



St. Chad's Catholic Primary School

# Newsletter



*'Be who you were created to be...'*

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## WELCOME BACK!

May I welcome all our families, children and staff to another new school year at St. Chad's. I especially extend a warm welcome to our new families and staff. It is always lovely when any family grows, and our school family is no different. We start the new year with optimism, ambition and excitement. Our aim is to communicate openly and effectively with you and to continue to build positive relationships, with the best interest of your children at the core of everything we do. We strive to live out our [Mission Statement](#) every day and continually work towards the expected outcomes of our [Strategic Plan](#). To achieve this requires a partnership with our whole St. Chad's family: staff, children, parents, governors, parish and local community. May I thank you for your ongoing support. Mr J Riley



## COMMUNICATION METHODS

Open, honest and clear communication is the key to an effective and happy school. You will receive regular communication from school in a variety of forms, all with a different purpose. Please see chart below:

METHOD	PURPOSE
<b>Emails via Parent Pay</b>	Communication from the school office (uniforms, dinners, trips, etc)
<b>Weekly Newsletter</b> Emailed and on the school website	General important updates and information, including dates for your diaries.
<b>Class Newsletters</b> Emailed and on the school website	Termly information specifically about your child's class, including the curriculum, routines, PE days, homework, etc.
<b>Seesaw (App)</b>	Direct messaging between parents and teachers. Teachers aim to respond within 2 working days during office hours (9am-5pm). If a message is urgent, please contact the school office directly.
<b>Informal conversations before and after school</b>	Teachers and Mr Riley make themselves available before and after school for quick informal messages or chats. Teachers are, however, required in class to begin teaching at 9:00am. See below if more time is needed.
<b>Face-to-Face meeting</b>	More formal conversations, where required. Please make an appointment should this be needed.

We greatly value our relationship with parents and encourage you to reach out to us where necessary. We would much rather you to ask questions or raise concerns, rather than worrying or being confused about something. Please contact class teachers in the first instance where a question is relating to your child and their experiences in school. Admin questions may be directed to the school office.

## SEESAW

Seesaw is an online platform/app that facilitates two-way communication between teachers and parents, alongside other features. Reception children will shortly receive a letter with further details and login instructions. We are setting up the other classes onto Seesaw, so your teachers may message you to check that you receive them. If you experience any issues, please just let us know.



## ROUTINES AND RULES REMINDERS

It is helpful to begin the year with a few reminders, so that we can start on the right track:

- Children are not allowed to use the play equipment before or after school, as our risk assessments require strictly limited numbers and staff supervision. Thank you.
- Dogs are not allowed on the school premises
- Smoking is not allowed anywhere on the school site
- Please park responsibly and avoid blocking any neighbour driveways
- Stopping on the zig-zag lines is prohibited
- Only plain stud earrings should be worn, and removed for PE days
- We are a 'nut-free school', so please do not send in snacks or lunches with food containing nuts.



All the above are to help reduce unnecessary health and safety risks to our children. Many thanks indeed for supporting these.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

We are just finalising the last few dates for this term, so will communicate all the relevant dates for the whole term with you in next week's newsletter.

## CLASS NEWSLETTERS

These will all be emailed to you on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September and uploaded to the school website for future reference.

## FOREST SCHOOL SESSIONS

As explained in a recent email, our exciting Forest School provision begins on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September** for children in **Year 5 and Year 6**. These children may come to school dressed for the outdoors, **including a long sleeve top and long trousers to protect them from brambles** etc. Sessions take place on the school field, which is *always* boggy. As such, **children will need wellies**, if you are able to provide them. Please send these in a plastic bag to change into. Waterproof over-trousers and coats are also necessary, as we intend to go out in almost all conditions. All this information was shared during the holidays, but I hope that a reminder is helpful. Should anyone require help with kit, please just get in touch and we will be happy to provide whatever we can.



## MEDICAL FORMS FOR MEDICATION AND INHALERS KEPT IN SCHOOL

If your child normally has medication or an inhaler kept in school, please complete a new form using the link below to ensure we have the most up to date information. Please also remember to send in any medication which may have been sent home at the end of Summer. You are responsible for checking any expiry dates on medication, so please make sure you check these before sending them in and ensure that you replace them before they expire. Many thanks.



**Form Link :** <https://forms.office.com/e/yjRyMDxyTL>

## TOAST

Toast will continue to be offered in school on Friday mornings throughout the school year. If your child would like toast, please send in your payment of £5 per child tomorrow morning so that we can inform our "toast fairies" how many children to cater for. All children will be offered toast during the first week to allow time for payments to be checked and lists created, therefore, if your child has any dietary requirements i.e. gluten free, no butter etc, or if your child does not want toast this year, please email me today so that we can ensure your child is catered for correctly. Please send in payments in a **clearly named envelope**. Payments for siblings can be put together in the same envelope as they are all sent through to the office for updating the list. Please remind children to hand the envelope in to their class teacher during morning registration. Unfortunately, we cannot accept payment through ParentPay for this as we need to be able to easily re-imburse our toast fairies.



### LEP RECEPTION CLASS PHOTOGRAPH

The Lancashire Evening Post & Chorley Guardian publish class photos of reception classes at this time of year. Their photographer is visiting next Tuesday 9th September. You will be sent proofs of the photograph in due course in case you wish to purchase a copy of it.

