



1st March 2024

# St Chad's Catholic Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Spring has arrived and we can look forward to brighter days ahead. It has been another hectic week at St Chad's with many highlights, including Year 4's visit to the Parish Mission and preparations for the talent show .

Yesterday we had a visit from Steve Reed– MP for Croydon North. The children asked him some sensible questions about his job and he was impressed by their engagement and enthusiasm. As Patron of Palace for Life, we were delighted that he brought the Premiership Trophy to show to the children.

I hope that you have the Talent Show in your diaries and will come along to support the children. We would love to have as many as possible of you there.

God bless, Mrs Vassallo and Staff

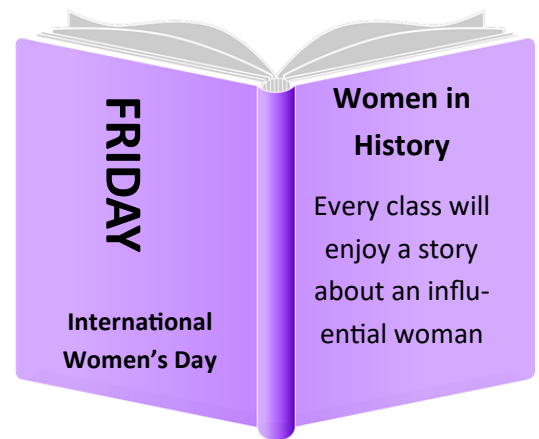
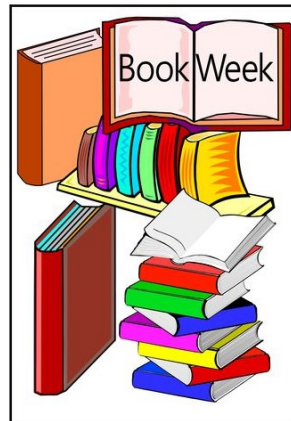
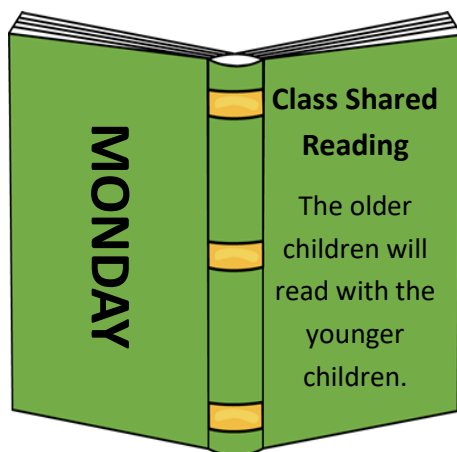
### Palace For Life

