



St. Chad's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



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

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Thursday 26th September 2024

PARENT SURVEY SUMMARY

Thank you once again for completing the parent survey in July. Your feedback is hugely valued and has been carefully considered, contributing to our overall school self-evaluation and development plans. For your interest and information, a summary of your responses has been sent as an attachment. Individual free-text replies have been removed as these are often private and personal and contain children's names, hence why some questions do not appear. N.B. Responses are per family, not per child.

If any parents wish to discuss any aspects of their feedback to the free-text questions, please don't hesitate to make an appointment.



FUNDRAISING AIMS FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR

Whilst we have been very grateful for your generous support of school fundraising over the past few years, we are very mindful that we can sometimes ask too much. 24% of families who replied to the parent survey felt that we asked for too much. 68% felt it was about right, with the rest happy to be asked for more. With almost a quarter feeling that we asked too much, we will listen and make some changes this year. Although almost all donations are voluntary, we understand that parents may still feel under pressure to contribute. This year we are aiming to strike a better balance between helping others and raising funds for the school. We welcome all your input to help achieve this. PTA will be hosting an AGM soon, so we welcome any parents who would like to help contribute to our wonderful existing team who work so hard and do so much for the school.



HARVEST ASSEMBLY & FOOD BANK DONATIONS

We welcome parents to join our Harvest Assembly on **Friday 4th October at 9:15am**. Please use the back doors to the main hall from the back playground after drop off. We are also collecting for **Chorley Help the Homeless Food Bank** once again. If you would like to make a donation, please leave bags in the school entrance. Many Thanks. They have requested any of the following items:

Tinned Fruit	Long-Life Milk
Tinned Vegetables	Instant Mash
Tinned Meat (corned beef, spam)	Breakfast Cereal
Tinned Soup & Baked Beans	Dried Rice and Pasta
Tinned puddings	Jars of pasta and curry sauce
Biscuits	Coffee, Tea, Sugar
Shampoo	Shower gel
Deodorant	



PRAYER & LITURGY DATES FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

Dates relating to the prayer life of the school have all been finalised and have been emailed as an attachment to the newsletter. These include Class Masses, the Year 4 sacramental program, First Holy Communion, other services, whole school Masses, etc. N.B. All dates are subject to change. Dates have also been added to the website diary, which you may subscribe to using this link: <https://st-chads-catholic-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/diary/subscribe/> This should update changes to your device.



A FEW REMINDERS...

Healthy snacks: Children are welcome to bring a snack in for playtime, but this must be a healthy option. Chocolate, crisps and sugary snacks are not allowed.

Uniform: The school sweater or cardigan should be worn indoors, rather than a fleece. These are for outdoor use only please.

School shoes: Please ensure that school shoes are sturdy enough and suitable for running around on a wet playground. There are a number of ballet-style pumps, which children are struggling to run in and they get very wet feet from puddles on rainy days.

Coats: Could children please bring a coat to school every day? We go outside for playtimes in most weathers (unless unsafe or heavy rain) so a coat is always needed, even if the day starts bright and warm. Sadly our British climate isn't very reliable!

Many thanks for your support with all the above.



HOLY CROSS HEADTEACHER VISIT

We welcome Mr Lindley, the new Headteacher at Holy Cross, on Friday 27th September. He will talk to the children in Year 5 and Year 6 about Holy Cross and the forthcoming Open Evening.

YOUTH MASS INVITE – MESSAGE FROM CHAPLAIN AT HOLY CROSS



For the first Youth Mass of the academic year, we're working with the Live Simply Group at St Gregory's to host a Creation Mass, on **Sunday 6 October at 6:30pm**. We're hoping to involve as many young people and families as possible. As always, if there is anyone who would like to be involved - readers, greeters, musicians, offertory - please contact me directly .walmsley@holycross.lancs.sch.uk / 01257 262093

Many thanks, *Linda*

Linda Walmsley - Lay Chaplain

JUNIOR DUKE

We are again running the Duke of Edinburgh style scheme, the Junior Duke Award for all year groups in school. The scheme involves completing a range of challenges such as a cookery challenge, an exercise challenge, a creation challenge, a caring for others challenge and an eco-challenge. Once they have completed their challenges, they receive a certificate and badge to wear. There are different levels to complete depending on which year your child is in, each year group is different. **If your child would like to take part, you will need to pay the fee of £10.50 per child via ParentPay which covers the cost of the resources, certificates and badges.** Both new children wishing to take part AND children who have taken part before who want to complete the next level of Junior Duke need to pay the annual fee. Please pay the fee via ParentPay by Monday 30th September so that we have the final numbers taking part in order to order the resources. If you would like further information please feel free to contact Mrs McGar. You can also find more information at www.https://juniorduke.com.



