

Weekly Newsletter

Empathy, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility

2 October 2020

Key Dates This Term

Harvest Festival
Wednesday 7
October

**Reception 2021-22
Virtual Open
Evening**
Wednesday 14
October

Staff Training Day
Monday 2 November

Parents' Evenings
Monday 2 November
Tuesday 3 November
Tuesday 10 November

Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday 4
November

Term Dates

Close – Friday 16
October

**Open – Tuesday 3
November**

Close – Friday 18
December

**Open – Tuesday 5
January 2021**

EVERY day
counts
attendance matters

1st Reception	100%
1st Year 1	100%
1st Year 3	100%
4th Year 5	99.0%
5th Year 4	98.4%
6th Year 6	98.2%
7th Year 2	91.8%

This Week

The children are working very hard in school and enjoying learning together in the classroom. Please do have a look at the Newsletter sent out last week detailing what your child has been learning this half term so that you can support them with this and maybe learn with them too!

Reading is high on our agenda in school. We aim for our pupils to develop a love of reading and experience the enjoyment and pleasure that comes from reading or sharing a good book, as well as a variety of other texts. Children are never too old to have a book read to them. Our Teachers are always modelling and encouraging this with children in school. Please support us in checking your child's planner and ensuring they are reading at home.

Some homework is being set on Teams to ensure that children are confident in using Teams as this is where Teachers will post work in the event of a bubble needing to close or an individual child isolating. Teachers are monitoring this to ensure that only the homework is posted. The children should not comment or post anything else to Teams.

The children continue to look very smart in their uniforms. After half term break children should wear shirts, ties, jumpers and trousers/skirts. Shorts and polo shirts should not be worn after half term.

Thank you for your continued support in these unprecedented times. Whilst we cannot welcome parents in to the school building, we are very happy to make contact and speak to parents. Please do not hesitate to contact us by telephone should you have any questions.

Jeans for Genes

Thank you for your kind generosity. We raised a fabulous £98 for the charity.

Year 5 and 6 Arrival at School

We are aware that some Year 5 and 6 Pupils either walk to school by themselves or are dropped off by parents and then walk up the path by themselves. Although the children are waiting sensibly in the park, some are needing to be called from the park after their entrance time, which means their start to lessons is delayed as Miss Painter and Mr McGrath need to wait longer than necessary for the children to enter the school grounds. If your child is in Year 5 and Year 6, please talk to them about making sure they are in the line in plenty of time. Mr McGrath and Miss Painter have also spoken to them in school.

Stars of the Week



Reception:

James L
Oliver B

Year 1:

Ernest K
Max T

Year 2:

George B
Summer E

Year 3:

Grace O
Jayden T

Year 4:

Owen P
Layla O

Year 5:

Lennon W
Eva L

Year 6:

Charlie S
Kathryn K

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



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@chadderbox

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival in school will be on Wednesday 7 October. This year we will be collecting food donations for Brighthouse Central Food Bank, in partnership with St Chad's Church. On Wednesday morning we would like the children to bring in an item from the list (see end of newsletter). The children will have an assembly on Harvest Festival and each class will create a box of donations to send to the foodbank. This will be kept in school for 48 hours as per Coronavirus guidelines and your generous donations will be collected on Friday afternoon.

Home Learning

Your children's username and password for Teams is on a sticker in their planner. Should one of our pupils be isolating or shielding due to the Coronavirus, the home learning materials will be available to them on Teams. Please contact the Class Teacher on the email address on the letter last week or telephone the office if you have any questions or need assistance.

Parents' Evenings

A letter will be sent to Parents early next week detailing how the virtual system will work. A reminder again of the dates;

Monday 2 November 3.00pm - 5.30pm

Tuesday 3 November 3.30pm - 6.00pm

Tuesday 10 November 3.30pm - 6.00pm

Flu Vaccinations

On 4 November we will have the immunisation team in school to administer the Flu vaccination to children in all year groups, in the form of a nasal spray.

Park at the bottom of the drive.

Thank you once more to parents for adhering to the social distancing and group size rules that the Government have set when using the park. Can I ask that we keep the pathway to school clear so that parents and pupils can social distance properly and safely as they are arriving and leaving.

Our procedures for allowing children and parents to arrive and leave school safely are working really well. Where small adjustments need to be made, I am very grateful for your support with this.

If there is something that you are not comfortable with on your way in to school, please politely address this with members of the public who may be using the park.

Reception Virtual Open Event

Unfortunately, we are unable to welcome prospective parents of Reception Class 2021-22 in to school this year due to Coronavirus restrictions. However, we do want to showcase St Chad's Primary Academy and show you the excellent provision on offer at the Academy. This year there will be a virtual open event. From Monday 12th October, there will be various pieces of information on the website for parents to view and read, including a look inside the building. There is the opportunity to complete a survey to ask our staff any questions that you may have before making an application for admission. Our Early Years Leader is Mrs E Smith and our Reception Class Teacher is Miss B Goulden. Please see the website for further information and to access the survey should you wish to ask a question.

<https://stchads.trinitymat.org/key-info/virtual-open-event/>

You can apply for a place from 19th November and the **closing date** for applications is **15th January 2021**. More information can be found at;

<https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/residents/education-and-learning/schools/admissions/admission-process>

Applications for High School Places

A reminder to parents of Year 6 pupils that the **closing date** for applications for admission to High School in September 2021 close on **31st October 2020**.

Some local schools are hosting virtual open events for prospective pupils and I would urge you to visit their websites for more information. More information about admissions can be found here;

<https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/residents/education-and-learning/schools/admissions/admission-process>

GOV.UK Coronavirus Information Links

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/906663/20203007_Easy_read_household_isolation_v3.1.pdf

St Chad's Primary Academy Harvest Festival Donations

Wednesday 7 October

This year for harvest festival we will be collecting donations for Brighouse Central Foodbank.

Donations the foodbank are currently requesting are:

- Tinned vegetables of all kinds
- Packets of mashed potato
- Tinned meats incl. ham, meatballs
- Tinned ravioli, curry & chilli
- Fray Bentos pies
- Jelly, Custard, Tinned fruit
- Tinned rice pudding
- Toiletries

