

Newsletter October 2018



Dear Parents and Carers,

We can't believe that we are already at the end of our first half-term here at St Chad's! We are extremely proud of our children and the wonderful learning that has already taken place in such a short period of time. Our new starters in Nursery and Reception have settled very well into school life and have quickly become part of our St Chad's family.

We have introduced some wonderful initiatives this half term and we are very grateful for your positive feedback. We continue to actively promote our school ethos, *LOVE*, and ensure that our school vision sits at the heart of all areas of school life. This half term we have explored the value 'generosity' during our Collective Worships. I would like to say thank you for the food donations that we so kindly received to support our Harvest Appeal for the Padley Centre. Your kind donations will make a real difference to the lives of other vulnerable people.

Our lunchtime LOVE table has been very popular and our lunchtime LOVE Ambassadors are doing an excellent job supporting Mrs Sohanpal and the midday team, rewarding children for superb lunchtime manners and behaviour with a certificate and 'special lunch' with a member of staff. I always look forward to my lunchtime LOVE dinner every Wednesday!

We have recently appointed our new School Councillors and they are already being wonderful role models to everybody in school. Thank you for supporting their recent 'flower donation' appeal. Our School Councillors enjoyed visiting St Augustine's Church and gifting elderly parish members with flowers as part of our Collective Worship on generosity.

It has been a very busy but successful half-term and we hope that you enjoy the break with your children. They have definitely earned the rest! We look forward to welcoming you all back on **Tuesday, 6th November (please note that school is closed on Monday, 5th November for INSET Day).**

Best wishes (and Happy Holidays!)



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 5th November	School Closed (INSET Day)
Tuesday 6th November	SCHOOL RE-OPENS
Thursday 8th November	Remembrance Service at St Augustine's Church (2pm)
Wednesday 28th November	School Photographs
Friday 21st December	SCHOOL BREAKS-UP

PARENTS EVENING

It was lovely to see so many of you at Parent's Evening. Thank you so much for attending and supporting a strong home-school partnership.

During the meeting you will have been shown your child's ***Me and My Learning*** summary sheet. Please help to support the school in ensuring that your child:

- Attends regularly (96% attendance)
- Attends on time (before 9am)
- Has the correct school uniform
- Has the correct PE kit
- Brings their Book Bag everyday
- Completes and hands in Home Learning activities
- Reads at least 3 times a week to an adult

Me and My Learning Summary Sheet

Our school attendance target is 96%.

Our school day begins at 9am.

Do I wear the correct school uniform?

Do I have my correct PE kit?

Do I bring my book bag to school everyday?

Do I follow our Golden Rule when in school?

My Learning Progress

My current targets are:

My end of year targets are:

My end of Key Stage 1 targets are:

My strengths:

At school I enjoy:

I am good at:

My targets:

Reading

Writing

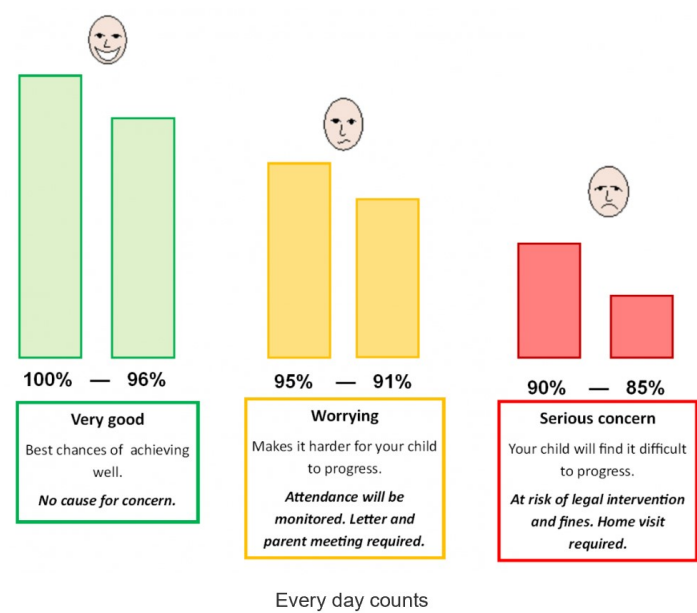
Maths

PE

ATTENDANCE

As we enter the colder season, it is inevitable that the winter germs and bugs will be on the rise again. Please remember that your child is fit and well to be in school even if they have a mild snuffle or cold. Children should only be absent if they are very sick (sickness, diarrhoea, fever etc.). We are very fortunate to have Mrs Thomas in school who supports with our medical concerns. If you are unsure whether your child is too sick to be in school, please bring them in and we will help and support you.

Regular school attendance is vital: our school target is 96%. It is also essential that children arrive in school on time. Our gates open at 8:45am and our school day begins at 9am. If you arrive after 9am you are late. Please ensure that your child is in school and on time.



