



St. Chad's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



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EASTER ASSEMBLY – SAVE THE DATE

All are welcome to join our Easter Assembly on **Thursday 3rd April at 9:30am**. The children will lead us in song, narration and drama to retell and reflect on the Easter Passion Story. Please use the back doors to the main hall any time after drop-off.

EASTER BINGO DONATIONS

To populate the prizes, we kindly ask that children make a donation. We thank you for your support with this. Every penny raised for PTA will be spent on enhancing the school for your children.

See chart below for donation requests for each class:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Small eggs (e.g. cream egg etc)	Easter crafts (see below info)	Normal Easter Egg	Normal Easter Egg	Normal Easter Egg	Normal Easter Egg	Small eggs (e.g. cream egg etc)

Rather than winning huge bundles of chocolate, this year we'd like to include some more wholesome Easter craft activities in the prizes. There are some lovely cheap options available in places like The Works and supermarkets. To get an idea of options, please click on the links: [Example 1](#) [Example 2](#) [Example 3](#) [Example 4](#) There are many others available, so please just choose one that is affordable.

PTA EASTER BINGO – SORRY, ENTRY TICKETS SOLD OUT

We are delighted to be hosting our annual Easter Bingo event again this year on **Tuesday 1st April at 6.00pm**. Due to the size of our school hall, numbers have to be strictly limited to 200 entry tickets, which have now sold out.

To purchase Bingo Ticket Booklets: please use the "Easter Bingo Tickets" payment item on ParentPay. These booklets are priced at £1.00 each and there is no limit to the amount you can purchase. We would advise each person playing bingo, has at least one ticket booklet, but the more you have, the more chance you have of winning! These will be available to purchase on the night also.

To purchase Flyer Tickets: please use the "Easter Bingo Flyer tickets" item on Parent Pay. This is an additional game of Bingo which will be played at the very end and there will be a BUMPER prize for this game. Flyer tickets will also be priced at £1.00 each.

There will be a small 'tuck shop' available selling some juice and small treats for the children but families are welcome to bring along their own food and drink also. We are super excited to be able to bring this much-loved family fun night back again this year and we look forward to seeing you there!



YOUTH MASS – SUNDAY 30TH MARCH 6:30PM AT ST GREGORY'S

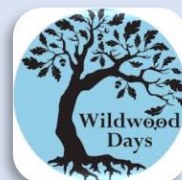
The next Chorley Deanery Youth Mass takes places this Sunday 30th March at 6:30pm at St Gregory's church, Chorley. These Masses are organised by Linda, the Chaplain at Holy Cross. As always, she would welcome any volunteers to read or to help with the Offertory. If you would like your child to be involved in this way, please email her at l.walmsley@holycross.lancs.sch.uk Otherwise, families are welcome to just turn up and enjoy the service.

END OF TERM SCHOOL & ASC CLOSURE TIMES

As usual, at the end of this term **school closes at 2:15pm and After School Club will run until 5:00pm**. After analysing the number of children attending After School Club on the last day of each term (usually 2 or 3 children), it is unfortunately not viable to operate the club. At the end of the summer term in July this year and future end of terms (Christmas, Easter and Summer), we therefore kindly ask that parents make arrangements for their child/ren to be collected at the end of the school day. Half terms tend to have higher numbers, so opening times for these will remain the same as usual, i.e. open until 6:00pm (October half-term, February half-term and May half-term). Thank you for your support and apologies for any inconvenience.

INFANTS' FOREST SCHOOL SESSIONS

We are excited to offer forest school sessions for all our infant children for the duration of the summer term, starting on Wednesday 23rd April. Please carefully read the letter in separate email with full details, along with survey link which includes various consents that we require. Many thanks.



EASTER LUNCH

We will be offering our Easter lunch on **Wednesday 23rd April**. The menu will be:



Roast Chicken with Potatoes, Veg & Gravy

or

Cheese Whirl and Beans

Followed by

Easter Treat Dessert

This menu will be available to the whole school on this day. If your child does not normally have a school lunch on a Wednesday but wishes to take part, please email Mrs Southworth bursar@stchads.lancs.sch.uk to add them onto the list (please also confirm their meal choice). Children who normally have a school lunch on a Wednesday do not need to reply, they will choose from the menu on the day as usual. Payment for this lunch should be made via the Pupil School Meal payment item on ParentPay for children who are in KS2 (unless entitled to Free School Meals).

WEDNESDAY WORD – LENT EDITIONS

[Click for this week's Wednesday Word](#)



SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS – FINAL RESULTS

Congratulations to the children who participated in the Sportshall Athletics competition a few weeks ago. When all the scores from all the different competitions were analysed, St Chad's placed 2nd out of all the small schools! Here they are with their medals.

CLASS 1 DERIAN HOUSE

During their RE lessons, children in Class 1 have been learning about 'shining their light on others' and alms giving during Lent. A representative from Derian House Children's Hospice visited them to talk about how they help children who are unwell. The class decided that they wanted to help, so they chose to donate their toys to raise funds. They were really generous and their donations were gratefully received.



SPRING / SUMMER TERM DATES FOR THE DIARY

N.B. Dates may be subject to change. We will update with changes and highlight new dates in yellow. You may also subscribe to our calendar [via the school website \(click for link\)](#). This should update changes to your device. Click on 'Subscribe to this Calendar' and follow the instruction.