KS2 CHOIR



Mrs Topp will be again running our junior choir this year on Wednesday's after school starting next Wednesday 2nd October. Choir will finish at 4.15 p.m. and children can be collected from the back of the big hall. Although we will not be attending Young Voices this year, we will undertake some performances so that you can watch your child perform. **If your child is interested in taking part, please could you give consent using the new "KS2 Choir 24/25" item which has been added to ParentPay.** Consent will need to be given using the notes section on the ParentPay item. We are also asking for a one-off payment of £3 per child for the whole year which will help cover the cost of any music resources we need to purchase. Please also note that there will be **no choir on Wednesday 6th November as it is parents' evening.**

TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHS – PRE-SCHOOL SIBLINGS WELCOME

Tempest photography will be in school to take individual and sibling photographs, on **Wednesday 9th October**. Any parents with preschool siblings who would like a photograph of their children altogether, can come to school (main hall via the back doors) at 8.30 am. If your child normally has PE on a Wednesday, they will need to wear their normal blue polo shirts and school sweater/cardigan, with the rest of their PE kit please. Children in Year 5&6 doing forest school sessions should also please wear uniform on the top half and bring a change of top. Thank you.



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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WE DONATE
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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.

ATTENDANCE REPORTS



Please look out in school bags tonight for attendance reports for the whole of the last academic year 2023/2024. If your child's absence fell below 95% or 90% in the last year, or if your child arrived late for school more than twice last year, there will also be an additional letter in the envelope informing you of this.

"HELLO AUTUMN" THEMED LUNCH

We will be having a "Hello Autumn" Themed lunch on Thursday 3rd October. The menu on this day will be:

Toad-in-the-Hole (vegetarian option also available) served with Mashed Potato Pzas and Gravy

or

Cheese Pasty served with Mashed Potato and Beans

Followed by

Chocolate & Orange Cookie



This menu will be available to the whole school on this day. If your child does not normally have a school lunch on a Thursday but wishes to take part in this special themed lunch, please email bursar@st-chads.lancs.sch.uk to add your child onto the list. Please also let me know if they want the meat free vegetarian version of Toad-in-the-Hole. Children who normally have a school lunch on a Thursday 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.

200 CLUB WINNERS

Congratulations to our September winners:

1ST	Mr D Crosbie	14	£50.00
2ND	Mrs A Derbyshire	24	£30.00
3RD	Mrs M O'Donnell	11	£20.00



MEDICAL AND HEALTH SCREENING SERVICES IN SCHOOL

Reception Class Questionnaires : Please look out in school bags tonight for the Reception Class medical questionnaires. Please complete and return to school by 9th October as they will be collected by the Lancashire Healthy Young People and Families team shortly afterwards.



Nasal Flu Vaccines : If you haven't yet consented but would like your child to receive the nasal flu vaccine in school on 7th November, please note that **the consent link below expires on Tuesday 1st October**.

Consent Link : <https://nhsimms.azurewebsites.net/session/a2fb9b79>

Nasal Flu Vaccinations	7 th November 2024
Reception Class Medical Questionnaires	To be returned to school by 9th October
Reception & Year 6 National Child Measurement Program	Wednesday 26 th February 2025
Year 6 Electronic School health Needs Assessment	Wednesday 26 th February 2025

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
Thursday 26 th September	9:30am	Welcome Mass in church – all welcome
Thursday 3 rd October	9:15am	Class 5 Mass in church
Thursday 3 rd October	-	"Hello Autumn" themed lunch
Friday 4 th October	9:15am	Harvest Assembly (school hall, parents welcome)
Monday 7 th & Tuesday 8 th October	All day	Year 6 Bikeability
Wednesday 9 th October	8:30am	Tempest Photographs (individual & sibling)
Thursday 10 th October	9:15am	Class 4 Mass in church
Monday 14 th October – Wednesday 16 th October	-	Year 2 Road Safety Course
Tuesday 15 th October	5:30pm	Phonics Workshop for Parents
Thursday 17 th October	9:15am	Class 3 Mass in church
Tuesday 22 nd October	3:15pm	School closes for half term
Thursday 31 st October	-	Secondary School Applications Deadline
Monday 4 th November & Wednesday 6 th November	3:30 - 6:00pm	Parents' Evenings
Tuesday 5 th November	-	Bonfire Night themed lunch
Thursday 7 th November	9:15am	Class 5 Mass in church
	-	Nasal Flu Vaccines
Thursday 14 th November	9:15am	Class 4 Mass in church
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
Thursday 5 th 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
Friday 20 th December	2:15pm	Close for Christmas

REMINDERS FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS...



MRS STRICKLAND PIANO AND VOCAL TUITION

There are currently 2 vacancies. If you are interested, please email the school office.

GUITARS

All available spaces have now been filled from children on the waiting list. If your child would like to be added to the waiting list, please email Mrs Southworth bursar@st-chads.lancs.sch.uk



SECONDARY AND 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

Secondary Application Closing Date	31st October 2024
Primary Application Closing Date	15th January 2025
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".

MASS TIMES AT ST. CHAD'S CHURCH

Please see this weeks' parish newsletter for any further updates regarding Mass times and parish events: <http://stchads-southhill.org/newsletter>

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.