

Newsletter July 2017



Dear Parents and Carers

We can't believe that another successful year has passed here at St Chad's! We are extremely proud of the children's hard work and achievements. I would like to say thank you to our dedicated and enthusiastic staff for providing our children with lots of experiences and memories that will last for many years to come.

As is the case every year, we have a number of staff leaving us for Pastures New: Mrs Hampton, Miss Dilly, Miss Lowes, Mrs Walker and Mrs Lavell. Thank you for the support and LOVE that you have given to our school. I would like to say an 'extra special' farewell to Mrs Saroi who is retiring after 16 years at St Chad's (and over 30 years in education!). Mrs Saroi, we wish you all the best in this new chapter of your life.

I am thrilled to welcome two new teachers into the St Chad's family: Miss Afzal and Miss Habib are very excited to be joining Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1. We are also very excited to welcome our new Head of School, Ms. Leach.

Finally, I would like to say goodbye to our AMAZING Year 2 children and their families. It has been an absolute pleasure having the children in our school and we wish them the very best for their future. We look forward to hearing about how they are getting on in Year 3!

Please have a wonderful and relaxing break with your children. We look forward to

welcoming you all back on **Thursday, 7th September.**

Best wishes (and Happy Holidays!)

Mr J Gallimore

Executive Headteacher



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday 26th July

BREAK UP FOR SUMMER

Thursday 27th July – Wednesday 6th September

SCHOOL CLOSED

Thursday 7th September

SCHOOL RE-OPENS

TRANSITION WEEK

Last week, children took part in Transition Week. Children were given the chance to meet their new teacher and classroom to help them feel prepared and excited for the new academic year. Some of our Year 2 children had the opportunity to visit their new schools. We appreciate the support of our parents and feeder schools—it has been a very successful 5 days.

SUMMER FAIR

It was wonderful to see our Summer Fair so well attended. I would like to say a special thank you to Mrs Bola for coordinating such a special event. Everyone commented on the 'community spirit' and smiles on everybody's faces. The wet sponges, stocks and bouncy castle were especially popular! We are thrilled with the £558 raised to support school funds. We are already excited for our Winter Fair!

YEAR 2 HAS TALENT!

The Year 2 Leaver's Assembly is always a highlight on our school calendar and this year was exceptional. We were blown away by the children's performances, including singing, dancing and telling jokes. We have lots of future stars in the making! Their farewell song was especially moving. It is always lovely to reflect on how much the children have grown and developed. Thank you for attending and supporting the concert. Year 2, we are very proud of you all!

A WELCOME MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

We are pleased to announce that Reverend Sarah Watson will be our new school chaplain from September. Reverend Sarah says, “ I am really looking forward to visiting the school and getting to know the fabulous children and staff. See you in September!”



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Please can I remind you of the importance of regular school attendance. It is important that your child attends school regularly: he or she should only be off in the event of serious sickness. Unfortunately, we have a number of children arriving late into school. **Our school gates open at 8:45am. If you arrive after 9am, you are late. Please pick up your child on time at 3:15pm.**

NEW CLASSES

The class structure from September 2017 will be as follows:

FOUNDATION STAGE

- NURSERY Miss H. Wright (Positive Panders)
- RECEPTION Miss K. Gilsenan (Motivating Monkeys Gold)
Miss N. Afzal (Motivating Monkeys Silver)

FOUNDATION STAGE LEADER: Miss K. Gilsenan

KEY STAGE 1

- YEAR 1 Miss K. Hewitt (Terrific Tigers)
- YEAR 1/2 Miss N. Habib (Friendly Frogs)
- YEAR 2 Mrs L. Harley (Groovy Giraffes)

