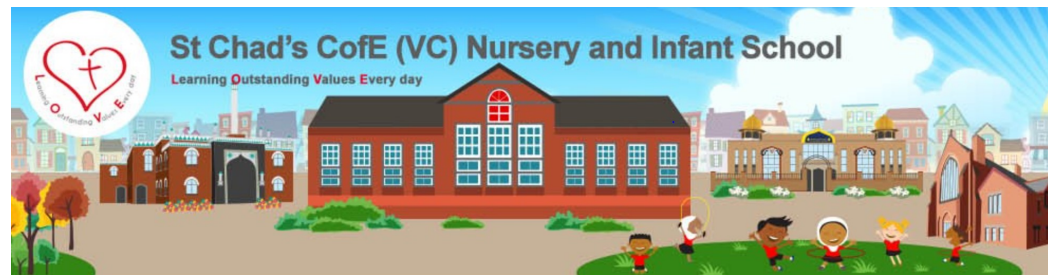


Newsletter July 2018



Dear Parents and Carers,

Well I can't believe that we have reached the end of this academic year. I have truly loved my first year as Head of School at St Chad's and I would like to say a personal thank you for welcoming me into my role with open arms. It is amazing how much has been achieved by the children, staff, governors and wider school community in one year: thank you from the bottom of my heart for all of your support, kindness and trust.

It is difficult to identify the highlights because there are genuinely so many. Personally, I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the children over the year. Everyday they make me smile and I am immensely proud of their hard work and achievements. I hope that you share this joy in your child's end of year reports—they have worked their socks off and definitely deserve a summer holiday treat!

As always, I would like to say thank you to our hardworking and committed staff for making this year so successful. I hope that your child finishes this academic year with lots of memories that will last a lifetime.

I would like to say a fond farewell to Miss Afzal: she has completed a very successful NQT year in our Reception class and will be beginning a new chapter in her career at St James' Infants in September. Viktoria's mummy (Kristine Norkus) has resigned as a parent governor from our governing board. I would also like to say an 'extra special' farewell to Pat Geary, who has retired after many years of service to St Chad's. As you all know, Pat has shown so much LOVE and dedication to our school and will be sorely missed by us all.

Please have a wonderful and relaxing break with your children and loved ones. Hopefully, the sun will continue to shine! We look forward to welcoming you all back on **Monday 10th September**.

Best wishes (and Happy Holidays!)

Ms. K Leach x Head of School



#### DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July

BREAK UP FOR SUMMER

Thursday 6th September

SCHOOL CLOSED (INSET)

Friday 7th September

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**Monday 10th September**

**SCHOOL RE-OPENS**

#### TRANSITION WEEK

Last week, children took part in Transition Week. Children were given the chance to meet their new teacher, spend time in their new classroom and develop new friendships. Hopefully, your child feels better prepared and excited for the new academic year. We welcomed our new Nursery and Reception children into our St Chad's family. Some of our Year 2 children transferring to Hardwick in September had the opportunity to visit their new school for the full 5 days. Yet again, this event was hugely successful and affirms how well we work in partnership with Mrs Sandhu's team at the 'blue school'. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

#### YEAR 2: GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK!

Yesterday, our wonderful Year 2 children performed their end of year leavers' ceremony: *A Trip Down Memory Lane*. The ceremony was incredibly moving and heart-warming. Children shared memories from their time here at St Chad's and sang some of their favourite songs with such happiness, maturity and confidence. Reverend Andy, our Chair of Governors, helped plant a special shrub on our school field to help us to remember the Class of 2018. It is always incredibly hard to say goodbye to our Year 2 children but I know that they will continue to flourish and shine in their new school. Thank you Year 2 for being 'you'!

COMMUNITY PARTY IN THE PARK

It was wonderful to see our first every Community Party in the Park event so well attended. This is the first time that multiple schools in the local area worked in collaboration to host a huge summer fair. I would like to say a special thank you to staff for giving up their own Saturday to help and support such a special event. The mehndi and face painting were particularly popular and our school choir did a wonderful performance. Everybody commented on the ‘community spirit’ and it was great to see children, families and staff from different schools uniting as one. We are thrilled with the money raised to support school funds. Thank you to parents who baked and donated yummy cakes, breads and biscuits. We are hoping to repeat a similar event next year.



GOLDEN ATTENDANCE

As you know, we have had a huge push on attendance and punctuality this past year. Thank you to the majority of parents for supporting our ‘Everyday Counts Campaign’. During our last Kings and Queens ceremony, children with 100% attendance were entered into our Golden Raffle. We were kindly donated a bike from Halfords that was gifted to our raffle winner (thank you to Mrs Bola for arranging such a special prize!). All children with Gold Attendance (100%) were rewarded with a certificate, as were children with Silver Attendance (98-99%) and Bronze Attendance (96-97%).



KINGS AND QUEENS

I am thrilled to announce that our end of year Kings and Queens are:

**Yeshuwah and Zoumer (Pandas)**

**Max and Aleena (Monkeys)**

**Eshan and Haaniya (Tigers)**

**Viktorina and Arhum (Frogs)**

**Shaheeda and Moez (Giraffes)**



HEAD OF SCHOOL ‘VALUES’ AWARDS

As you know, we have re-vamped our school vision and ethos this past year. LOVE, now sits at the heart of all areas of school life. Every half term, children learn a new value during their class and whole school Collective Worship. During our final end of year Kings and Queens ceremony, I presented a group of children with a special Head of School ‘Values’ Award. These children were chosen for consistently showing Golden Behaviour and our LOVE values. Well done to.....



**Max (service):** using our talents to serve

**Amir (trust):** being trustworthy in all situations

**Fathima (perseverance):** pushing through a personal challenge

**Noor (service):** giving with no strings attached

**Sara (responsibility):** meeting a personal challenge

SPORTS DAY

Despite the very hot weather, children were still able to take part in Sports Day. I would like to say a special thank you to Mrs Holland for coming into school on her days off to support with two sports days during Mrs Clarke’s absence from school. As you know, we always welcome and value feedback from parents on how we can improve events in school. Next year, we will ensure that we have sufficient seating for all visitors to sit on and we will also review the range of activities that are in offer to encourage more parent-child participation. Thank you for your continued support.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

School uniform with our updated school logo can now be ordered online through Tesco’s:

<https://www.tesco.com/>

We will no longer be selling any school uniform on site. The only item that can be purchased in school is Book Bags. Please see our website for a full list of school uniform. Please can I remind you all that children must have their book bag and a full and correct PE kit in school everyday.

CONGRATULATIONS MRS KAUSAR!

I am thrilled to let you know that Mrs Kausar has given birth to twin boys. The twins were born earlier than planned but both babies and Mrs Kausar are doing well and are now at home. The twins are yet to be named so at the moment we are calling them ‘Twin 1’ and ‘Twin 2’. Congratulations to Mrs Kausar and her family! xx

