



St. Chad's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



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PARENTS EVENINGS – 4th & 5th FEBRUARY

Please look out for an email with links to request your preferred parents evening slot. The deadline for submitting these is Monday 27th January, then teachers will meet after school on Tuesday to confirm times, giving consideration to siblings. You will receive your confirmation via Seesaw. We look forward to welcoming you to school to discuss your child's progress.

COMPASS BLOOM – MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

As previously advertised, we have built a partnership with an organisation called Compass Bloom. They offer support to strengthen approaches to mental health and wellbeing. They spoke to parents and children in an assembly on Tuesday. They are able to offer small group and 1:1 support for children who are struggling to manage certain emotions. They also offer consultation phone calls with parents who feel that they need help to support their child's mental health. Contact details can be found below. Please also look out for flyers advertising webinars for parents. As ever, if you have any serious concerns about your child's mental health, please get in touch. Through a private conversation, we will be able to discuss and agree which avenue of support is suitable for your circumstances.



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ATHLETICS TEAM

Congratulations to the Year 3/4 athletics team who competed in the regional Sportshall Athletics competition at Holy Cross last week. They made a fabulous team, giving it their all in every event and supporting each other with the St Chad's spirit. We were so proud of every one of them!

VALENTINE'S DISCO

PTA will be hosting a Valentine Disco on **Wednesday 12th February, 3:25-4:45pm**. Tickets will soon be available on ParentPay for £3 per child, or £5 for multiple siblings – look out for an email with details. We are aware that there are also 2 clubs after school on the same evening (JamCoding and Dance). Children at these clubs would be welcome to come to the disco for the last 30 minutes, should they wish to. We just ask for a donation of £1 per child to be made on ParentPay. This will help us to generate numbers and know exactly where each child should be. There will be no choir that week. Children are welcome to wear non-uniform for the day, and encouraged to wear something red as a sign and celebration of love!



WE WILL ROCK YOU! ROCK MUSICAL AT HOLY CROSS – TICKETS AVAILABLE

Children at Holy Cross Catholic High School will be performing the rock musical 'We Will Rock You', starting on Tuesday 4th February. Children in Year 5 have been invited to watch Act 1 on Monday 3rd February during school time (details on Seesaw messages from Miss Gillibrand). **Tickets are also available to the general public to watch the evening performances.** Past performances have always been fantastic and we're in no doubt that this will be the same! Tickets available from link below:

[HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL EVENT TICKETS FROM TICKETSOURCE.](#)

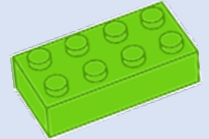
INTERNATIONAL LEGO DAY LUNCH

We will be offering a "Lego" themed lunch on Tuesday 28th January. The menu will be:

Lego Pizza with choice of Toppings – Ham or Cherry Tomato with Skinny Fries & Sweetcorn or Beans
or

Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta with Garlic Dough Balls

Followed by Warm Waffle with Vanilla Ice Cream & Toffee Sauce



INTERNET SAFETY DAY LUNCH

We will be offering an "Internet Safety Day" themed lunch on Tuesday 11th February. The menu will be:

Cautious Crispy Chicken Burger or Antivirus Vegetable Burger with Potato Wedges, Sweetcorn or Baked Beans and Tomato Ketchup
or



Trusted Tomato Pasta Spirals with Garlic Bread & Salad

Followed by Careful Cookie or Firewall Fruit

These menus will be available to the whole school on these days. If your child does not normally have a school lunch on these days 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 these days 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 in KS2 who are not entitled to Free School Meals.

MISSION STATEMENT LAUNCH ASSEMBLY – ALL INVITED!