DATE	TIME	EVENT
31 st March – 2 nd April	-	Year 1 Road Safety Course
Monday 31 st March	-	Easter Bingo donations deadline
Tuesday 1 st April	6:00pm	Easter Bingo
Thursday 3 rd April	9:30am	Easter Service in school
Friday 4 th April	2:15pm	School closes for Easter
Tuesday 22 nd April	-	School reopens for summer term
Wednesday 23 rd April	-	Easter Lunch
Wednesday 23 rd April	7:30pm	PTA Meeting in school
Thursday 24 th April	9:15am	Class 1 & 2 Mass
Thursday 1 st May	11:00am	Service in church (May, the Month of Mary)
	TBC	Spelling Bee at Holy Cross (TBC)
Thursday 8 th May	9:15am	Class 4 Mass
12 th – 15 th May	-	Year 6 SATS Week
19 th – 23 rd May	-	Sports Week
Tuesday 20 th May	1:30pm	Sports Day (weather permitting)
Thursday 5 th June	-	Y3-5 Anderton Centre Trip
	9:15am	Class 5 Mass
Friday 6 th June	9:30am	Music Concert
Sunday 8 th June	9:15am	Sacramental Session 4 (Pentecost)
10 th – 13 th June	-	Hothersall Lodge Trip (Y6)
Thursday 12 th June	2:00pm	Good Shepherd Mass - Leyland (Y5)
Sunday 15 th June	9:15am	Sacramental Session 5 (Father's Day)
16 th – 18 th June	-	Reception Road Safety Course
Thursday 19 th June	9:15am	Class 3 Mass
	TBC	Thomas Martland Maths Competition (Holy Cross)
Saturday 21 st June	11:00am	First Holy Communion
Wednesday 25 th June	7:00-9:00pm	Swimming Gala
Thursday 26 th June	9:15am	Class 2 Mass
Friday 27 th June	2:30pm	Class 1 'Celebration of the Word' for parents
Monday 30 th June	-	Y4 Communicants Celebration Day
Wednesday 2 nd July	-	New Classes Sample Day (& High School)
Thursday 3 rd July	9:15am	Class 1 Mass (with Buddies)
Friday 4 th July	-	Year 6 Retreat Day at St Joseph's
Tuesday 15 th July	6:00pm	Year 6 Celebration Evening
Thursday 17 th July	9:30am	Final Assembly (all invited)
Friday 18 th July	3:15pm	Art Gallery
Monday 21 st July	9:30am	Whole School Mass of Thanksgiving
Tuesday 22 nd July	2:15pm	School Closes for Summer

CAKE WITH KATE

Children enjoyed the first 'Cake with Kate' last week. The ducks also enjoyed the leftovers!



200 CLUB WINNERS

Congratulations to our first winners of the new 200 club year. Our March winners are:

PRIZE	NAME	MEMBER NO.	AMOUNT
1 ST	J O'Boyle	1	£50.00
2 ND	Claire Lynn	36	£30.00
3 RD	Christy Dalton	27	£20.00



If you haven't already renewed or joined the 200 club and still wish to, you can still do this on ParentPay and you will then be entered into the remaining 11 draws of the year. If you do not wish to renew or join the 200 Club, please instead consider paying the voluntary £10 levy via the "School Levy" payment item which has also been set up within ParentPay.

MUSIC TUITION



The music tutor who currently comes into school from the Lancashire Music Service has indicated that there may be availability for him to teach additional pupils after Easter for either piano, keyboard, guitar or ukulele through the PDP scheme offered by the Lancashire Music Service. If this is something that may be of interest, please visit <https://www.lancashiremusicclub.co.uk/site/parent-direct-payment-pdp-scheme/> for further details and to apply for tuition.

REMINDERS FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS...

WORLD BOOK DAY

Thank you to those who have kindly made a donation in support of our book fund from World Book Day. So far we have raised **£200**. We will keep the payment item open on ParentPay until Easter for anyone who still wishes to make a donation.

SHOPPING ONLINE



Please remember to use Easyfundraising when you do any shopping online, book your next Holiday or buy home, travel or car insurance.

Over 6,000 shops including Amazon, Argos, Boots, Etsy and many other high street stores, fashion brands and sites will donate to:

St Chad's PTA Fund at no extra cost to you! You can raise donations when you buy gifts, decorations, food and lots more.

Scan the QR code or visit : <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stchadspta/>



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

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LITTLE CHURCH

All our children are invited to come along to Church for Sunday Mass at 9:15am, where they are welcome to join in the Children's Liturgy at "Little Church".

PARISH CENTRES FOR HIRE

St. Chad's and St. Bede's Parish Centres are available to hire for use by groups and for some private functions. **Enquiries : St Bede's** call Aidan on 01257 271818 / **St Chad's** call 07719 718523. If you get the answerphone, please leave your name and number and they will call you back.

COFFEE MORNINGS

Regular coffee mornings will be held in St. Chad's Parish Centre every second Sunday of each month. Tea, coffee and cakes will be served for a small donation. Everyone welcome.

ALTAR SERVERS

Any young people in Year 4 or older who would like to help at Mass as altar servers are very welcome. Please have a word with Fr Mark who will explain how you can get involved.

