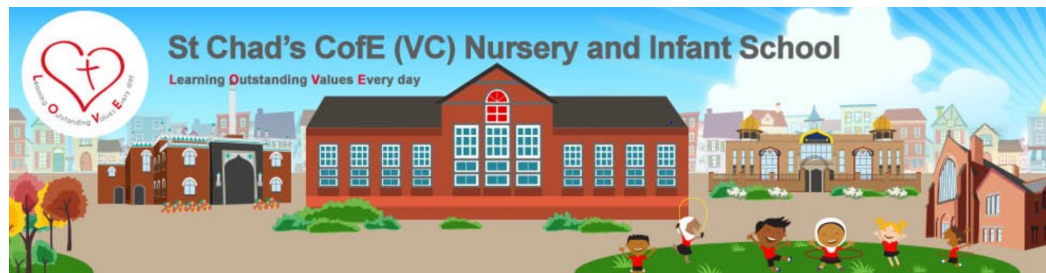


Newsletter February 2019



Dear Parents and Carers,

Once again, it has a very busy but successful term here at St Chad's. I would like to start off by saying a huge thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to our school attendance. The winter germs have definitely been out in force and we have had lots of brave children and staff battling colds and sickness. Thank you for continuing to bring your children to school on time, even on the very cold and miserable mornings. Hopefully, the first signs of Spring will be with us soon...

We ran another very successful parent's evening and the turn-out was excellent. We hope that you found the time with your child's class teacher and your child's Report sheet useful. I am so proud of the progress that the children are making and I hope that you enjoyed celebrating your child's milestones and successes.

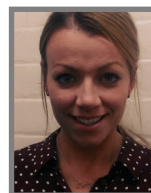
Over the past month, we have been running Parent Surveys—thank you to those parents who shared their viewpoints with us. We had a good response rate and we are very pleased with the very positive results and comments. We are looking forward to using the results to further develop and improve our school over the coming year. I will be uploading the results to the survey to our website and I encourage you all to have a look over the coming weeks.

Miss Gilsenan and Miss Wright have also been very busy leading on Pupil Surveys. This is always tricky due to the age of our children but their voice is still very important to us. We had a group of older Year 2 helping with the surveys over lunchtimes and they did a fantastic job. Please see overleaf for a summary on what our children had to say about our 'LOVEly' school. I will also be adding the results to our website.

I wish you all a relaxing break with your children and I look forward to welcoming you all back on **Tuesday, 26th February**.

Please remember that school is closed Monday, 25th February due to staff training.

Happy Half-Term Holiday! Love Ms. Leach x



DATES FOR THE DIARY

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| Monday 25th February | INSET Day (school closed) |
| Tuesday 26th February | SCHOOL RE-OPENS |
| Tuesday 26th February | E-safety Parent Workshop (9am) |
| Thursday 28th February | Ladybirds Multi-Sports |
| Tuesday 5th March | KS1 Maths Parent Workshop (9am) |
| Thursday 7th March | Dance Festival Riverside Centre |
| Friday 8th March | World Book Day (dress-up) |
| Wednesday 13th March | Sing Up Day! |
| Wednesday 13th March | Say No to Bullying (non-uniform) |
| Friday 15th March | Friendship Performance |
| Wednesday 20th March | Bears Tennis Centre |
| Wednesday 10th April | Bears/Crocodiles Tennis Centre |

In Collective Worship after half-term, we will be exploring the value:



PARKING CONCERNS

I am becoming increasingly concerned over the parking outside of school in the morning and after school. Parking on the yellow zig-zag lines is prohibited between the hours of 8:15am-9:15am and 3pm-4pm. We have tried to put out the cones in the morning and after school to make this clear but we still continue to see irresponsible parking (including parents parking in between the cones).

The safety of our children is our number one priority . Some parents are mounting the curb to park—this is incredibly dangerous to our parents with very young children, including babies in pushchairs. Parents are also ‘abandoning’ cars in the middle of the road and children are exiting cars on the road. Again, this is very dangerous.

Please support us in ensuring the safety of our children by:

- **Considering walking instead of driving**
- **Car sharing**
- **Ensuring no parking on the yellow zig-zag lines**
- **Allowing sufficient travel time so there is no need to ‘park and rush’**
- **Ensuring sensible parking following the Highway Code**



We appreciate that the road is very narrow but this is not something that we can control. It is the responsibility of all parents to ensure that all children arrive and get picked up in a safe and caring manner. I have shared my concerns with our local PCSOs and the council and we will continue to monitor this situation carefully. Please support us in ensuring that every child in our school is dropped off and picked up in a caring and safe manner.



KINGS AND QUEENS

I am thrilled to announce that our Kings and Queens for this half-term are:

- Maryam and Jaroslav (Pandas)**
- Zainab and Karlis (Bears)**
- Hafsa and Anchel (Crocodiles)**
- Khadija and Daniel (Ladybirds)**
- Haaniya and Faizaan (Elephants)**
- Aneesa and Ismail (Giraffes)**



I will be announcing the winners of our half-termly LOVE Awards after the break (following on from our ‘St Chad’s has Courage’ talent show).