Unfortunately, we still have a small number of families requesting a Leave of Absence during term time to attend holidays and family celebrations. Please can I remind all families that holidays during term time will not be authorised. Whilst we appreciate that some of our families have relatives living abroad, Leave of Absence requests to attend family celebrations for aunties, uncles, cousins etc. will not be authorised. Information and key policies relating to our attendance procedures can be found on our school website. If you have any queries relating to attendance, please speak to our Attendance Officer, Mrs Lambert, in our main school office.

PE BAGS

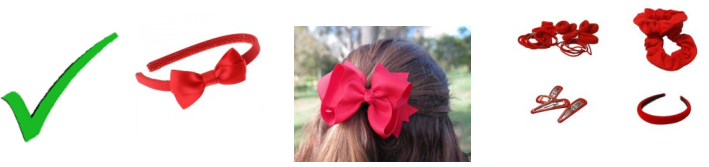
We have a number of children coming into school with very large PE rucksacks. Unfortunately, our storage facilities are very limited and we do not have the space to store such large bags. Please can I kindly ask that your child brings their PE kit into school in a red drawstring bag. PE bags featuring the school logo can be purchased from our school office for £3.50.



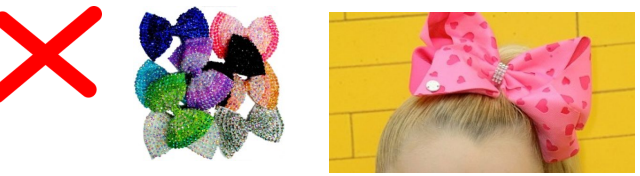
INAPPROPRIATE HAIR ACCESSORIES

I am noticing some of our girls arriving in school with very large, decorative and sparkly hair accessories. Please can I ask that children wear plain, red hair accessories only.

APPROPRIATE HAIR ACCESSORIES FOR SCHOOL



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NEW SCHOOL LOGO ON UNIFORM

It has been wonderful to see lots of children wearing our new school logo on their uniforms. School uniform with our updated school logo can now be ordered online through Tesco's: <https://www.tesco.com/>
Only Book Bags and PE Bags can be purchased from the school office (£3.50 each).

**KINGS AND QUEENS
AWARDS**



Congratulations to:

Rubab and Adam (Pandas)

Mansur and Rumaysa (Bears)

Aroush and Shah (Crocodiles)

Khadija H and Dorgen (Ladybirds)

**HEAD OF SCHOOL VALUES
AWARDS**



Congratulations to:

Becky (*Looking after our school*)

Eshan (*Only ever doing our best*)

Mina (*Valuing everyone*)

Mohammed Usman (*Enjoying our learning*)

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

This half-term we have started some of our after-school clubs:

School Choir—Monday (Mrs Clarke)

Story Club—Tuesday (Mrs Bibi)

Go Noodle Fitness—Thursday (Mrs Holland)

SSP Sport—Thursday (coach)

SSP Sport—Friday (coach)

Please speak to Miss Richardson in the school office for more details on clubs.



READING VOLUNTEERS

We are very lucky to have a small group of reading volunteers whom regularly support in school during the afternoon. If you have some spare time and would be interested in becoming a reading volunteer, please speak to Mrs Bola or Ms Leach.



SCHOOL COUNCIL (YEAR 1 and YEAR 2)

This half-term, we have appointed our new School Councillors and they are already doing an excellent job helping around school. Congratulations to:

Viktor and Aroush (Crocodiles)

Amir and Daniel (Ladybirds)

Rayyan and Sara T (Elephants)



Our School Councillors wear a special badge every day in school to promote their roles. They have already been involved in a number of visits and projects to help reinforce our LOVE values. On Wednesday, 10th October, they enjoyed visiting Reverend Andy and some of his parish at St Augustine's Church. Here they are gifting some elderly parish members with flowers to support our Collective Worship value, *generosity*.



DOJO DRESS UP

On Friday, 19th October, the whole school took part in a 'Dojo Dressing Up' Day. The idea was suggested by our School Council to support funds towards the purchasing of Dojo Award badges. We need to raise £360 in order to buy Bronze, Silver and Gold badges. We have made an excellent start towards our fundraising total—thank you for your support. Mrs Bola has been busy networking with local companies to see if they would be in a position to support with our fundraising. We will keep you posted!

WEBSITE UPDATES

Over recent weeks, we have made lots of improvements to our school website. We now have a very comprehensive Parent/Carer section—please check it out. Under our curriculum page, you will find individual Class Pages. Please take the time to explore the detailed information that is now readily available to support you and your child at home:

<http://www.stchads.derby.sch.uk/website>