### PRE-LOVED UNIFORM



On dry days, pre-loved uniform which has been donated to school along with any un-named lost property uniform will be on display in the pavilion. Please take a look through and take any items you may need. Let's make a change and live a simpler, more sustainable life together.

### WALK TO SCHOOL ALONE POLICY

If your child is in Year 5 or Year 6 and you wish for them to walk/ride to or from school alone, please request a copy of our 'Travelling to and from school alone policy'. An application form is contained within the policy to be submitted to Mr Riley. **Please include details of the route and address and await a response.** Many thanks.

### DANCE CLUB

Mrs Marsden, a very experienced dance teacher, will be starting up her dance classes again starting from next week (Mon 8th Sep).

**Monday 3:20-4:20 - KS2**

**Wednesday 3:20-4:20 - KS1**

This is open to all the school and is a fantastic club, and is one not to be missed! If you would like to sign your child up to join please message Claire on 07703 057272 with your child's name and their year group and she will be able to add you to the dance community Whatsapp group.

If your child took part last year, you do not need to sign your child up again, however, if your child took part last year but does not wish to continue this year, please let Mrs Marsden know so that she can remove them from the club register.



### SPANISH CLUB - EL CLUB ESPAÑOL

Hola! Did you travel on holidays to Spain or other Spanish-speaking countries this Summer? Wouldn't it have been awesome if your child could speak some of the language there? Learning Spanish is a fun and useful skill and learning at primary school age gives your child the best chance of discovering a love of languages which will serve them throughout their education and life. Our Fun Spanish Clubs will begin again at St

Chad's for Autumn term on Monday 8th Sept! New children in years 1-6 can come along for a no obligation taster any Monday. Our fun clubs allow your child to get started on a new and exciting language, with the help of fun games, songs, stories and drama, and children can try any time! We have two clubs – one takes place at lunchtime and one after school, offering a fun and educational alternative to after school club, and they are open to all levels of ability.

**Fun Spanish After School Club for Y1- Y6** is a 1-hour club and takes place on Mondays until 4.25pm for 13 weeks in the Autumn Term, fees are £7.15 per session, payable termly.

**Fun Spanish Lunchtime Club for Rec-Y6** is a 30-min club and takes place at 12-12.30 on Mondays for 13 weeks in the Autumn Term, fees are £5.80 per session, payable termly.

The membership fee for new members is £13.95 and children receive a songbook and CD with folder and sticker chart and it includes free access to our internet gamezone and access to all the LCF French & Spanish music via streaming on any device. Sibling discounts and monthly direct debits/card payment options are available. Beginners are most welcome and all children can have a no-obligation taster for these clubs by signing up at [www.boltonlanguages.co.uk/enrol](http://www.boltonlanguages.co.uk/enrol) and paying AFTER the trial session, by skipping the payment stage of the signup until the trial is complete. If your child doesn't wish to continue, then you don't need to pay anything. Please contact Chris Abalain if you would like more information on these clubs, you can email [chris@boltonlanguages.co.uk](mailto:chris@boltonlanguages.co.uk) or call 07917 848745.

## GUITAR TUITION



Guitar tuition will resume on Fridays from next Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September for those children who have signed up for this academic year. Children who are new to guitar tuition this year who have opted to use a loan instrument will be allocated a guitar which they can collect from the school office before their first lesson next week. Children should remember to bring their guitar in every Friday morning ready for their lesson. Children can start guitar lessons from Year 3, however, you are welcome to add your child's name to the waiting list from Reception by emailing [k.southworth@st-chads.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:k.southworth@st-chads.lancs.sch.uk).

## KEYBOARD, PIANO & UKULELE TUITION

Tuition for these instruments is also available through the Lancashire Music Service PDP scheme (Parental Direct Payment). Lessons are held in school, usually by the same tutor who provided the guitar lessons in school. Please visit <https://www.lancshireremusicclub.co.uk/site/parent-direct-payment-pdp-scheme/> for more information and register your child for lessons.

## 200 CLUB WINNERS

Congratulations to our August winners:

PRIZE	NAME	MEMBER NO.	AMOUNT
1 <sup>ST</sup>	Hollie Massey	49	£50.00
2 <sup>ND</sup>	Stacey Hardy	100	£30.00
3 <sup>RD</sup>	Bronwyn Miller	79	£20.00

## 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 \(click for link\)](#). This should update changes to your device. Click on 'Subscribe to this Calendar' and follow the instruction.*

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	-	Forest School sessions begin for Year 5&6
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	4:00-6:00pm	Football League (Y5/6)
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	-	Class Newsletters
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	9:30am	Welcome Mass in church – all welcome!
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	2:30pm	Harvest Assembly in school – all welcome!
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	-	Class 3&4 trip to Judges Lodgings
Tuesday/Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> /15 <sup>th</sup> October	3:30-6:00pm	Year 6 Parents' Evening
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	4:30-7:00pm	Holy Cross Open Evening
Tuesday/Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> /22 <sup>nd</sup> October	3:30-6:00pm	Parents' Evening (Reception to Year 5)
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	3:15pm	School closes for half term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	9:00am	School reopens

## **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.