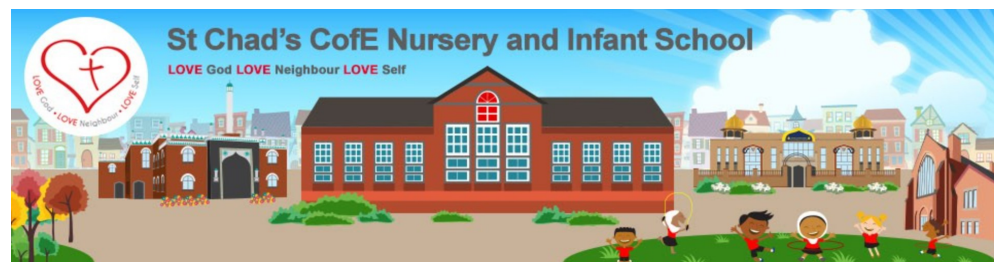


July 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, here we are at the end of another academic year. I think we will all agree that the past year (and some more!) has been incredibly challenging for us all. However, despite this period of uncertainty, our wonderful children have continued to demonstrate unwavering resilience, strength and courage. Put simply: they have been utterly remarkable.

Although I am sad that we have not been able to experience our end of year traditions, in particular taking our Year 2's to the seaside and hosting our leaver's performance, there are still so many things to be proud about. Our transition week arrangements, although difficult to organise due to Covid restrictions, have allowed our children to meet their new class teachers and class friends and begin to settle in preparation for September. Our Year 2 children have thoroughly enjoyed their time together in the hall as one big bubble, reuniting and playing together after such a long time apart. It has been a magical moment to watch.

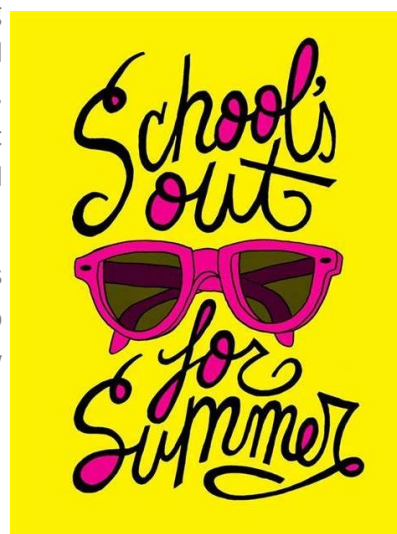
Although it has often very hard to be together as a school family, in so many ways this period of difficulty has shown the importance of working other, as we successfully do each and every day. I would like to thank you for your endless support.

I know you will all join me in saying a huge thank you to the hardworking staff, governors, MAT colleagues and members of our wider school community whom have worked tirelessly hard to keep the children safe, happy and still learning. There have been many dark days for us all but love and light has continued to shine brightly. I am immensely grateful for having such a dedicated and committed staff team alongside me.

Please have a fun and relaxing break with your children and loved ones and continue to stay healthy and safe. Hopefully, the sun will continue to shine! We look forward to welcoming you back and meeting our new Nursery and Reception children on **Monday, 6th September**.

Best wishes (and Happy Holidays!)

Love Ms. K Leach x Headteacher



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thursday 2nd September SCHOOL CLOSED (INSET Day)

Friday 3rd September SCHOOL CLOSED (INSET Day)

Monday 6th September **SCHOOL RE-OPENS**

Friday 22nd October **BREAK-UP FOR HALF TERM**

Term dates and INSET days for next academic year (2021-22) have now been shared via Class Dojo and are also available to view on our school website.

9th May, 2021
Ref: 00093

SCHOOL TERM, HOLIDAY AND INSET DATES 2021-2022

Dear Parent / Carer,

Please find below Derby City school term and holiday dates for next academic year. Please also find our planned INSET days in the red box below.

Kind regards,

Ms. K Leach Headteacher

INSET Days (school closed)

- Thursday 2nd September
- Friday 3rd September
- Friday 18th February
- Monday 27th June
- Friday 22nd July

■ School Holiday
 ■ Bank Holiday
 ■ Autumn Term
 ■ Spring Term
 ■ Summer Term

September 2021 (21 days)	October 2021 (16 days)	November 2021 (22 days)
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195 Days – including up to 5 days to be taken as professional development days for teaching staff.
Nb: Spring Bank Holiday date amended due to the Platinum Jubilee bank holiday added – 2 and 3 June 2022

COVID-19 SAFETY MEASURES IN SEPTEMBER

The DfE have now published their updated guidance for schools. As Covid rates are continuing to increase and the government are still making daily changes to policy and guidance, we have made the decision to 'hold-fire' updating and sharing our September re-opening plan and risk assessment. We will be finalising our September arrangements towards the end of the summer holidays and these will be shared with you via Class Dojo and our website before Monday, 6th September.



EID MUBARAK

To all members of our school community celebrating...Eid Mubarak!

LEAVE OF ABSENCE REMINDER

Thank you to those families who completed a Leave of Absence form to inform us of their child's absence from school due to Eid. Please can we remind all families that we can only authorise one leave of absence for each religious observance. A number of families requested 2 or 3 days which we cannot authorise. If you have not completed or returned your child's Leave of Absence form then please now email this to admin@stchads.derby.sch.uk We can only authorise absence for Eid if the correct paperwork has been completed and submitted.



ST CHAD'S BOOK BAG

All children must have a St Chad's book bag in school every day. This is to help take home reading books to and from school without them getting damaged. We have invested a large amount of money into our reading books over the past few years and it's important that we all work hard to keep them safe and well cared for. The easiest place to buy our St Chad's book bags from is [Uniform Direct](#) in town. Other uniform items with our school logo on can be brought from there as well. We also hold a small supply of book bags in school.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

We shared with you all last week via Class Dojo a letter to reminding everyone of our expectations for school uniform. Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform in school every day from September, including PE kits.