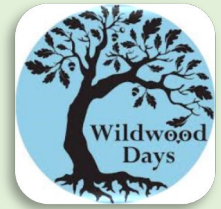
You may recall that, following a period of evaluation, we concluded that our existing Mission Statement was in need of renewal. We then gathered contributions from parents, children and governors to feed into the creation of a new Mission Statement. We are delighted with the outcome and excited to share it with everyone! **We will be launching the new Mission Statement in an assembly, led by children, on Wednesday 26th February at 9:15am.**

WEDNESDAY WORD

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

FOREST SCHOOL SESSIONS

Following the success of the forest school sessions in the autumn term, these will resume as planned every Wednesday after February half term (beginning Wednesday 26th February). See chart below for a reminder of the schedule for the remaining classes. You will notice that the junior classes will be in their year groups, rather than classes. This will be a good opportunity for the Year 4 children to work together as one. Infant classes will have two blocks of 5 sessions in the summer term.



TERM	NUMBER OF WEEKS/ SESSIONS PER GROUP	YEAR GROUPS	
		MORNING	AFTERNOON
Spring 2	6	Year 3	Year 4
Summer 1	5	Class 1	Class 2
Summer 2	5	Class 2	Class 1

The sessions will take place on the school field, which will make the most of the natural environment that we are blessed to call our home. Naturally, at times the children will be getting muddy and wet, so we need to plan the kit that they need to stay safe, warm and dry.

The ideal scenario is for every child to have a pair of wellies, waterproof over-trouser and a waterproof coat, although we can't expect that every family will have these. We plan to build up a bank of kit in school for children who don't have their own, but this may take some time due to limited finances.

It would be really helpful to get an update from Year 3 and Year 4 of how many families will be able to provide some or all of their own kit, which will inform how much we will need to provide as a school. We have created an online form to generate this information. **I would be most grateful if you could take a couple of minute to complete the relevant form(s) below. Please select the correct year group for your child(ren). Please complete a separate form for each child. Many thanks!**

[YEAR 3 KIT SURVEY](#)

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If you are able to provide your own kit, an excellent example of dungaree over-trousers can be found at https://wetwednesdays.co.uk/outdoors-dungaree#actual_colour=51

Cheaper options are also available, such as <https://www.mountainwarehouse.com/pakka-ii-kids-waterproof-overtrousers-p43836.aspx/black/>

We don't wish for any family to feel they have to buy new kit though; we are happy to do what we can to help provide for the children. If you are able and willing to provide kit, please don't go to any great expense.

We are really excited to offer this opportunity for our children, who we know will reap so many benefits, not to mention the fun and enjoyment! Thank you for your support.

SPRING 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 <https://st-chads-catholic-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/diary/subscribe/> This should update changes to your device. Click on 'Subscribe to this Calendar' and follow the instruction.



DATE	TIME	EVENT
Tuesday 28 th January	-	International Lego Day Lunch
Thursday 30 th January	9:15am	Class 3 Mass in church postponed
Tuesday 4 th February Wednesday 5 th February	3:30 – 6:00pm	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 11 th February	-	Internet Safety Day Lunch
Wednesday 12 th February	3:15 – 4:45pm	Valentine Disco
Friday 14 th February	3:15pm	School closes for half term
Monday 24 th February	-	School reopens
Wednesday 26 th February	9:15am	Mission Statement Launch Assembly (all invited!)
Thursday 27 th February	9:15am	Class 5 Mass
Sunday 2 nd March	9:30am	Sacramental Preparation (session 1)
Thursday 6 th March	-	World Book Day – Bedtime Reading (Pyjama day!)
Sunday 9 th March	9:30am	Sacramental Preparation (session 2)
Thursday 13 th March	9:15am	Class 3 Mass
Sunday 16 th March	9:30am	Sacramental Preparation (session 3)
Monday 17 th March	3:30pm	Geography Exhibitions
Wednesday 19 th March	6:30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
Thursday 20 th March	9:15am	Class 5 Mass
Thursday 27 th March	9:15am	Class 1 Mass
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

REMINDERS FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS...

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/>



MEDICAL AND HEALTH SCREENING SERVICES IN SCHOOL

Reception & Year 6 National Child Measurement Program	Wednesday 28 th February 2025
Year 6 Electronic School health Needs Assessment	Wednesday 28 th February 2025



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.