

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe that we are already at the end of our first half-term here at St Chad's! I am 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.

Last week, we celebrated Harvest throughout school. Our children enjoyed performing songs and poems in our annual Harvest celebration. 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 in the city.

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:

Me Learning: Autumn Term

Our school attendance target is 96%	My attendance is:	100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%	70%	65%	60%	55%	50%	45%	40%	35%	30%	25%	20%	15%	10%	5%	0%	
Our school day begins at 8.30am																							
Do I wear the correct school uniform?																							
Do I have the correct PE kit?																							
Do I bring my book bag to school everyday?																							
Do I follow our Golden Behaviour policy?																							
Do I complete my Home Learning activities?																							
Do I read 3 times a week at home?																							

My Learning:

Age Related Indicator	Attends regularly	Attends on time	Has the correct school uniform	Has the correct PE kit	Brings their Book Bag every day	Reads at least 3 times a week to an adult	Completes and hands in Home Learning activities
Attends regularly	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Attends on time	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Has the correct school uniform	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Has the correct PE kit	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Brings their Book Bag every day	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Reads at least 3 times a week to an adult	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Completes and hands in Home Learning activities	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

My current stages are:

Reading	Writing	Maths
100	100	100

Am I required to re-visit the Phonics Screening Check? Yes No

Am I receiving interventions to support an area of my learning? Yes No

My Targets:

Reading	Writing	Maths
In a familiar book, I can answer questions in discussion with the teacher	I can write sentences that are sequenced to form a short narrative capital letter and full stop - use spacing between words	Read, write, and, order numbers to one hundred (numerals)

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

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 **Monday, 4th November**.

Best wishes (and Happy Holidays!)

Ms. K Leach x (Head of School)

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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| Monday 4th November  | BACK TO SCHOOL                                 |
| Tuesday 5th November | Remembrance Service<br>(St Augustine's Church) |
| Friday 20th December | SCHOOL BREAKS-UP                               |

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

- School Choir—Monday (Mrs Clarke)
  - Story Club—Monday (Mrs Bibi)
  - Yoga—Tuesday (Mrs Holland)
  - Go Noodle Fitness—Thursday (Mrs Holland)
  - Dodgeball —Thursday (coach)
  - Football —Friday (coach)
  - Reading and Homework Club—Friday (Mrs Bibi and Mrs Bibi)
- Please speak to Miss Richardson in the school office for more details.

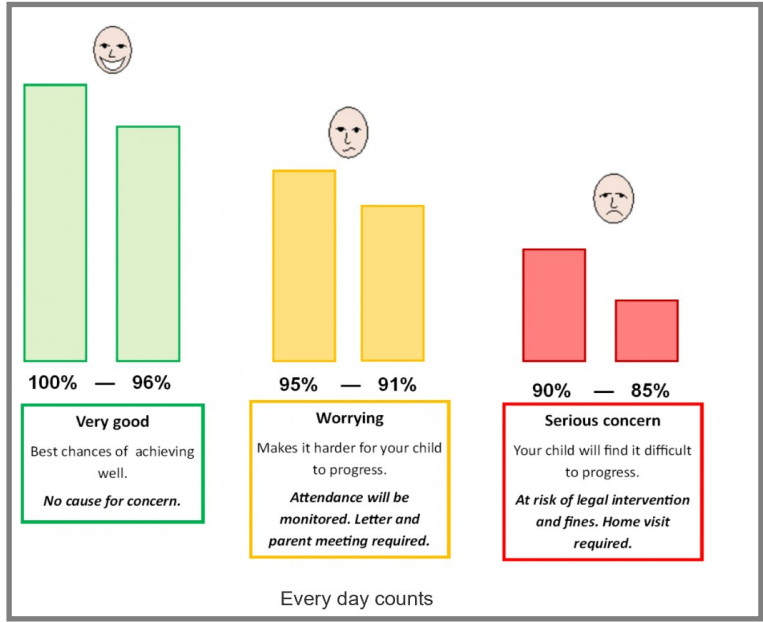
In Collective Worship after half-term, we will be exploring the value:



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 promptly at 9am. If you arrive after 9am you are late. Please ensure that your child is in school and on time.








Please can I remind all families that any Leave of Absence request for a holiday 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 aunts, 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 KITS

We have a number of children coming into school with no or incorrect PE kits. Please ensure that your child has a **full PE kit in school every day**. PE is a statutory requirement of the national curriculum and it essential that your child is suitably dressed.

				
red draw-string bag	plain white t-shirt NO collar	black shorts	pumps	black tracksuit bottoms
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

HEALTHY PACKED LUNCH

At St Chad’s, we are committed to the promotion of healthy eating. We aim to meet the School Food Standards across all of our school dinner and packed lunches. If your child is having a packed lunch, please ensure that **all food items are healthy and nutritious**.



Food items containing high amounts of refined sugar must be kept to a minimum e.g. one small bag of crisps only.



As a school, we encourage all children to have a school dinner. Not only are they **FREE but they are also healthy and nutritious** . Children also have the opportunity to develop good eating habits (e.g. trying new foods) and their independent skills (e.g. cutting up food and using cutlery).

KINGS AND QUEENS AWARDS

Congratulations to:

- Wafa and Ismail (Bears)
- Afshaar and Marek (Crocodiles)
- Eman and Uzair (Flamingos)
- Jasmyrna and Nicola (Elephants)



HEAD OF SCHOOL VALUES AWARDS

As a Church school, Collective Worship is an integral part of our school day. This half term, we have been exploring the value, ‘perseverance’. Congratulations to the following children for demonstrating a positive ‘can do’ attitude:

- Julia      Aroush      Zawish
- Lybah
- Dorgen
- Hafsa



SCHOOL COUNCIL

This half-term, we have appointed our new School Councillors. Our School Council play an integral role in helping to improve the school, voicing ideas and viewpoints from all of the children. Our councillors are already doing an excellent job helping around school. Congratulations to:

- Max              Zainab              Ummayyah
- Aizah              Dorgen              Isaac



Our School Councillors wear a special badge every day in school to promote their roles. They attend a weekly meeting in school to discuss their ideas. They have already been involved in a project this half-term to help reinforce our LOVE values over lunchtime, monitoring behaviour on the playground and suggesting new games for the children to play with. Next half-term, they will be taking part in a special remembrance service at Chaddesden Park and hopefully visiting the Council House in the city centre.

CLASS ATTENDANCE WINNERS

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Bears	Elephants	Elephants	Elephants	Elephants	Elephants
95%	99%	99%	96%	99%	98%

GATE REMINDER

One of our parent governors has recently expressed concerns over parent’s conduct in the morning but especially at the end of the day when coming through the main school gate. As you are all aware, our main school gate is very narrow. Therefore, we kindly ask that parents politely wait to pass through.

Please can I kindly ask that children arriving and leaving the school are given priority when passing through the gate. It is important that as adults, we all model good manners to our children and support the school’s core values of respect and compassion. Thank you for your co-operation.

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