Summer options:



Winter options:



We will be continuing to ask all children to come into school wearing their PE kit on their allocated PE days. Although this was as safety measure put in for Covid, it has worked really well and feedback from staff and parents has been very positive. Please remember to remove your child's earrings at home on the morning of their PE day if they have pierced ears.



Summer options:



Our [website](#) has been updated and has a useful page about school uniform.

BREAKFAST BAGELS

Over the past year, we have been able to provide every child in school with a free breakfast bagel thanks to funding through a registered charity called Magic Breakfast. Sadly, this funding has now come to an end. The bagel initiative has been very successful and staff have been working very hard to look for alternative funding sources. I am thrilled to let you know we have secured funding through a local sponsor. With this money, we will now be able to run our own St Chad's Breakfast Bagel initiative every morning in school. I would lie to say a HUGE thank you to Manny Sohanpal at Pro-Stall who has kindly donated this funding to school.



END OF DAY PICK UP TIMES SEPTEMBER 2021

One of the Covid safety measures which has been hugely successful over the past year and a half has been the introduction of our staggered drop off times at the end of the day. As you all know, we only have one very small gate to enter through/exit and only one way to enter/leave our school premises. All staff, parents and visitors have commented that the new staggered arrangements have worked well, reducing crowding/pushing and enabling a calmer and safer finish for children and parents. We have made the decision to continue with this system, with parents queuing up alongside Gordon Road, but we have made some small amendments to our pick up times:

Bears Reception	Crocodiles	Flamingos	Elephants	Siblings
3:05pm	3:05pm	3:15pm	3:15pm	3:15pm

There are no changes to our morning times: the gate will still open from 8:45am. All children must be in school by 9am. Morning Nursery timings continue as normal.

We will be starting a formal consultation in the Autumn term to officially have a slightly earlier finish time for our younger children in Bears and Crocodiles (3:05pm). We know that parents having to do pick-up from St Chad's and our sister school, Hardwick Primary, struggle with both schools finishing at the same time. We hope that these arrangements will allow for some more flexibility and support parents travelling to and from different school sites.

END OF YEAR SCHOOL REPORTS

End of year school reports were sent out to all children last Friday (16th July). We hope that you have enjoyed looking through these reports, identifying your child next steps and celebrating their achievements.

ATTENDANCE REMINDER

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Once again, please can I remind all families that our attendance target for all children is 96%. This also includes our Nursery children. Children arriving after

9am are late. As regular attendance is vital for children to achieve their very best, from September, we have made some staffing amendments to increase our capacity to meet families 1:1 early on where attendance and/or punctuality are becoming a concern. If you are struggling with any aspect of getting your child ready to school e.g. going to bed on time, getting up in the morning, then please let us know. Please do not use sickness as a reason for keeping your child off school because they haven't woken up on time. We will do all that we can to help you and your child.

CLASS DOJO: SUMMER HOLIDAY QUIET HOURS

As is the case of all half-term breaks, teachers and members of the senior leadership team, will be turning off messages on Class Dojo over the summer holidays. It is really important that all staff have a rest with their own loved ones and we will therefore be turning off all messages. Please feel free to share your child's summer holiday adventures, staff will reply when term time commences again in September. Senior leaders will be posting important updates in preparation for September, where required, on the main school page so please do continue to check in now and again, especially just before returning to school in September.

FAREWELL YEAR 2

I'm sure you will all join us in bidding a fond farewell to all of our wonderful Year 2 children. It is always a bittersweet moment at the end of the year when we say goodbye to our oldest children in school (and their families). We are so proud of our Year 2 children for all that they have achieved since being a member of our school family. We try and remember that is not goodbye but hello to new adventures. We hope that you have managed to watch the Year 2 Leaver's video that we have shared via Class Dojo—so many happy memories to look back on! Our Year 2 children have all been given a packet of seeds to sow and grow in a special place (an annual tradition now in school). We hope that as the seeds grow and the flowers eventually blossom, the children will think back to their time here at the 'little love school'. Good luck Year 2!



LOVE BEARS Thank you so much for supporting our non-uniform day a couple of weeks ago. Thanks to your generosity, we have managed to secure funds to help pay towards a new batch of Love Bears for our new Nursery and Reception children next year, and new children that join our school in KS1 throughout the year. The Love Bears were introduced to support our wider Covid recovery plan but their impact has been phenomenal. They will now be an integral part to our home learning and day-to-day school adventures in school. Thank you for letting the Love Bears into your hearts and for keeping their magic alive. We look forward to seeing your child's summer holiday adventures with their Love Bears when we are back in September.



CELEBRATING THE JOY IN ME

We have had a wonderful half-term learning about the value 'joy' and celebrating the Joy in Me. From learning about our family heritage, enjoying our family favourite foods (including a tasty ice-cream in school) and setting a personal challenge to accomplish as part of our Aim High in July campaign, our hearts have been bursting with joy! Thank you parents and carers for sharing your child's home learning via photographs and videos on Class Dojo. The children love sharing their home learning with one another in class (we defiantly have some talented mini vloggers in the making...). The 100 Aim High Challenges have been particularly creative from bouncing on space hoppers, to popping fidgets, to making 100 selfie frames! I am still persevering with my daily mile run, not too long to go now until 31st July!.... I will do a big post on Class Dojo to share all of the superb learning, please do have a look at it. I would like to say a personal thank you to Muizz in Flamingos for joining me on his own treadmill challenge. Muizz, you have definitely kept me going!

