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St Chad's Catholic Primary School Weekly Newsletter

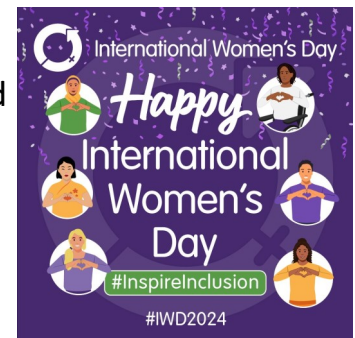
Dear Parents,

Happy International Women's Day! It is a day in which we celebrate the achievements of women across the globe, whilst also being mindful of those who are deprived of access to basic human rights.

On Sunday we mark another special day and wish all mothers and grandmothers a happy Mother's Day.

God bless,

Mrs Vassallo and Staff



A Fantastic Performance

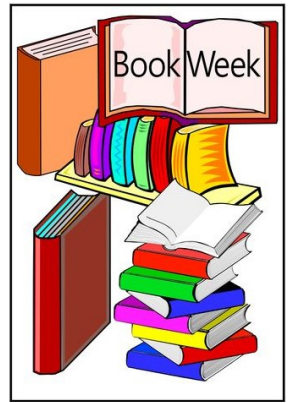
Last night's talent show was absolutely fabulous, our amazing children wowed us with their singing, dancing, humour, gymnastic and much more. It was super to see the talents God has given them being displayed so brightly. Thank you to Mrs Campbell for organising it and Daniel for comparing it.





Book Week Monday 4th - Friday 8th March 2024

The children have thoroughly loved the book themed activities that have been going on as part of book week. Thank you to Mrs Gant for organised the week.



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.

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH

Sunday 10th

Nicodemus, a teacher of the law, came to Jesus one night. Jesus said to him,

“The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. Everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear their actions should be exposed; but whoever lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what they do is done in God.”



Lenten Breakfast

Lenten Breakfast will take place in the school hall on Wednesday 13th March from 8:00 - 8:30.

Parents and children are welcome to come to school early and share breakfast with their friends and the staff.

Available on the day will be hot cross buns, croissants, pain au chocolat, toast, juice and tea and coffee.

The Advent breakfast was a huge success, and we would love it, if this could be too.

All money raised will go to the Lenten CAFOD appeal.



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

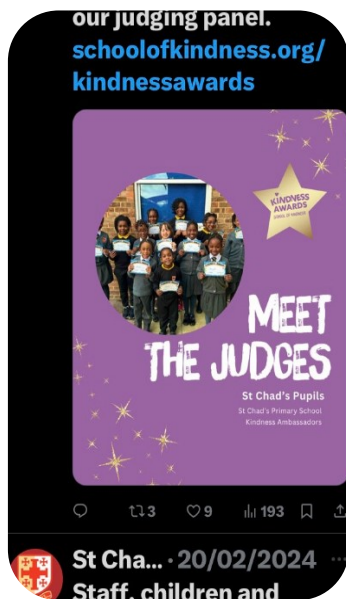
We pray for those who are sick

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.



AAA



AA



C



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/>



Green Club Assembly



Green Club led Monday's assembly, reminding the whole school about the importance of being stewards of God's great creation. They reminded everyone that a simple way to help protect the environment is to recycle old batteries at St Chad's. Please look in all your cupboards and draws and dig out any used batteries, so that they can be recycled.



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](#)



Thank you to the parents who came to this week's coffee mornings run by Croydon EP service, on Supporting Your Child's Communication. The Power-Point slides will go on our website for anyone who couldn't attend. The photo of the orange bag is from the training they did on Bucket Time - Bucket Time builds upon a child's attention span and concentration.





St Elizabeth	Wonderful, Logan
St Martha	Divine, Eloise
St John Paul	Shalom, Ayan
St John Bosco	Joshua, Akonobea
St Catherine	Joshua, Joseph
St Martin	Jessie, Stanley
St James	Sandie, Asantia
St Andrew	Latifah, Raphael
St Therese	Jah'Mari, Treyvon
St Brigid	Fabian, Sarah

Gospel Value

Forgiveness



St Elizabeth	Francis, Adeja, AJ
St Martha	Jazelle, Usra, Antonelle
St John Paul	Arabella, Choyce, Micaiah
St John Bosco	Jermaine, Marisha
St Catherine	Anaiyah, Serena, Noah O
St Martin	Johnathan, Karis
St James	Marlon, Dara, Dy'shaun
St Andrew	Latifah, Raphael, David
St Therese	Mary-Jane, Angel, Emmanuel
St Brigid	Faith, Jeffery, Jazz-Rae

Wild Challenge

Well done to everyone, who has achieved the Wild Challenge.

Liesel, Alex, Angel, JR, Ikem, Ruby, Joshua, Jah'Mari

Next week at St Chad's

Monday 11th March	Reconciliation Years 4-6
Tuesday 12th March	St Andrew library visit Fryland's Wood Year 6 Polka Theatre Session Year 3-4
Wednesday 13th March	Lenten Breakfast 8:00 Gaelic football Year 6 1.30pm
Thursday 14th March	Book Fair Arriving
Friday 15th March	



Week	26/02/2023 - 01/03/2023	
Registration Group	Attendance %	Punctuality (lates) %
St Mary Nur	97.5	1.3
St Peter Rec	96.8	0.5
St Anne Rec	97.3	0
St Elizabeth Y1	97	0.7
St Martha Y2	95.4	0
St John Paul Y2	96.8	1.1
St John Bosco	96.5	1.3
St Martin	98.7	1.3
St Catherine	98.4	0.3
St Andrew Y5	96	0.5
St James Y5	100	0
St Therese Y6	99.1	1.3
St Brigid Y6	98.3	1.3
Totals	97.5	0.8

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 Mary's and St James 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

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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
or
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 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)