

Newsletter May 2023



Dear Parents/ Carers,

Wow, here we are at the end of another half term. What a busy, but wonderful, half term it has been! Once again, we have packed a lot in and covered so much learning over the past six weeks. Our children continue to shine and show perseverance, compassion, respect and love every single day.

Next half term, we have the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check. It is once again imperative our children's attendance is not impacted. Staff are working incredibly hard to ensure our children pass this statutory assessment, and become secure readers. We can only do this if children are in school, and on time, every day. We appreciate your support with this.

Our staff in the St Chad's family continue to ensure our children are always placed at the centre, and are shown love every single day. We are a small school, with a big heart. Visitors from DDAT this half term have commented on how wonderful our staff and children are.

A highlight of the half term has been our community morning hosted by Down to Earth. It was truly wonderful to see so many parents attend. Our children loved sharing our new space with you. Please look out for future events like this!

Ms. Leach has started her phased return to school. In the meantime, Ms. Leach and Mrs Morley will be co-headteachers. The children have been so happy to have Ms. Leach back, as are the rest of the St Chad's family. She has loved catching up with families on the gate.

We would like to wish you all a peaceful and relaxing break with your loved ones. It looks like the sun will be shining. We look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> June.

Love Mrs Morley and Ms. Leach xxx

### Dates for the Diary

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June

Tues 4<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> July

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July

### SCHOOL BREAKS UP

### SCHOOL REOPENS.

Miss Wright's Class Dojo Drop In

SEND Coffee Morning

New EYFS- Welcome to Reception Meeting

KS1 Sports Day

### SCHOOL CLOSED- INSET DAY

EYFS Sports Day

City Wide Transition Days

Y2 Leavers Performance

End of Year Class Picnics

### SCHOOL BREAKS UP

### Well Done Team Year 2!

Our Year 2's completed their SATs this half term. We would like to say a huge WELL DONE to all of our wonderful Year 2's. We are so proud of them, and the perseverance they have shown. A huge thank you also goes to our Year 2 staff. They have worked tirelessly preparing our children for these statutory assessments.

In Collective Worship, we are continuing to explore the value, **forgiveness**, and using the following quality text to help inspire our learning:





Queens.

I am t... our Kings and Queens for this half-t...

- ...stian
- Crocodiles: Ismail and Rebeka
- **Flamingos:** Denis and Sharlotta
- **Elephants:** Abhinoor and Aiza

Thank you to all of the parents who attended to watch their children be crowned king or queen 😊

### Mrs Bibi's Adult Learning Sessions

Mrs Bibi has continued to run her Adult Learning Sessions every Friday afternoon. This is a great afternoon to learn a new skill, or come for a chat and some 'you time'.

This half term parents have took part in up-cycling different objects, including turning old tin cans into beautiful pencil pots. Some of these pots are now being used in our Nursery. It continues to be a great afternoon to pause, chat, and learn a new skill.



Mrs Bibi will be opening up new sessions next half term. If you would like to join her please contact Mrs Bibi.

### King Charles Coronation

We had so much fun in school celebrating King Charles II and his coronation. Children enjoyed a 'Royal Packed Lunch' together, and ate a delicious scone with their friends.

We took part in a whole school assembly learning all about the coronation and what an important event it is. We acted out the occasion; listened to special music; and watched clips from the day itself. We are excited to continue learning about this historic event and King Charles II within our history lessons next half term.



### Celebrating Eid-al-Fitr

Miss Gilsenan and Mrs Bibi planned a wonderful day in school to celebrate Eid- al- Fitr.

The children loved coming to school in their party clothes. We enjoyed a special Collective Worship led by Mrs Bibi, learning all about the importance of Eid and singing the song 'Allah made everything'.

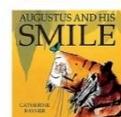
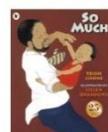
A huge thank you also goes to Mr Aziz from the Ideal Sweet Centre on Normanton Road. He kindly gifted all of our children a traditional sweet. It was so generous and very much appreciated.



