-PaTS group now or in 12 months' time.

Parents can receive up to **£60 worth of vouchers** for completing questionnaires.



Croydon Mencap is taking part in the E-PaTS Study

To find out more please contact
Katherine@croydonmencap.org.uk

or
LSSJEarlySupportRCT@Kent.ac.uk



Click here to find out more

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ST CHAD'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 

PARISH MISSION 2024
24th to 28th February
WEEK OF CATECHESIS

Theme **MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP
RENEWED IN SPIRIT**





**SR BRIEGA
MCKENNA O.S.C.**



**FR PABLO ESCRIVA
DE ROMANI**

PROGRAMME INCLUDES DAILY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

WEEKEND MASSES 24-25 FEB MISSION STARTS WITH INTRODUCTION

<p>■ MONDAY 26 FEB 9:30AM MORNING MASS 10:30AM MISSION TALK ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</p>	<p>7PM - PRAISE & WORSHIP; 7:30PM EVENING MISSION TALK THEME: RECONCILIATION FOLLOWED BY RECONCILIATION SERVICE</p>	<p>■ TUESDAY 27 FEB 9:30AM MORNING MASS 10:30AM MISSION TALK ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</p>	<p>■ WEDNESDAY 28 FEB 9:30AM MORNING MASS 10:30AM MISSION TALK ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</p>
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Transport Links
Nearest Train Station: Norwood Junction
5 minutes walk from Train Station Buses - 75 130
157 410 STOP A or B -
Norwood Junction
2 minutes walk from Bus Stop

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Author Storytime

Tracy Gunaratnam



10am, Saturday 24th February
Join us downstairs at Waterstones Croydon.