

# Weekly Newsletter

Empathy, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility

22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019

## Key Dates This Term

### **26 & 27 November**

Year 2 and Year 3  
Parents Evenings

### **2 December**

Nasal Flu Spray

### **16 & 17 December**

R, Y1, Y2 Christmas  
performances

### **17 December**

Reception/Y1/Y2  
Christmas trip to  
panto

### **20 December**

Christmas Jumper  
Day

KS2 Christmas trip to  
Cinema

Christmas Dinner

Christmas Service at  
St Chad's Church

Academy closes

### **6 January -**

Academy opens

### **7 January -**

Young Voices  
Concert

## Our New Curriculum

One of the things that makes St Chad's so special is our curriculum. A key feature of the children's weekly experience is known as 'Think, Explore, Discover' (TED). This incorporates history, geography, science, art and design technology with a different emphasis each week. Here's what our sample group of children said when asked what they think of their TED sessions:

"I like the art we have done around The Great Fire of London and that we are always learning new things." Annabelle Y2

"I like the projects that we can do to help our learning." Frankie Y3

"I think the TED lessons are really interesting. I am enjoying learning about the Anglo-Saxons and finding out how they used to live and how it was different. In our volcano topic, I really enjoyed designing and making my own volcano" Maisie Y4

"I like that it is more interactive. I am looking forward to making a moon buggy out of recycled materials. I am also looking forward to writing a job application for NASA!" George Mc Y5

"I am enjoying learning lots of facts. We have found out lots about Shakespeare and Queen Elizabeth." Rose Y6

## **Stars of the Week**



### **Reception:**

Olivia Leonard  
Stanley Teal

### **Year 1:**

George Kennedy  
Zara Roberts

### **Year 2:**

Lucas Inwood  
Jayden Tavengwa

### **Year 3:**

Harry Betts  
Madeleine D'Iorio

### **Year 4:**

Daisy Everitt  
Ella Taylor

### **Year 5:**

Thomas Betts  
Eluise Dobson-Thorne

### **Year 6:**

Ethan Broadbent  
Millie Parr

Congratulations to all  
our Stars of the Week  
for their great  
achievement!

## **EVERY** day counts' attendance matters

1 <sup>st</sup> Reception	100%
2 <sup>nd</sup> Year 4	99.7%
3 <sup>rd</sup> Year 3	98.7%
4 <sup>th</sup> Year 2	96.1%
Year 6	96.1%
6 <sup>th</sup> Year 1	95.1%
7 <sup>th</sup> Year 6	94.7%

Well done to  
Reception Class –  
extra 5 minutes  
playtime next week!

## School uniform

It is really lovely to see the children looking so smart in their winter uniform as we approach the colder months. Just a quick reminder that the winter uniform requires children from Y1 to Y6 to wear a white shirt/blouse and tie.

## Keeping Children Safe

Our top priority (or at least equal with keeping children happy and keeping children learning!) is to ensure our children are safe. We had a full Health and Safety Audit this week conducted by Calderdale LA which served as an inspection of our health and safety systems and procedures. It gave us 5 Stars (the top outcome!) which is a real credit to Mrs O'Kane, Mr Pearson and the whole team.

### Parking

Please can we remind our school community to be considerate when parking on the roads around school.

### Thank you

We just wanted to say thank you for being so understanding during our recent technical issues. Things have now been restored and all systems should be working correctly.

### Performances

We are looking forward to Reception, Y1 and Y2 celebrating Christmas with their performance in the last week of term. The opportunity to perform on stage is very important for children's learning and so is built in to our new curriculum. Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 will each have their own performance over the spring and summer terms. We will 'announce' each performance in good time so you will be able to come and watch your child being fabulous on stage!

### SchoolMoney

We have had lots of requests from parents to send reset password links as they can't log on. SchoolMoney have confirmed that they have recently had an upgrade and that every user will be prompted to reset their password when they next log in. Please ensure all autofill data for this site is cleared and ensure you type in all data when you next try to log in. If you have done this and are still unable to log in, please contact them directly.

### Tweets of the Week



**St Chads** @StChadderbox · 12h

Y4 have been writing diary entries from the perspective of Excitable Edgar the John Lewis dragon. 🐉🐉🔥



**St Chads** @StChadderbox · Nov 20

YR have done some amazing writing about hedgehogs today. They have worked on their cutting skills to make some collage hedgehogs. They know all about hibernation too!