KEY STAGE 1 LEADER: Ms. K. Leach

SCHOOL DINNERS

May I take this opportunity to remind all parents that school meals are free for all infant children. We are trying to encourage all of our school children to have a school dinner over lunchtime. Not only are our school dinners nutritious and yummy, they are also excellent for developing cutlery and independent skills. We are very keen for all of our children to explore and try new foods. Please encourage your child to try a school dinner from September. We have noticed several children struggling to use a knife and fork. Please practise cutting and feeding skills at home. It is important that your child can comfortably hold a knife, fork and spoon; cut their own food and clean themselves.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

As you start to get uniform ready for the new school year, please take a minute to remind yourself of the correct wear for school and P.E:

THIS IS OUR SCHOOL UNIFORM:

red jumper or cardigan; white blouse/shirt or polo T-shirt; grey trousers or grey dress or grey skirt



PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD HAS A BOOK BAG AND CORRECT FOOTWEAR:



FOR P.E, YOUR CHILD NEEDS:

red t-shirt; black shorts; black jogging bottoms; black pumps; red drawstring bag.



ACCESSORIES

Please void bright socks

Please avoid 'party'

2017 Highlights

We have had a FANTASTIC year at St Chad's! Here are some of our 'best bits'.....

WE DIDN'T REALISE WE WERE
MAKING MEMORIES, WE JUST KNEW
WE WERE HAVING FUN



NURSERY (Curious Cats) - Mrs Lavall says...

"It has been wonderful to see the children grow and develop this past year. We have so many 'magical moments' but our favourite ones have been yoga bugs, visiting Pear Tree Library, spending the day at Happy Hens and enjoying a delicious teddy bear picnic. Thank you to our fantastic parents for all of your smiles, help and support."

RECEPTION (Persevering Penguins) - Miss Gilsenan and Miss Wright say...

"We have had an amazing year! The children have grown into amazing independent learners. Our biggest achievement has been the children's knowledge and understanding in solving mathematical problems using numicon. Their communication, language and listening ability has come a long way. Our trips to Arboretum Park and to Happy Hens Farm have been a great new experience for the children to learn new skills like climbing high and feeding animals, some for the very first time. Myself and Miss Wright have loved getting to know our little penguins and we wish them the best of luck in their next class."

YEAR 1 (Helpful Hedgehogs) - Miss Lowes and Mrs Hampton say...

"We've had a fabulous year of visitors and visits. We loved visiting Rosleston Park where we had a hunt in the woodland for different characters from the Gruffalo and went on a woodland walk. We had a very memorable visit from the Animal Man. Many children were extremely brave holding creatures that they'd never held before including tarantulas and snakes! We had a magnificent Easter Performance where we retold the story of Palm Sunday using our excellent acting skills and sang some wonderful songs. During our Topic of Land Ahoy we had a very special visit from Pirate Owain who taught us all about life as a pirate! We made a fabulous fruit cocktail with our parents during Health and Fitness fortnight (and enjoyed eating it!)"

YEAR 1/ 2 (Terrific Tigers) - Miss Hewitt says...

"The Terrific Tigers have had a wonderful year! We took care of a very special egg which ended up being our class pet, Steve the Dinosaur. We went on a special trip to Kedleston Hall to experience an enchanted woodland. We had special messages off Pirate Pete who encouraged us to do excellent writing! They worked incredibly hard which was highlighted in their SATs results. Both Mrs Sohanpal and I are extremely proud of their hardwork, the pride they take in their learning and their fabulous sense of humours!"

YEAR 2 (Groovy Giraffes) - Mrs Harley says...

"During the Autumn Term, the children had a fabulous day out at Rosliston Forestry Centre. They enjoyed exploring the enchanted woodland—and worked very hard to build a cosy den for the Gruffalo. Also, they worked creatively to design- and, make some beautiful 3D sculptures with natural materials found in the enchanted woodland. A lovely trip! During Land Ahoy, the Groovy Giraffes became the Posh Pirates and the children reinvented themselves with imaginative pirate names. They children had great fun decorating their pirate under-pants—and sharing a dazzling oral performance of Pirates Love Underpants with parents at our Big Finish! Mr Gallimore was very pleased with his pirate underpants— the children were very excited when he visited each class wearing them!"

