



St. Chad's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



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THE SEASON OF LENT

Ash Wednesday (last week - 18th February) marked the start of Lent, a 40-day period of reflection and preparation leading up to Easter. It's a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving that ends on Holy Thursday (2nd April).



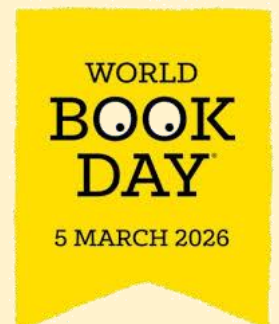
YEAR 4 SACRAMENTAL SESSION 1

Thank you to those who have confirmed their participation in this year's sacramental programme. All details are on the letter sent a few weeks ago, but as way of a reminder, the first session is on Sunday 1st March after 9:15am Mass in church.

WORLD BOOK DAY

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 5th March**. On this day, your child can either dress as their favourite character from a book or simply come in their pyjamas with their favourite book. As an extra challenge, we are asking the children to perform a short extract from their book, and if they can do this off by heart, even better! This challenge is open to all classes, but if the younger children would prefer to learn a nursery rhyme to perform, this would be great too. We are asking for a voluntary donation for your child to dress up and all of the money raised will go towards new books to restock our libraries. **An item has now been added to ParentPay enabling you to make your donations.**

We would also like to decorate our school with photographs of the children reading in weird and wonderful places. We challenge the children to find the most unique places to read and send a photograph to share with their friends. If you would like to send in a photograph, then please send it in a private message on Seesaw to Mrs Topp. This should keep them busy over half-term. Happy reading!



PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL BUILDING FUND (LEVY)



Please see letter being sent home in school bags tonight. We are mindful that you might not be aware of what this is and why it exists so the letter being sent home (and attached) provides you with all the information and explains why we would appreciate your support with this, if you are able to. Many thanks.

200 CLUB WINNERS

Congratulations to our February winners:

PRIZE	NAME	MEMBER NO.	AMOUNT
1 ST	Amy Simmons	64	£50.00
2 ND	Petra Goldova	62	£30.00
3 RD	Shelley Dawes	53	£20.00



FAMILY EASTER BINGO – TICKETS NOW ON SALE



We are delighted to be hosting our annual Easter Bingo event again this year on **Tuesday 17th March at 6.00pm**. We have a number of families and staff with Irish heritage, so we will also be recognising St Patrick's Day within the theme of the evening.

Due to the size of our school hall, there will be a total number of 200 entry tickets available, so please be quick to secure your spot! Items on ParentPay have been allocated to the eldest / only child to make it easier to administer so please purchase all tickets required through that one child on ParentPay. Thank you.

To purchase entry tickets: please use the "Easter Bingo Entry Tickets" item on ParentPay and select the number of entry tickets you would like (priced at 50p each). We are limiting entry tickets to immediate family (parents and children only) to allow as many families to attend as possible.

To purchase Bingo Booklets: please use the "Easter Bingo Tickets" payment item on ParentPay. These booklets are priced at £1.00 each and there is no limit to the amount you can purchase. We would advise each person playing bingo, has at least one ticket booklet, but the more you have, the more chance you have of winning! These will be available to purchase on the night also.

To purchase Flyer Tickets: please use the "Easter Bingo Flyer tickets" item on Parent Pay. This is an additional game of Bingo which will be played at the very end and there will be a BUMPER prize for this game. Flyer tickets will also be priced at £1.00 each.

There will be a small 'tuck shop' available selling small treats for the children but families are welcome to bring along their own food and drink also. We are super excited to be able to bring this much-loved family fun night back again this year and we look forward to seeing you there!

PLEASE NOTE: We are mindful that this event is quite late for our younger children and very busy, so we will also be hosting a free Easter Bingo in school time for the infant children on the afternoon of 17th March. Naturally, they are very welcome to attend the family bingo too, but we wanted to offer this opportunity this year.

EASTER BINGO DONATIONS

To populate the prizes, we kindly ask that children make a donation in exchange for a **non-uniform day on Friday 13th March**. These may be dropped off at the school entrance please. We are very grateful indeed for ANY kind of donation, however to help gather a range of items, we provide a guide for each class – see below:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Pack of small eggs (e.g. cream egg)	Pack of small eggs (e.g. cream egg)	Normal Easter Egg	Normal Easter Egg	Normal Easter Egg	Easter crafts (see below info)	Easter crafts (see below info)

Rather than winning huge bundles of chocolate, we'd like to include some more wholesome Easter craft activities in the prizes. There are some lovely cheap options available in places like The Works and supermarkets. There are many options available, so please just choose one that is affordable.

We thank you for your support with this. Every penny raised for PTA will be spent on enhancing the school for your children.

YEAR 6 SATS & RSHE MEETING



We are hosting an information meeting for parents of children in Year 6 to inform them about the SATS tests and our RSHE programme. This will be held in Class 5 at **6pm on Tuesday 3rd March**. We wanted to give you as much notice as possible to help you to make arrangements.

TEMPEST CLASS PHOTOGRAPH ORDERS

If you placed an order for class photographs, please look out for these in school bags tonight.



MISS GILLIBRAND'S MARATHON FUNDRAISING

As previously mentioned, Miss Gillibrand is taking in the Manchester Marathon on **19th April** and has kindly chosen to raise money for our PTA. As part of her fundraising, she will be holding a raffle and a silent auction. The raffle will include vouchers for local businesses, hampers and experiences. The silent auction will feature larger prizes such as a Bentley Package, a meal for two at Northcote and various other vouchers. All proceeds will go directly to the PTA.

