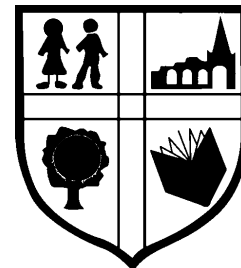


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CLASS AWARDS

On a Friday each teacher nominates a pupil from the class for the 'Class Award'. Each winner is presented with a certificate.

RA

Billy Whittingham

RF

Dylan Jones

1M

Esme Kelley

1/2H

Lilliah Miller

1/2D

Holly Lea

3P

Ellie Conyon

3I

Harvey Beswick

4Mo

Lacey Palmer

4Ma

Starlet McBride

5H

Chloe Rae Hood

5/6D

Bryn Tidyman

5/6S

Alfie Toogood

CLASS ATTENDANCE

Week Ending:

9th December 16

Y1/2H. Y5/6S - 100%

16th December 16

Y1/2D - 100%

6th January 17

Y1/2D, Y1/2H, Y3I,

Y4MO - 100%

CHADLEV BEAR WINNERS

13/01/2017

The Whole School

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Firstly on behalf of the staff and governors at St Chad's, I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year! I hope 2017 brings you all happiness, good health and peace.

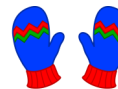
This is a very busy term for our children with quality learning, as always, high on the agenda. Our staff have once again planned super topics for the children and you should have received your child's topic web last week. These are also available on our school website. We do hope that you will continue to support your child with any homework activities and tasks that they might have and help them to return them to school on time. It really does help with your child's progress if you can help and support them with their home learning. I am very excited about our upcoming Book Week starting on 23rd January when the children will take part in lots of brilliant activities. Reading is one of life essential skills and children can only benefit from reading regularly, particularly from good quality texts which help broaden their language experiences. The more they read, the better their writing!

Finally, I look forward to working with you all again this term. Miss Clarke

Keele Observatory

On Wednesday 15th February, between 6.30pm & 8pm, St Chad's pupils and parents will be able to visit the Keele Observatory to learn about the Solar System. An adult will need to accompany their child/children to the observatory and meet St Chad's staff there. Keele are asking for a donation of £1 per person attending the evening which is a fabulous opportunity to learn more about the Solar System. If the weather is fair we would be using the telescope(s), to observe night-time objects such as star clusters, nebulae, planets, the Moon (if up). In any case we would do a tour of the facilities and have an explanation about astrophysics. A letter to confirm interest will follow in the coming weeks.

WARM CLOTHING



Could we ask all parents to ensure that their child has a warm, waterproof coat, sensible shoes and a hat, scarf and gloves in school during very cold periods- we still go outside even when it's very cold!!

SCHOOL VALUES

HONESTY

COMMITMENT

RESPECT

EMPATHY

KINDNESS

BELONGING

INDEPENDENCE

BRITISH VALUES

Individual Liberty

The rule of Law

Democracy

Tolerance

Mutual Respect

PRAYER

RED
is for the blood he gave.

GREEN
is for the grass he made.

YELLOW
is for the sun so bright.

ORANGE
is for the edge of the night.

BLACK
is for the sins we made.

WHITE
is for the grace he gave.

PURPLE
is for his hour of sorrow.

PINK
is for our new tomorrow.

AMEN



PARENT WORKSHOPS/ INFORMATION SESSIONS

As you may know, we held a parents information evening about Reading, Writing and Maths early in the Autumn term. After the meeting we agreed to repeat the session during the day time for those parents who couldn't attend the evening. We were also asked for a parent workshop about spellings. However, due to staff absence and illness, we were unable to arrange either of those sessions in the second half of the autumn term. We will, therefore, put dates in the diary for both of these events in the not too distant future.

SNOW CLOSURE

St Chad's will make every effort to keep the school open during bad weather. Sometimes school may find it hard to remain open as we must consider the health and safety of all pupils and staff, conditions of the school site and other emergencies. Often the decision to close the school can only take place in the morning and we are aware that this may present real difficulties for many families having to find child care provision at short notice. Families may find it helpful to have a back up plan in the event of a school closure. To support you we will endeavour to make the decision early and text parents. Please do not ring the school the closure will also be announced on Signal Radio and Radio Stoke and will appear of the emergency school closure list on the Staffordshire Web-
www.staffordshire.gov.uk



HOUSE POINTS

DRAGONS 32

PHOENIX 42

UNICORNS 29

GRIFFINS 24

CLUBS

Monday

Y1-Y6 Premier Archery Club — 3.20—4.20pm
Y4 Cookery Club—Mrs Kirkham/Machin—3.20—4.30pm

Wednesday

Y1—Y6 Premier Gym Club — 3.20—4.20pm
Y4—Maths Club—Mrs Marshall 3.20—4.15pm till 15/02
Y1/2 Healthy Lifestyles Club—Mrs Attwood/Ms Forrester

Thursday

Y3/4/5/6 Choir Club—Miss Morris—3.20—4.15pm



PARENT FORUM MEETING

THURSDAY 26TH JANUARY AT 6.30PM

PARKING

We would like to ask our parents to show consideration to local residents when parking their cars at the beginning and end of the school day. We would also request that parents DO NOT park on the yellow zig-zags or in The Gateway to ensure the safety of our pupils at all times.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

Could we please ask parents to continue supporting us in our school uniform policy. Can we please remind you that no jewellery is to be worn in school except watches and stud earrings. Many thanks.