MOBILE PHONES

It has been brought to my attention that a very small number of parents are audio recording phone conversations with staff members on their mobile phone whilst on school premises. I would like to remind all parents that the use of any mobile phone device is not allowed on our school premises. The only exception to this rule is during shows/performances when allocated time for photos is given at the end.

It is unacceptable for any staff member to be recorded or filmed when in school.

The safety of our children and staff is our number one priority. Any parent observed filming/recording without permission will be escorted off our school premises immediately.

We will be putting up posters in the main office and upstairs office as reminders.

Recording anybody in secret does not support our school vision of LOVE and we are committed to ensuring that everybody in our school community feels safe, valued and respected.



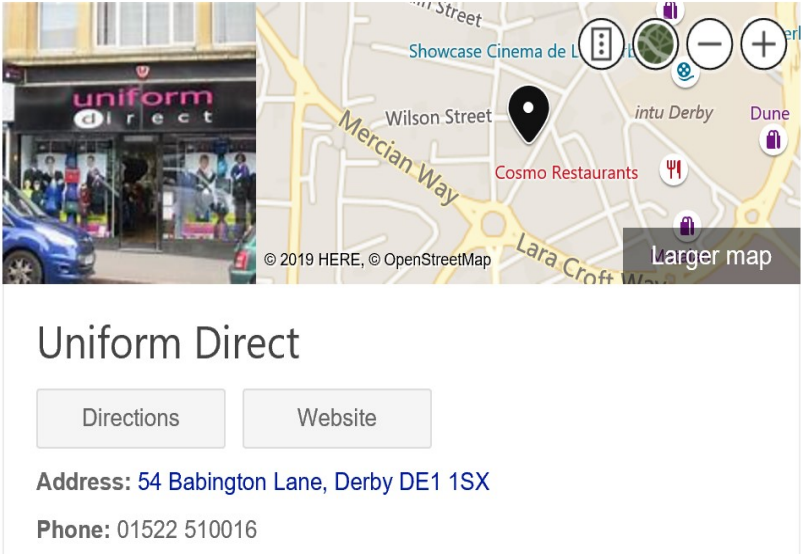
LUNCHTIME MINI LEADERS

I am thrilled to let you know that we now have a group of children supporting with lunchtime play. These children have been trained by sports coaches and our PE Leader, Mrs Holland, and are now qualified ‘lunchtime mini leaders’. Their job is to engage children in lunchtime play that encourages fitness and fun. Congratulations to: Misha, Haaniya, Alex, Arhum, Musa, Rayyan, Muhadisa, Mina, Eshan and Adam. They are doing a fantastic job!



NEW UNIFORM SUPPLIER

I would like to remind all parents that we now have a new school uniform supplier: **Uniform Direct**. Uniform Direct will now be stocking the full range of our school uniform, which will be available from their store in town. This decision was made as they were able to offer a more competitive price than our previous supplier. Uniform Direct have a shop in town which we hopes will allow the ordering of school uniform to be easier. Their store is approximately a 2 minute walk from the Intu Centre:



Further information can be found on their website: www.uniform-direct.com
Email: customerservices@uniform-direct.com
We have updated our school website with a direct link to Uniform Direct.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP LOVE AMBASSADORS

As a Church of England School, Collective Worship is an integral part of our school day. Since September, Miss Wright has been working hard with some of our Year 2 children so that can play a greater role in our Collective Worship. We now have a group of children (our LOVE Ambassadors) who help deliver some of our whole school assemblies. Well done to: Hareem, Misbah, Sulayman, Muhadisa, Musa and Arhum. A few weeks ago, our LOVE Ambassadors did an excellent job leading a Collective Worship by themselves to support our half-termly value, ‘courage’. They were involved in planning and resourcing the session and presenting it to the whole school. They blew us all away with their confidence and maturity. I am certain that they will all make excellent teachers in the future! Over the next few months, they will be supporting in learning walks and lesson observation across school. Keep up the amazing work LOVE Ambassadors!

PUPIL SURVEYS

Staff and some of our older children have been working very hard over the past month to ‘capture’ our children's views and feelings in our pupil surveys. We are very proud of the results. In summary, the majority of children say that:

- They enjoy coming to school and feel safe
- Lessons are fun and interesting
- Grown-ups and kind
- They can talk to a grown-up if they are worried/sad
- They enjoy playtimes and lunchtimes
- They enjoy Collective Worship
- Class Dojo helps them to make good choices in their behaviour



Children were asked to describe our school in one word. Lots of our children said fun, happy and lovely. The majority of children could confidently explain our school vision, LOVE, and what it means to them. Children were asked how the school could be improved. Lots of children said that they would like a bigger playground and more outside play equipment. Children would also like more and better books. We are committed to ensuring that our children's voices are heard and will be exploring feasible ways to further development out outside play spaces.