The Raffle

Raffle tickets will be coming home in your child's bag tonight, so please keep an eye out for them.

- Tickets cost **£1 each** and can be paid for via ParentPay.
- Please return the same quantity of raffle tickets purchased with **your name / your child's name and a contact number** written on the back of **each ticket**. Retain the counterfoils for claiming any prizes.
- Returned tickets will be entered into the draw once payment has been made.
- The draw will take place in the **last week of term**.
- The deadline for returning tickets to school is **Tuesday 24th March**.
- Winners will be announced in the newsletter that week.



Thank you for your support!

The Silent Auction

The silent auction will go live on **Monday 2nd March**. All prizes will be announced via Seesaw and ParentPay.

If you would like to bid on any item, please email Miss Gillibrand directly at l.gillibrand@st-chads.lancs.sch.uk, stating:

- The item(s) you wish to bid on
- Your bid amount.



The auction will close on **Friday 20th March at 6pm**. If your bid is outbid during this time, Miss Gillibrand will email you to let you know in case you would like to increase your offer. There are some fantastic prizes available, you might even grab yourself a bargain if there are no other bids! You have to be in it to win it... happy bidding! The last time the PTA ran a Silent Auction, we were absolutely blown away by the generosity of our community and raised over £1000 for the benefit of our children. With your support, let's see if we can make this year's event even more amazing!

Miss Gillibrand would also like to say a huge thank you for all the well wishes and donations she has received so far. With less than two months to go until race day, the nerves are definitely starting to set in! Thank you for your continued support and for helping to make events like this such a success.

If you would like to donate directly, please visit the GoFundMe page:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/supporting-our-school-one-mile-at-a-time>

To help boost PTA funds further, she plans to arrange a 'guess the time' game and a children's sponsored run. More details on these to follow.

Any donations of prizes from businesses and/or individuals would be greatly appreciated. All money raised will go directly to the PTA, helping to enrich the education and experiences of our children. Prizes big or small are hugely appreciated, vouchers, tours, restaurant meals, massages, beauty treatments, tasting sessions, or any other special experiences. Please inform her of any offers at l.gillibrand@st-chads.lancs.sch.uk.

FOREST SCHOOL ONLINE FORM

We have received 45 responses to the online forms, so are just awaiting 5 more between Class 2 and Year 4. If you haven't already completed the online form, **please do so as soon as possible** (see links below for quick reference). This includes a few consents to help us to keep your children safe, so your assistance is most appreciated. Many thanks. Please see full information about the forest school sessions in the 'Reminders' section of this newsletter.

[CLASS 2 FORM](#)

[YEAR 4 FORM](#)

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](#). Click on 'SUBSCRIBE' and follow the instructions for your device.

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sunday 1 st March	9:15am	Sacramental Session 1 (Year 4 communicants)
Tuesday 3 rd March	6:00pm	SATS & RSHE Meeting (Year 6 Parents)
Thursday 5 th March	9:15am	Class 4 Mass in church
	-	World Book Day lunch
Sunday 8 th March	9:15am	Sacramental Session 2 & Family Mass
Thursday 12 th March	9:15am	Class 5 Mass in church
Tuesday 17 th March	6:00pm	Easter Bingo
Saturday 21 st March	TBC	Cross Country Competition at Astley Park
Sunday 22 nd March	9:15am	Sacramental Session 3
Monday 23 rd – Wednesday 25 th March	-	Year 1 Road Safety Course
Wednesday 25 th March	6:30pm	Service of Reconciliation (Year 4)
Thursday 26 th March	9:30am	Easter Assembly in school hall (parents invited)
Friday 27 th March	-	Easter Lunch
	2:15pm	School Closes for Easter

WEDNESDAY WORD

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

WORLD BOOK DAY LUNCH

We will be offering a "World Book Day" themed lunch on **Thursday 5th March**. The menu will be:

Treasure Island Crispy Chicken or Quorn Tortilla Wraps, sweet chilli sauce & cheese
Served with Cannon Ball Potato Puffs & Golden Corn and Ruby Pepper Medley

or

Hogwarts House Pasta Spirals in Tomato Sauce with Gryffindor Garlic Bread

or

Peter Rabbit's Jacket Potato with a choice of filling

Followed by Charlie's Chocolate Factory Ice Cream Roll or Matilda's Magical Jelly

EASTER LUNCH

We will be offering an Easter themed lunch on **Friday 27th March**. The menu will be:

Chicken Burger

Or

Cheese & Onion Lattice Slice (v)
With Potato Footballs & Veg or Beans

Or

Jacket Potato with choice of filling

Followed by Easter Treat Dessert



This menu will be available to the whole school. If your child does not normally have a school lunch on this day but wishes to take part, please ask for your child to be added to the list by emailing Mrs Southworth at k.southworth@stchads.lancs.sch.uk. Children who normally have a school lunch on this day do not need to reply. Payment for this lunch should be made via the Pupil School Meal payment item on ParentPay for children who are in KS2 (unless entitled to Free School Meals).

REMINDERS FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS

LITTLE CHURCH

All our children are invited to come along to St Chad's Church for Sunday Mass at 9:15am, where they are welcome to join in the Children's Liturgy at "Little Church". This is a lovely way for children to understand and engage with Mass, whilst making friends and nurturing their faith. What a beautiful gift!

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

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

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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.