IMPORTANT TEST DATES

Key Stage One SAT's 15th- 26th May 2017
Key Stage Two SAT's 8th—11th May 2017
Year One Phonics 12th -16th June 2017
Y3/Y4/Y4 Optional Tests 22nd -26th May



SPRING 2017

In the Spring term, we have some themed weeks planned:
Book week— 23rd January/ Go Green week— 13th February/
Science week— 13th March 2017. More information to follow...

School Closure on Friday

We would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused on Friday when we closed the school. We do not take this decision lightly, however during the early morning no staff could drive up Crackley Bank and it was felt that the safest option for staff and children alike was to close the school.

Y5/6 Christingle Service

On Friday 16th December all Y5/6 pupils visited St Chad's Church for our annual Christingle Service. The service was taken by Rev Simon Boxall and Mr Sharp and taught us the meaning of Christmas. Some of the congregation of St Chad's joined us to sing carols and pray together. All children made a Christingle using an orange, ribbon, dried fruits and a candle. The Church certainly looked spectacular with nearly eighty candles lit together at the end of the service.

VACANCY FOR CASUAL LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR

We currently have a vacancy for a Casual Lunchtime Supervisor. The role involves working one hour fifteen minutes supervising children over the lunchtime period. You would be required to work on an 'as and when basis' to cover absences. A full DBS (formally CRB) check will be required for this post. If you are interested in the above, please contact the school office for an application form.

Y1/2 CAVEMAN DAY

On Wednesday the whole of year 1 and 2 had an exciting trip back in time to the stone age and came to school dressed as cave men and woman. Everyone looked amazing and had such a fantastic day. We were busy making cave paintings in our very own caves and making weapons to hunt the animals for our tea. We also created necklaces by sculpting clay into bones. We would just like to say a big thank you to all parents for their support and fabulous costumes.



School Council Meetings 2017 All at 8.30am

Wednesday 18th January Wednesday 25th January
Wednesday 8th February Wednesday 1st March
Wednesday 8th March Wednesday 22nd March
Wednesday 5th April



ST CHADS BOOK WEEK

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th January 2017



The week starts with our dressing up day on the **Monday** where all pupils are asked to come to school dressed up as a character from their favourite book. We have sent a letter home this week explaining all the events and how your child can purchase a signed book from our visiting poet- Andy Tooze.

DATES

Monday 23rd January—St Chad's Book Week
Monday 23rd January—Y5H visit to Talke Library
Wednesday 25th January—Cone-head Launch PCSO Gibbs
Wednesday 25th January—Y3 Library Visits
Wednesday 25th January—Y2 SAT's Meeting for parents at 2.45pm
Thursday 26th/Friday 27th—Visit from Andy Tooze Poet from the Peaks
Thursday 26th January—Y6 SAT's Meeting—3.20pm
Thursday 26th January—Y3 Talke Library visit
Thursday 26th January—Parent Forum Meeting at 6.30pm
Monday 30th January—National Story Telling Week
Wednesday 1st February—PM Teddy Hospital for Reception
Thursday 2nd February—School Nurse to do heights/weights for Y6 & Reception
Wednesday 8th February—PM Teddy Hospital for Y1/2
Monday 13th February—Go Green Week
Monday 13th February—Parents Evening/SEN Consultations
Mon 13th/Wed 15th/Fri 17th February—Y4,5,6 Cyclist Training
Tuesday 14th February—Water Safety Assembly & Canal Workshop

Wednesday 15th February—Keele Observatory 6.30pm—8.00pm
Friday 17th February—School closes for half term break
Thursday 2nd March—Y3 Trip to Chester Dewa Experience
Wednesday 8th March—Y4 Laches Wood Parents Meeting
Thursday 9th March—1960's Day
Monday 13th March—Science Week
Monday 13th March—Y5/6 trip to Jodrell Bank
Tuesday 14th March—Star Dome in school
Wednesday 22nd March—Friday 24th March—Y4 at Laches Wood
Friday 24th March—Comic Relief
Sunday 26th March—Choir to sing at Holy Trinity Chesterton 10.30am
Monday 27th March—Y1/2 Trip to Burwardsley Outdoor Centre
Monday 3rd April—Tempest Class Photographs
Thursday 6th April—Easter Disco
Friday 7th April—School Closes for Easter break
Monday 24th April—Staff Training Day
Tuesday 25th April—School opens for pupils

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