FOLLOW US AND LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

Did you know that St Chad’s now has its own Facebook page? You can find us by searching ‘St Chad’s CE Nursery and Infant School’. Please add us to your favourites and give us a ‘like’. This is a great way of keeping up-to-date with our news (as well as seeing some of the wonderful work that the children are doing).

Please also visit our school website, where you will find key information about the school and our most recent newsletters: <http://www.stchads.derby.sch.uk/website>



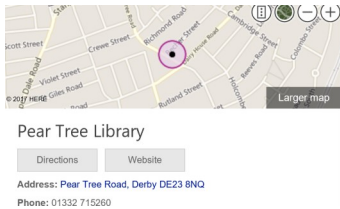
SINGING CLUB

On Monday, 24th June, our after-school singling club took part in a concert, hosted by Mrs Clarke and Mrs Bibi. The concert was very well attended by staff and former St Chad’s colleagues. The children sung beautifully and confidently. Everyone was smiling! Thank you to Mrs Clarke and Mrs Bibi for their hard work and enthusiasm. The children enjoyed showcasing their songs and the biscuits and crisps at the end were a lovely ‘extra touch’.



LOVE TO READ

At St Chad’s, we want everyone to ‘Love to Read’. Children need to be reading and having books read to them at home. In Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, children need to be reading with an adult three times a week. Bedtime reading will support and develop your child’s reading. Try visiting the Pear Tree Library over the holidays.



READING VOLUNTEERS

Are you interested in becoming a reading volunteer? Do you have a spare hour a week to make a difference to a child’s life? In September, Ms. Leach will be launching her St Chad’s Reading Volunteer programme. If you are interested in becoming a reading volunteer, please come and speak to Ms. Leach.

THINGS TO DO OVER THE HOLIDAYS

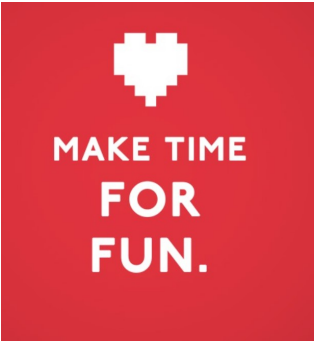
If you are looking for ideas to keep your children busy over the holidays, maybe visit these websites:

<https://www.dayoutwiththekids.co.uk/things-to-do/east-midlands/derbyshire>

<http://www.derbydaysout.co.uk/>

There are LOTS of fun things that you can do with your child over the holidays without spending lots of money. Here are some idea to help inspire you.....

- ◆ Visit a local park
- ◆ Build a den
- ◆ Go ‘camping’ in your garden
- ◆ Bake a cake
- ◆ Get wet and muddy
- ◆ Go for a bike ride
- ◆ Visit a local museum
- ◆ Watch a film and eat popcorn
- ◆ Make homemade ice-cream
- ◆ Do some painting
- ◆ Visit the library
- ◆ Go on a train
- ◆ Make an indoor obstacle course
- ◆ Host a puppet show
- ◆ Have friends over to watch a film
- ◆ Make a treasure hunt
- ◆ Wash the car
- ◆ Play with bubbles
- ◆ Learn a new song
- ◆ Share a new book



glue on eyes, nose & hair



CHANGES TO BREAKFAST CLUB

We are pleased to announce that from September, our Breakfast Club will be starting from **8am to 8:45am**. In order to support these increased hours, **breakfast club will now cost £1 per day**. This can be paid on the day at the school office. Parents have the option to pay for a full week, if they prefer. Breakfast will be served from 8am to 8:30am (toast/cereal and drink). Children arriving after 8:30am will be served a yoghurt/fruit and drink. We hope that these increased hours will support our parents with school drop-offs and work commitments in the mornings.