



St. Chad's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



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Through Christ'*

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Thursday 7th November 2024

WELCOME BACK!

I hope that everyone had a restful and enjoyable half term. It was lovely to welcome the children back to school on Monday, all refreshed and ready to learn. This is a very busy, productive and enjoyable term. It is a particularly special time in liturgical calendar, as we prepare our hearts and souls for the coming of Jesus. If we take time to look, we will find the peace, hope and joy that this brings to our lives. Very soon we'll be building up to Christmas in various ways, including our Advent Mass, Christmas Fair, nativity plays, parties and our beautiful carol service in church. These all take an incredible amount of work, but are worthwhile for many different reasons. We thank you for your support in advance.

In this newsletter, I will communicate our plans for the term so that we can be organised and make everything run smoothly. There will be updates and further information as the term progresses, so please keep reading these newsletters weekly to keep abreast of everything. Many thanks.

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
Wednesday 13 th November	-	Reception balance bikes
	TBC	Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics
Thursday 14 th November	9:15am	Class 4 Mass in church
Wednesday 20 th November	-	Reception Class Vision Screening
Thursday 21 st November	9:15am	Class 3 Mass in church
Wednesday 27 th November	-	Lancashire Day themed lunch
Thursday 28 th November	6:30 – 8:00pm	Christmas Fair
Monday 2 nd December	9:30am	Advent Mass in school (all welcome)
Tuesday 10 th December	3:30pm	Infant Nativity
Wednesday 11 th December	3:30pm	Infant Nativity
Monday 16 th December	-	Infant Trip to the Bolton Octagon Theatre
Tuesday 17 th December	6:00pm	Junior Carol Service (church)
Friday 20 th December	2:15pm	Close for Christmas

ADVENT MASS

Please save the date for this special Mass, if you are able to make it – **Monday 2nd December at 9:30am** in school. We will be welcoming Bishop Tom to join Fr Mark in celebrating Holy Mass in the school hall. This will be the Advent Mass for both school and parish. We will also take the opportunity to bless our beautiful new altar table, which was very kindly donated to us by the families of our Year 6 leavers' last year.



PTA UPDATES & CHRISTMAS FAIR

We had a positive and productive meeting last term, with a good turnout. We took the opportunity to review the aims of the PTA and consider feedback from the parent survey in July. We agreed the following aims:

Aims of the PTA:

- To create special memories for the children
- To uphold the values and ethos of St. Chad's
- To connect with the wider community, including pre-school children, pupils, past pupils, parishioners, families, etc.
- To support school with funds for additional equipment, resources and school developments.

This year, we are planning to further develop the outdoor spaces, particularly on the school field, to facilitate our Forest School provision and outdoor learning across the curriculum. This is an exciting project and will benefit all children and St Chad's.



Reflections and Plans:

Feedback from parents in July asked that we consider reducing how much is asked of them, in terms of donations and the cost of events.

We also reflected on the format of the Christmas event over the past few years. For example, the children's tombola afternoon was born out of necessity during covid restrictions, as was the outdoor element to the Christmas event.

All this being considered, it was decided that this year we would return to a more traditional style Christmas Fair, as we used to have pre-covid. As previously advertised, this will take place on **Thursday 28th November 6:30-8:00pm**.

This will take place in school across both halls and three classrooms. It will include tombolas, lucky dip, raffles, mulled wine, cakes, refreshments, children's games, elf grotto (letter writing to Santa, crafts, etc), tuck shop, Christmas market (external stalls), etc. Entry is entirely free and everyone in the community are very welcome to join us.



Donations:

To populate the various stalls, we kindly ask for some donations, albeit fewer than in previous years. We must stress that donations towards stalls are not compulsory, but are very much appreciated if you can manage it. To help make this manageable for you and to reduce the pressure of sending items in on certain weeks with children, we ask that donations are just dropped off in the school entrance anonymously in a plastic bag any time up to **Friday 22nd November**. The items we are asking for are:

Donation	Notes	Purpose
Sweets	Sweet tubes, tubs, packets of sweets etc	Sweet tombola
Parent 'secret' gift	Any gifts that our children may like to choose for a family member or loved one (e.g. candles, bath sets, gift sets etc.) Please also include a gift bag if possible. If possible, boys donate for dads and girls donate for mums.	Parents' Secret Gift Stall
Bottle	Can be anything from shampoo to champagne!	Bottle Tombola

We are also seeking any businesses or individuals who may be able to offer a donation for the raffle. If so, please kindly send into the school office.

Helpers:

The Christmas Fair doesn't work without the help and support of staff and parents, mostly setting up, running the stalls and tidying up afterwards. We will shortly send out the list of stalls and ask if anyone is able to help do a shift on one of them. More details to follow.

We expect this to be a lovely wholesome event for the whole community and thank you all for your support!

LANCASHIRE DAY SPECIAL LUNCH

We will be offering a "Lancashire" themed lunch on Wednesday 27th November. The menu will be:
Traditional Corned Beef Hash with crusty bread or Lancashire Cheese & Potato Pie with Peas or Beans Followed by Toffee Cupcake

This menu will be available to the whole school on this day. If your child does not normally have a school lunch on this day but wishes to take part, please email Mrs Southworth bursar@st-chads.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 in KS2 who are not entitled to Free School Meals.

MONEY FOR NOTHING! ASDA REWARDS CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

Do you shop at ASDA? If so, please 'opt in' to the **Cashpot for Schools** campaign via your rewards card and select our school. ASDA will then donate a percentage of your shop for us to use on what we need most. This does not affect your own rewards... it really is money for nothing! Our total so far stands at over £70 and we haven't even advertised it until now! Thank you for your support. Every penny really does help us.

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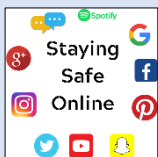
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Download and sign up to the Asda Rewards app Opt into the Cashpot for Schools campaign and select a specific primary school or select 'Schools in Need'.	Shop in store across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to your chosen school each time you shop and scan.	Asda does the rest The money raised will be donated through Parentkind to schools to spend on what they need most. This won't affect your own Cashpot earn.

BRASS BAND CONCERT IN CHURCH – 24TH NOV 2:00-4:30PM

Please see flyer with details. Tickets available from school or church – children go free! The last concert was beautiful and enjoyed by all who attended. What a wonderful opportunity for children to see quality live music!



ONLINE SAFETY



Please see attachments for this month's online safety newsletter, which is designed to support parents to keep your children safe online. This month's focus is on WhatsApp and YouTube. We hope it helps.

200 CLUB WINNERS

Congratulations to our October winners:

PRIZE	NAME	MEMBER NO.	AMOUNT
1 ST	Mrs Gray	95	£50.00
2 ND	Mrs M Routledge	192	£30.00
3 RD	Mrs S Southworth	103	£20.00



REMINDERS FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS...

MEDICAL AND HEALTH SCREENING SERVICES IN SCHOOL

Reception Class Vision Screening	20 th November 2024
Reception & Year 6 National Child Measurement Program	Wednesday 26 th February 2025
Year 6 Electronic School health Needs Assessment	Wednesday 26 th 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
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Apply for a place at :

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/>

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.

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 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.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stchadspta/>

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.