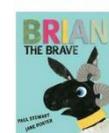
Here are the key texts for each class this half term. You can buy these books from Amazon, but they are available at the local library.



Nursery



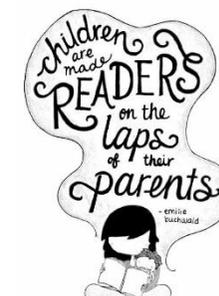
Reception



Year One



Year Two



### Governor Updates



This half term I have managed to pop into the school for both formal visits, including a review of the school finances which are in really good shape, and informal visits including having lunch with the children.

I had a really great school lunch and sat with the Flamingos class. They were all such lovely children, they were very inquisitive and asked me who I was and then told me all about the lessons and what their favourite school meals were. It was a real pleasure to sit down with them and I thoroughly enjoyed my lunchtime with them. The lunchtime staff team were very friendly and let me sample the different options available on the day.

I want to thank the staff at the school for taking care of me during my visits and was happy to spend some of my spare time at the school, the children are fantastically well behaved and are a real credit to you.

I hope you all have a lovely half term break and enjoy the warm weather.

**Jason - Chair of Governors**

### We have Nursery Spaces!

If you have a child who is 3 or going to turn 3 before September 2023, and would like them to start Nursery, please speak to Mrs Morley or Mrs Lambert. We currently have spaces in our Nursery, and our waiting list is open for September 😊. Our Nursery is a home away from home, where children can learn, play and develop meaningful relationships. If you would like to come and take a look around our Nursery please speak with Mrs Morley.



### ESOL Classes

Every Wednesday morning, we have Adult Learning Services in school hosting ESOL classes. It is a two-hour session running from 9:00am until 11:00am. This is an amazing opportunity to learn and develop speaking English.

Spaces are now open for September. Please speak to Mrs Sohanpal if you would like to attend.



### 'Nurture through Nature' Community Morning.

Down to Earth were back in school this week leading some wonderful sessions on our school field. Children and parents enjoyed planting vegetables, de-weeding plant pots, planting seeds that they carefully potted inside and taking care of our wonderful new space.

We love having Down to Earth in school, and hope you had a fabulous morning spending some one-on-one time with your child.



### Oral Health Sessions.

Oral hygiene is so important. We have had a large number of children having days of school due to toothache.

So, this half term Ms. Kay arranged for DCCT to come into school and hold workshops for our children in Key Stage One. They talked with children about why it is so important to brush our teeth twice a day. Mrs Sohanpal arranged for a parent session about oral health, and we were so pleased to see so many parents attend.

If you require any support registering your child with a dentist please speak to Ms. Kay.



## Uniform Reminders.

We just wanted to remind you of our uniform expectations. There are summer options as the weather warms up. We do expect all children to wear full school uniform. If you need any support at all with this, please speak to Ms. Kay. We have our very own 'Uniform Shop' in school.



## Summer Options:



If you have any old school uniform that your children have now grown out of we would be extremely grateful to add it to our uniform shop 🙏

## Parent First Aid Sessions

Adult Family Learning Services have been in school hosting a First Aid Course for parents. This was completely free to attend, and was completed over two mornings. First aid training helps to prepare you to quickly respond to many medical emergencies; increases health awareness; and allows us to take care of our family and friends.

Congratulations to all of the parents who took part, and received their certificate!

If this is something you would be interested in doing next year please let Mrs Sohanpal know.



## Transition Days

As we are heading into our final half term of this academic year, it has been time to consider plans for transition.

City Wide Transition Days are:

- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2023



This is an opportunity for our children to go to their new schools (if they are moving to Year 3), or spend 3 days in their new classroom with their new teacher at St Chad's.

We will be in touch next half term with more information.

## Uniform Direct

With only 8 weeks to go before the start of the school summer holidays, this is a great time to purchase your school uniform ready for September. Please ensure you allow plenty of time to purchase your child's school uniform.

