



St. Chad's Catholic Primary School

# Newsletter



*'Sharing, Caring and Learning Together  
Through Christ'*

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**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

### ADVENT: A SEASON OF LOVE

We began the season of Advent on Monday with a beautiful Mass in school. All children participated with reverence and joy and we were very proud of them. It was the perfect way to begin preparing our hearts and minds for Christmas. We would like to thank Fr Mark and Bishop Tom for leading our celebrations. Sunday is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent and we are reminded to make our preparations for the coming of Jesus...



*"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Luke 3:1-6*

### RE INSPECTION

We welcomed two inspectors to school this week. They watched lessons in every class and joined in with prayers and assemblies. They interviewed staff, children, parents and governors. They scrutinised children's work in books and gathered evidence of the Catholic life and mission of the school. Thank you also for your responses to the anonymous surveys. The inspectors were very impressed with the number of replies. We were grateful that the inspectors were so thorough (we had a lot to share with them), whilst always being professional and kind. They will now collate all their findings and publish a report, which we will share with you as soon as we receive it. We expect this to take at least 2 weeks.

### CHRISTMAS FAIR



Thank you once again for your support of the Christmas Fair last week. We hope that everyone enjoyed the evening; it was really lovely to have the whole community together in school. In terms of fundraising, you raised over £2,500!!!! This is a whopping amount and was really unexpected. This will make a huge difference to our school and will be spent on enriching your children's experiences of St Chad's. We would like to ask for your feedback to help us evaluate the format of the Christmas Fair this year, so please look out for an email about this next week.

### AUTUMN 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 10 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	3:30pm	Infant Nativities
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	-	Infant Trip to Bolton Octagon Theatre
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	6:00pm	Junior Carol Service (church)
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	-	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	-	Christmas Parties (Christmas party clothes)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	2:15pm	Close for Christmas

## PRIZE WINNERS FROM THE CHRISTMAS FAIR

Congratulations to our Christmas Fair Winners – Prizes have been sent home with children this week.

STALL	ANSWER	WINNER		
Guess the name of the bear	Luna	Poppy O		
Number of sweets in the jar	679	Neve		
Champagne Drop		Mary Hibbert		
RAFFLE PRIZE		WINNING TICKET		WINNER
Christmas Star	Green	984	AB584268	Fred
Unicorn Glitter Tattoo Studio	Green	551	AB950339	Mason S
Likhet Candle	Green	623	AB950339	Emilie
Tropic Gift Tin	Green	713	AB584268	Luke W
Village Tea Rooms Afternoon Tea	Green	666	AB584268	Harrison
Chorley theatre voucher	Green	460	AB950339	Neve
Cuckoo Gin Tasting Voucher	Green	724	AB584268	Thomas M
Sunflower and Bee heart	Green	327	AB950339	Deia
Mince Pie Doorstop	Green	806	AB584268	B Taylor
Roses Chocolates	Green	279	AB950339	Lily
Heroes Chocolates	Green	699	AB950339	Kate McDonald
Box of Thorntons Chocolates	Green	328	AB950339	Deia
Christmas Jumper	Green	659	AB950339	Edward F
Thorntons Advent Calendar	Green	160	AB950339	Joseph H
Selection Box	Green	885	AB950339	Clare Riley
Selection Box	Yellow	911	AD768344	Mrs McGar
Selection Box	Green	698	AB584268	Arthur
Selection Box	Green	468	AB950339	Archie T

### CLASS 1 & 2 ROOFS

We are undertaking some repairs to the roofs over the infant classrooms over the next 2-3 weeks. The contractors are due on site on Monday. They will be working closely with us, with daily morning briefings, to ensure that the entire site remains safe. If you experience anything that concerns you during pick-up/drop-off times, please inform the school office ASAP.

### PE TOPS - OFFER OF HELP

It has been brought to our attention that some of the PE tops are out of stock. These are:

- Boys PE top (32-34)
- Girls PE top (30-32)

Stock is quite low on most of the other boys PE top sizes, but there seems to be a decent supply of the other sizes in the girls PE tops. We would like to help those affected, while stocks are being replenished. If anyone has a good quality PE top that no longer fits, could they please kindly be sent into school to help others. Therefore, if you are in need of a PE top that is out of stock, please let us know the size and we'll do our best to match you up with a donated one. We hope this will help.

