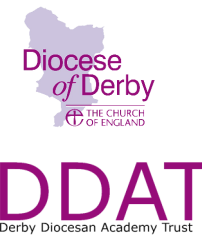


Newsletter February 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

Once again, we find ourselves at the end of another successful half-term here at St Chad's.

It has most definitely been an unusual week as we have all battled with Storm Ciara! Mr Taylor has done a wonderful job keeping our school grounds safe and well maintained through her fierce storms. Thank you for your understanding following my decision to cancel of our after school club on Monday after the unexpected arrival of heavy snow. Luckily, things seem to be more settled as I type this and I sincerely hope that the signs of Spring will be upon us soon.

Once again, it was wonderful to see you all at our parent's evening. We find this time to share, celebrate and discuss your child's learning with you on a 1:1 basis so beneficial and we are continuously grateful for your ongoing support.

This year, we have made some changes to how to organise and stagger parents evenings across the year following feedback both parents and staff. Please note that we have now arranged a new 'catch up' parents meeting just before Easter. This will be an opportunity to touch base on progress that your child is making towards their end of year targets and discuss resources/activities that will be helpful in the run up to our statutory assessments that will be completed across the summer term. Further information will be released nearer the time.

Please can I remind you all that school is closed on Monday, 24th February for INSET day.



We look forward to welcoming you all back on **Tuesday, 25th February.**

Please have a wonderful break with your children and loved ones.

Love Ms. K Leach x

(Headteacher)

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Monday 24th February **SCHOOL CLOSED (INSET)**
- Tuesday 25th February **SCHOOL RE-OPENS**
- Friday 28th February Kings and Queens (re-scheduled)
- Friday 6th March World Book Day
- Monday 23rd March Elephants Derby Arena (AM)
- Tuesday 24th March Year 2 Easter Experience (St Augustine's)
- Wednesday 1st April Flamingos Derby Arena (AM)
- Wednesday 1st April / Thursday 2nd April PARENT'S EVENING
- Thursday 2nd April Easter Service (PM)
- Friday 3rd April **BREAK-UP FOR HALF TERM**

SAVE THE DATE

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

thankfulness



STAFFING UPDATES

I would like to say a fond farewell to Mr Richardson and Mrs Richardson who will be leaving us at the end of this term to begin their retirement. Mr and Mrs Richardson will be jetting off to New Zealand for a well deserved rest straight after their retirement. We wish them all the very best as they begin this new chapter in their lives.



Mr Clark will be taking over from Mrs Richardson as our new School Business Leader. Mr Clark currently works at the All Saints Federation in Matlock and will be spending his working week across All Saints Infants, All Saints Juniors, Hardwick Primary and St Chad's.

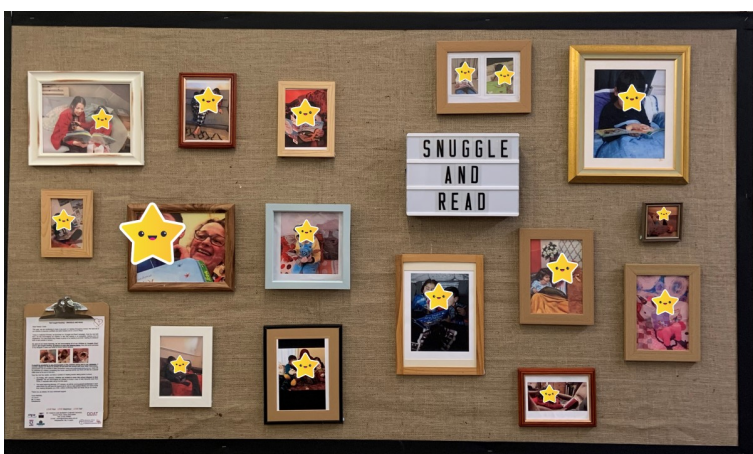
Mrs Lambert will be taking over from Mr Richardson as our new School Business Administrator and will be based in the office upstairs. Miss Richardson will continue working in our main school office and will be picking up some of our school's daily attendance procedures.

SNUGGLE AND READ

I would like to say a HUGE thank you for your support with our 'Snuggle and Read' campaign. We have loved receiving photographs of the children relaxing and reading at home. It is still not too late to send a photograph of your child reading at home to

admin@stchads.derby.sch.uk

The children have really enjoyed seeing photographs of themselves on our new display boards in the library.



KINGS AND QUEENS

Please note that our Kings and Queens ceremony has been re-scheduled for after half-term and will now take place on Friday, 28th March at 2pm.

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

- Renaz and Abinoor (Bears)**
- Julia and Azaan (Crocodiles)**
- Nadya and Kristian (Flamingos)**
- Aroush and Razi (Elephants)**



HEAD OF SCHOOL LOVE AWARDS

This half-term, we have been exploring the value 'trust'. Congratulations to:



- Leyla** **Zainab A**
- Zainab Y** **Karlis**
- Ibrahim** **Emil**



ATTENDANCE

Weekly Class Attendance Awards:

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
Elephants	Bears	Elephants	Elephants	Elephants
99%	97%	98%	97%	97%



ST CHAD'S CHAMPS

Miss Gilsean has recently set up a 'St Chad's Champs' parent group in Bears class to help represent a strong 'parent voice' in school. The 'champs' were recently involved in helping to plan, organise and set up a reading event in our Bears class. We hope that this initiative will grow over the coming year(s). **Thank you to Deen's mummy, Jasper's mummy, Abinoor's mummy and Adam's mummy for helping to make the reading event so successful.** We are already looking forward to our next event in school.

I LOVE this photograph of Deen and Zara's mum reading aloud to a group of children and parents. Everybody was so engaged!



NEW SCHOOL LIBRARY

We hope that you enjoyed having the opportunity to visit our new school library. The hot chocolates went down very well! The children are enjoying visiting the library on a weekly basis to choose and take home a library book (as is Rosie!).

We continue to invest heavily in new books in school. We have recently purchased a new series of books to support our children 'using and applying' their phonics which we are excited to start using.

As always, please continue to encourage your child to read regularly at home. It really does help all areas of their learning.



NORMANTON LIBRARY REMINDER

I very rarely do this in our newsletters but I wanted to share a very special moment that recently took place in school. As you know from my previous letters and newsletters, we continue to encourage you all to visit the local library. Becky in Flamingos was so excited to share with us that she had been to the new library on Almond Street with her mum. She brought in one of her favourite books and helped Miss Hewitt to read it to her class. Becky LOVED going to the library and having the opportunity to borrow lots of books with her very own library card. I hope that this inspires you all to visit the new library over the coming weeks and months. Thank you to Becky's mum for allowing me to publish this wonder-



GETTING CHANGED FOR PE

We are still noticing that some of our children find getting changed for PE very difficult. At this stage of the year, all of your children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 should be able to get dressed independently.

Please consider the items of clothing that your child wears on their PE day. The removal of polo neck t-shirts is a lot easier (and speedier) than blouses and shirts.

Please ensure that your child can confidently get themselves dressed and is encouraged to fold and take good care of their items of clothing at home.

TRUST

I continue to be so proud of our Collective Worship provision, which continues to grow from strength to strength. Over the past 5 weeks, we have had some pots hanging in the corridor containing REAL £10 notes, sweets, chocolates (and other tempting items). The children have been incredibly trustworthy and have helped to keep all of the items safe.