#### Steve Reed MP

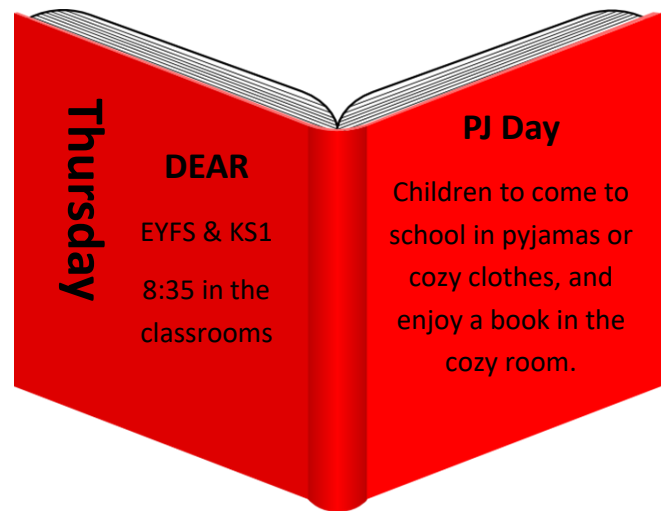
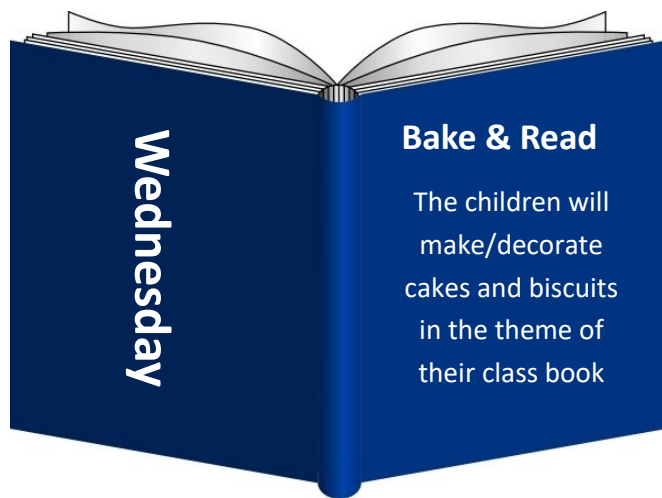
Yesterday we were really fortunate to welcome, Steve Reed MP, Palace for Life Staff, including their CEO Mike Summers and the Premiership Trophy! During the visit Mr Reed presented St Chad's with a new football kit for our girls team. Mr Reed spoke about his role in the shadow cabinet and then the children got to ask him a number of questions. Both Mr Reed and Mr Summers were very complimentary about the behaviour and attitudes of the children.



## Book Week Monday 4<sup>th</sup> - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024



Plus lots more fun activities linked to favourite children's books



### 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 3rd March



Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple there he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and money changers sitting at their counters. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, "Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market." Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The people in the Temple said to Jesus, "What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?" Jesus answered, "Destroy this Temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The people replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this Temple: are you going to raise it up in three days?" Now the Temple Jesus was talking about was his own body. And later when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered what he had told them.

John 2:13-25

#### 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.



#### Appeal for Foundation Governors for St Chad's

The role of governor is varied and interesting. Governors are responsible for the strategic direction of our school, and they work closely with school leaders, providing support and challenge. If you are a practising Catholic, please do consider volunteering for a Foundation governor role. If you would like to explore this further without making any firm commitment, you are welcome to contact me via the office. Mrs Vassallo

#### We pray for those who are sick

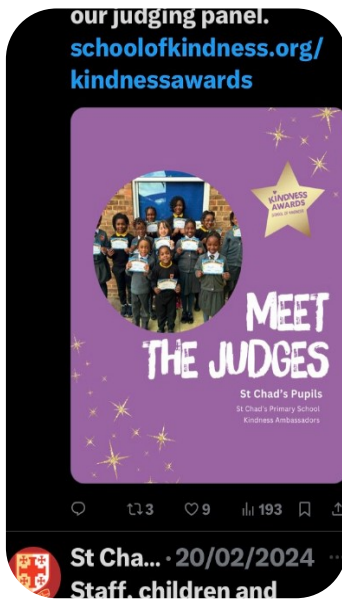
Please keep Mrs Richardson's son in your prayers.  
He is unwell and recovering at home.





## Kindness Awards

St Chad's are the only primary school children in the country who have been asked to be on the judging panel !



**DURACELL®**

Cafod/Green Club are taking part in the Big Battery Hunt, could all families please bring their batteries to school to recycle.

The Big Battery Hunt is a **nationwide battery recycling programme for schools funded by Duracell**. Its aim is to increase the number of batteries currently being recycled in the UK. Pupils are challenged to collect as many batteries as they can, encouraging their communities to do the same. We are only collecting AAA AA C AND D batteries .

They will have been used in things like remote controls, toys and torches.



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D

## 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/>



## 1:1 Support Vacancy

We are looking to recruit an Individual Support Assistant to join the SEN team. The main role is to provide 1:1 and group support for individual pupils within the classroom environment and to support and run interventions in line with pupils' individual targets. You will ensure that records of progress are kept and that you liaise closely with the SENCo and class teacher.

