

Newsletter July 2023



Dear Parents/ Carers,

Well, here we are at the end of another academic year. The past few months in particular have whizzed by and we have so much to celebrate, in particular our recent Ofsted report which graded us as a 'good school' – with outstanding 'personal development'. We were of course delighted with this outcome and we are looking forward to celebrating properly with our whole school community once the report is made available to the wider public (hopefully over the summer holidays). The two-day inspection was very rigorous and we were so proud of how the children conducted themselves. They spoke with such warmth and confidence when speaking to the inspectors about everyday school life at St Chad's and their learning. When asked by the inspector why St Chad's was special, a particular comment that stood out came from one of our Year 2 children: *"St Chad's is special because Muslims, Christians and other people that aren't Muslims or Christians get along nicely together. We are like a family."* We think that this summarises our 'little love school' perfectly.

We know that you will join us in saying a special thank you to staff, governors and colleagues within our MAT, DDAT, for their ongoing hard work this academic year. As delighted as we were with the outcome of our Ofsted visit, we continue to be committed to making St Chad's the best school possible. We have lots of exciting things on the horizon on the next stage of our school improvement work and we are looking forward to the new academic year ahead (after some re-charging of the batteries over the summer 😊).

We wish you a fun and relaxing break with your children and loved ones. Hopefully the sun will find its way back to us! We look forward to welcoming you back and meeting our new Nursery and Reception children on **Tuesday, 5th September**.

With love, Ms. Leach and Mrs Morley x

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 20th July

Friday 21st July

Monday 4th September

Tuesday 5th September

Wednesday 20th September

Tuesday 26th September

Wednesday 4th October

Thursday 26th October

Friday 27th October

SCHOOL BREAKS UP

SCHOOL CLOSED- INSET DAY

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BACK TO SCHOOL- SCHOOL REOPENS

KS1 Normanton Park Trips

EYFS Oral Hygiene Workshops

Miss Wright's Class Dojo Workshop

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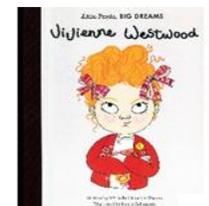
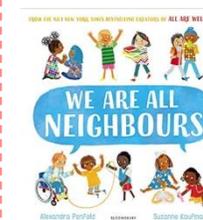
Ice Cream

Thank you for bringing in your child's £1.20 for an ice cream this week.

A special thank you to Miss Amrat for helping to organise the ice cream van and arranging such a competitive fee!



In Collective Worship, we will be exploring the value, **community**, and using the following quality texts to help inspire our learning:



Kings and Queens



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

- **Bears:** Erick and Khadijah
- **Crocodiles:** Sarah and Momin
- **Flamingos:** Karolina and M.Ismaeel
- **Elephants:** Manahil and Jasper

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

Staffing Updates

Please can we remind you all that Ms. Leach and Mrs Morley will be formally starting their Co-Headship from September. Ms. Leach will be in school Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Morley will be in school Wednesday to Friday. Ms. Leach and Mrs Morley will jointly share the role of headteacher, however Ms. Leach will lead on Key Stage 1 and Behaviour and Mrs Morley will lead on the Foundation Stage and Attendance.

At the end of this week, we bid a fond farewell to Mrs Cavanagh and Miss Thompson. We wish them the very best in their new roles and thank them for all of their hard work.

We are delighted to welcome a new teacher to our EYFS unit and a new SEND TA to our school family from September. We will formally share details, including names, once all of our safer recruitment checks have been finalised.

Goodbye Year 2!

The Not So Green Queen



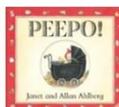
It is time to bid a fond farewell to our incredible Year 2 children and families. This time of year, is always so bitter sweet. We are so sad to see our children leave but we are SO proud of all they have achieved over the past few years.

On Monday afternoon the Year 2 children put on an absolutely magnificent performance of the picture book 'The Not So Green Queen'. Staff and children worked so very hard on the run up to this performance and the outcome was just incredible. They were lucky to work closely with the author of the story, Katherine Wheatley.

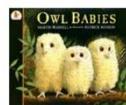
We would like to wish our wonderful Year 2's lots of luck for their next adventure. We will miss you!



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



Nursery



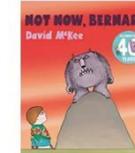
Reception



Year One



Year Two



Raffle Winner

Congratulations to Erick and his family, who were the winners of the beautiful chocolate hamper.

Thank you to everybody who bought a raffle ticket. It showed great generosity 😊



LOVE Derby!

When we come back in September 2023 all children in school will be learning about the wonderful city we live in, Derby.

Over the holidays, please share photographs on Class Dojo of you and your child exploring the city. This may be a trip to the park; a visit to town; at the local library; a visit to see relatives; or any other activities in Derby over the next six weeks. Sending these videos in will be a fantastic start to our learning in September.



*Please note staff will not be active on Class Dojo over the holidays, therefore photographs will not receive a reply until we are back in school on Monday 4th September.

Generosity

“Generosity isn’t about money, it’s about the heart.”

Within Collective Worship this half term our children have been learning all about the value generosity. Through a non-school uniform day; Ms. Leach’s Exercise-a-Thon; Guess the Steps; and KS1 children holding their own fundraisers at home we have made an excellent amount of money (final figure to be confirmed!). Thank you for your generosity!

This money will be used to buy ‘Down to Earth’ a very special bench for their community space ‘Electric Daisy’ in town. Great work everyone!



Balance Bikes

Over the school year Miss Wright, our PE lead, has developed connections with Bike-ability.

Learning to ride a bike is such an important skill, and something we value immensely here at St Chad’s. Our EYFS children were given the opportunity to spend the day on balance bikes. They loved putting on their helmets (safety first!) and travelling around the playground.



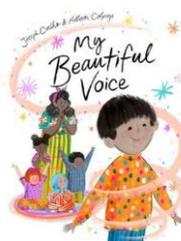
Sports Day

Wow! EYFS and KS1 both had fantastic sports days this half term. Children worked together to complete challenges. There was real sense of teamwork, belonging and perseverance! We hope you enjoyed seeing all of the wonderful photographs shared on Class Dojo. A huge thank you to Miss Wright, Mrs Sohanpal and Mr Mace (from Progressive Sport) for organising such a wonderful event for our children.



Special Theatre Visit

Some of our Year 2 children took part in a very special trip to the theatre with Mrs Harley and Miss Amrat. They were able to see children’s author and poet Joseph Coelho. The children (and staff) left feeling incredibly inspired. Mrs Harley will be continuing with her excellent work with the Derby Book Festival next year.



Uniform Reminders

As we break-up for the summer holidays we wanted to share uniform expectations with you, as we do expect all children to wear full school uniform. Please also be aware of the PE kit children are expected to wear on PE days.

If you need any support at all with this, please speak to Ms. Kay. We have our very own 'Uniform Shop' in school.



School Uniform with the St Chad's logo on is available from Uniform Direct (on Babington Lane). We do not insist children wear uniform with the logo. School uniform is available from supermarkets.



If your child is moving school this year, or 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 ☺

Volunteers Welcome



Availability from September 2023

One day a week

or

First Monday of every month

Equipment needed

- Strimmer
- Spades
- Trowel
- Rake
- Howe
- Gloves

Help needed

- Maintain key areas
- Weed areas
- Plant ideas
- Plant cuttings welcome
- Ideas for planting vegetables



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Please note: To support with our safeguarding procedures, an enhanced DBS