### CHRISTMAS LUNCH

We will be having our traditional Christmas lunch on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**. The menu will be: **Traditional Roast Turkey and chipolata sausage with Roast & Mashed Potatoes, Veg, Stuffing & Gravy followed by a Festive Dessert**

**(The vegetarian option of Quorn Fillet and Vegetarian Sausage MUST be pre-booked)**

This menu will be available to the whole school on this day. If your child does not normally have a school lunch on Wednesday's but wishes to take part in this special lunch, please email Mrs Southworth [bursar@st-chads.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@st-chads.lancs.sch.uk) to add them onto the list. 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 in KS2 who are not entitled to Free School Meals.



## CHRISTMAS SHOPPING ONLINE

Please remember to use Easyfundraising when you do any Christmas 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/>



The banner features a QR code on the left. To its right is the Easyfundraising logo and text: "easyfundraising Help us make a difference when you shop. Visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk". Below this are "Download on the App Store" and "GET IT ON Google Play" buttons. Further right are logos for Booking.com, Argos, eBay, JOHN LEWIS, and ASOS, with the text "8,000+ online brands". On the far right is a red box with white text: "Every Christmas present you buy is a present for us".

## REMINDERS FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS...

### CHRISTMAS CHARITY WORK

Jesus' birth was an act of divine generosity. We are encouraged to imitate God's love by giving gifts and helping those less fortunate. Catholic Social Teaching also guides us towards living in solidarity with those less fortunate and helping the poor and vulnerable. With this in mind, we plan to support the following causes this Christmas:

- Help the Homeless (donations from the Junior Carol Service)
- Poinsettias for church dedicated to each class – see below (from the baubles project donations)
- CAFOD World Gifts – see below (from the baubles project donations)

### POINSETTIAS FOR CHURCH

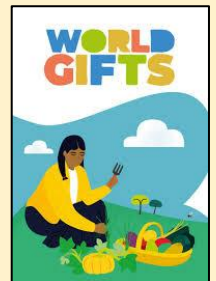
As is tradition, St Chad's church will be beautifully decorated with poinsettias for Christmas. They are inviting anyone who would like to dedicate a plant in memory of someone to make a donation of £6.50 towards the cost. Like everything, the cost of plants has risen this year. A card of dedication will be placed by each plant, which you are able to take away with you in the New Year. If you would like to get involved, please place your donation and dedication in an envelope and put it in the collection tray at the back of church or put it through the door of the presbytery. Thank you.



### CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

#### SPREADING CHRISTMAS JOY LOCALLY, WHILE HELPING THOSE IN NEED GLOBALLY

You may remember last year that we raised money for CAFOD World Gifts, which directly helps those in need of help at Christmas. On Friday, we will be sending home a cardboard bauble. We are asking children to complete a design on their bauble, sending Christmas wishes to their friends in school, and bring it back into school so that we can hang it on our Christmas tree in the entrance. We invite you to send the bauble into school, rather than Christmas cards, and invite any monies saved in purchasing Christmas cards to be donated to World Gifts from CAFOD (entirely voluntarily). The link below will take you to the page that will show you how much of a difference your money can make this Christmas. <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/collections/frontpage>



Mrs Southworth has created this as an item on Parent Pay if you wish to donate. If your child would still like to send in Christmas cards then please feel free to do so, but we hope that this offers a more environmentally-friendly and worthwhile alternative. Please send the baubles in as soon as they are ready and don't worry if you don't have any string at home as we can attach this when the children bring them in. We had some incredible designs last year and they really brightened up the entrance to the school. We look forward to seeing all of the wonderful designs and thank you in advance for your support. Mrs Topp

## MEDICAL AND HEALTH SCREENING SERVICES IN SCHOOL

Reception & Year 6 National Child Measurement Program	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
Year 6 Electronic School health Needs Assessment	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2025



## PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

If you, or anyone you know, has a child who is due to start school in September 2025 who might be interested in a place at St. Chad's, please register interest by contacting Mrs Southworth (bursar@st-chads.lancs.sch.uk) so that we can send details about the admissions process and opportunities to come and look around school. School admissions are now open for children due to start primary or secondary school in September 2025. Apply using the link below:

### SEPTEMBER 2024 ADMISSIONS APPLICATION DEADLINES

#SchoolAdmissions #LCCSchoolAdmissions

Primary Application Closing Date	15th January 2025
Apply for a place at : <a href="https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/">https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/</a>	

Before you apply, research the schools in your area and check school websites for up-to-date information about open days / evenings. You can also read Ofsted reports at: [www.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.ofsted.gov.uk).

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

PARISH NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE AT <http://stchads-southhill.org/newsletter>



### 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.