If this role is of interest to you, please contact the office for an application form.

The position is subject to an enhanced DBS check, references and a health check. St Chad's is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

### 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.**



## Nursery News

Nursery went on an adventure to the rain forest. We used our binoculars to see what animals and insects we could find. It was very noisy there as all the animals were calling to each other. We travelled over the river, through the muddy swamp until we found our camp, where we made a fire and toasted marshmallows to eat.



St Elizabeth	
St Martha	
St John Paul	
St John Bosco	
St Catherine	
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St Andrew	
St Therese	
St Brigid	

## Gospel Value

Love



St Elizabeth	
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## Next week at St Chad's

Monday 4th March	Book Week begins Class swap—paired reading
Tuesday 5th March	
Wednesday 6th March	Yr2 to Mass Gaelic Football Yr6 Bake & Read
Thursday 7th March	DEAR—EYFS & KS1 Talent Show 6pm
Friday 8th March	International Women's Day themed books

Week	19/02/2023 - 23/02/2023	
Registration Group	Attendance %	Punctuality (lates) %
St Mary Nur	94.4	1.2
St Peter Rec	95.5	0.5
St Anne Rec	97.7	0.5
St Elizabeth Y1	96	0
St Martha Y2	89.6	0
St John Paul Y2	94.3	0.4
St John Bosco	96.8	0.7
St Martin	96.8	0
St Catherine	99.4	0
St Andrew Y5	94	0
St James Y5	93.3	0
St Therese Y6	98.3	0.4
St Brigid Y6	98.7	0
Totals	95.8	0.3

## 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 Anne and St Catherine are our best attenders this week- well done!**

## A guide to the mental health experiences and needs of

The aim of the module is to increase understanding of autistic experience, autistic mental health experiences and to explore supportive strategies to support young autistic people's mental health.

The module will be free to access throughout 2024.

### Module outcomes

- Identify some of the autistic experiences relating to the autistic young person they are supporting
- Identify some of the mental health experiences relating to the autistic young person they are supporting
- Adjust their practice and make reasonable adjustments to better support their autistic young person.

They will need to register at [https://www.autism.org.uk/what-we-do/autism-training-and-best-practice/training/e-learning?utm\\_source=The%20National%20Autistic%20Society&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=14365730\\_AKH\\_JT\\_Mental%20healthmoduleparents\\_26.02.24update&utm\\_content=book%20now&Keywords=book%20now&dm\\_i=YA3,8JWO2,DE2QCC,ZEK7C,1](https://www.autism.org.uk/what-we-do/autism-training-and-best-practice/training/e-learning?utm_source=The%20National%20Autistic%20Society&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14365730_AKH_JT_Mental%20healthmoduleparents_26.02.24update&utm_content=book%20now&Keywords=book%20now&dm_i=YA3,8JWO2,DE2QCC,ZEK7C,1)

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## Early Positive Approaches to Support (E-PATs) Research Study

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?

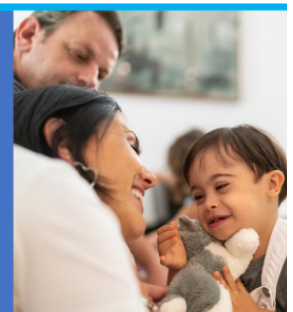
E-PATs is an 8-session group programme for families that is designed and run by families and professionals working together.

### 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](mailto:Katherine@croydonmencap.org.uk)

or [LSSJEarlySupportRCT@Kent.ac.uk](mailto:LSSJEarlySupportRCT@Kent.ac.uk)



Click here to find out more

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## ROUND TOWERS

YOUTH SECTION

### GAELIC FOOTBALL TASTER SESSIONS

**BOYS & GIRLS 8YRS – 16YRS**

**FREE!**

**Trinity School**  
Addiscombe Road  
Croydon  
CR9 7AT

Every Wednesday  
From 7<sup>th</sup> 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)