



Weekly Newsletter



Empathy, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility

9 October 2020

Key Dates This Term

**Reception 2021-22
Virtual Open Event**
From Monday 12
October

**Closing Date for High
School Admissions
Applications**
Saturday 31 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**



1st Reception	100%
2 nd Year 3	98.4%
2 nd Year 4	98.4%
4 th Year 5	97.4%
4 th Year 6	97.4%
6 th Year 1	95.5%
7 th Year 2	95.0%

What We have been Learning

Year 6 have been finding out about the amazing and truly inspiring activism of Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King Jr. In geography, they have continued their Journey across North America and have been looking at the physical and human features of Mexico.

Year 5 have been writing a non-chronological report about the four women who helped America win the space race. We have also been researching and creating fact files about the Moon in Science. In Geography we have been looking at the different altitudinal zones - discovering what the climate at each zone is like and what living things can be found there.

This week, in English, Year 4 have written a fact file on Nelson Mandela and started to look at newspapers about his arrest. In Geography, the children have looked at the uses of rivers and how the River Thames and the River Nile are similar and different.

Year 3 have been learning about what causes earthquakes, and the devastation they cause. We have also been learning how to write our own information text in English.

Year 2 have been exploring the book 'Ella Queen of Jazz' as part of Black History Month. They made predictions from the front cover and created freeze frames to represent key parts of the story. In science, the children have been thinking about the human life cycle and in history they wrote diary entries from the perspective of Samuel Pepys. A very busy week!

Year 1 have been identifying how they get to school. They conducted a survey and produced a tally chart and identified what human and physical features they see on the way.

This week Reception have learnt about repeating patterns and created their own using lots of different resources. In word time, the children have started to use Fred in our head to sound out words and blend them together independently. In Literacy, we have introduced letters and envelopes and added those to the mark making area which the children have really enjoyed.

Another very productive and busy week of learning and enjoyment.

A reminder that next week is our final week in school for this term. We break up on Friday 16 October for 2 weeks. The children will return to school on Tuesday 3 of November. Monday 2 November is a staff INSET day.

Stars of the Week



Reception:

Ella L
Carter L

Year 1:

Penny C
Elizabeth R

Year 2:

Jesper O
Anna T

Year 3:

Oscar D
Lucie E

Year 4:

Harry M
Milo H-T

Year 5:

Sonny G
Maisie E

Year 6:

Imogen G
Jack B

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



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about your child's
experience at St
Chad's
@Stchadderbox

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 12 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. Look out for our banner coming soon!

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

You can apply for a place from 19 November and the **closing date** for applications is 15 January 2021. More information can be found at; <https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/residents/education-and-learning/schools/admissions/admission-process>

High School Applications for Admission in 2020-21

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

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

Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone for your very kind and generous contributions to the Harvest Festival. We have an abundance of food items that the Central Foodbank are extremely grateful for. Whilst we were unable to gather together or visit church for the event this year, each class had their own Harvest Worship assembly, learning about the festival and reflecting on helping others who are less fortunate or have fallen on difficult times.

Picture right shows some of the donations we have had in school, thank you.



Home Learning

If your child is at home because they are isolating due to Coronavirus related issues, Home Learning will be provided for your child. This can be found in the 'Files' section of Teams. Each child has a Teams username and password, this is on a sticker in their planner. Please refer to the letter sent to parents previously which explains this. The letter also contains an email address for each class where parents of children who are isolating can contact the teacher if they have any questions regarding the home learning materials.

School Meal Choices for Winter 2020-21

The deadline to complete the form for school meal choices that was sent out this week has been extended to Monday 12 October at 12 noon. Anyone who has not selected meal choices for their child by then will have to send a home packed lunch each day from 3 November.

There will be an opportunity to change your choices after the first 3 weeks and anyone who did not complete the form in time will be able to choose then, there will be a deadline of 24 November.

Parents' Evenings Bookings

Bookings for parents' evenings are going well on My Child At School. The closing date for you to make your booking is Monday 12 October at 12 noon. If you have difficulty with your account, please contact the office so that we can help resolve this. Once you have booked your timeslot, if you wish to have a telephone appointment instead of MS Teams, please contact the office - admin@stchads.trinitymat.org

Communication with Parents

At St Chad's, Mrs Smith is our Senior Leader for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Classes (KS1) and Mr McGrath and Mrs Smaldon are the Senior Leaders for Years 4-6 (KS2). If you would like to speak to anyone about your child and their learning, please speak to their class teacher in the first instance.

The school Newsletter is sent to parents at the end of each week via email and is also found on the school website, along with a host of other important and useful information

<https://stchads.trinitymat.org/>

Other information is regularly emailed to parents such as school meal choices (termly), parents' evenings, breakfast and after school club, music lessons, swimming, trips etc.. Occasionally we may need to send a text to parents with reminders or more urgent information. In order to use these methods of communication you must make sure that we have the correct information for you and your child's other contacts. This can be done using the parent system which is called "My Child At School".

You should have received reminders and information about My Child At School (MCAS) over the past few weeks as it is used for bookings for parents' evenings, breakfast and after school clubs, paying for dinner money and trips etc... If you have not yet logged on to this system, please do so as soon as possible. If you do not recall receiving this information, please check your "junk or spam" folder in your email account as we have been told by some parents this is where they found it. Again, you must update school if your details change.

We are currently developing our website. Over the next few weeks you will find a 'Classes' section where there will be a page for each class detailing useful information for each class, including the termly newsletters.

We also have a Twitter account where teachers will post each week about things they have been getting up to in class. You will find St Chad's on Twitter by searching *Stchadderbox*. Links to our Twitter account are also on our website home page.

We will also send out a curriculum newsletter to parents each half term to inform you of the learning that your children will be doing that term. This will be via email and on the website.

Each class has it's own email account, you should use this to contact the teacher about class work / homework. The email addresses are as follows:

Reception: RYR@stchads.trinitymat.org
Year 1: 1Y1@stchads.trinitymat.org
Year 2: 2Y2stchads.trinitymat.org
Year 3: 3Y3stchads.trinitymat.org
Year 4: 4Y4stchads.trinitymat.org
Year 5: 5Y5stchads.trinitymat.org
Year 6: 6Y6stchads.trinitymat.org

Please make sure we have your most up to date contact details in school, as you may be missing out on vital information.

Staff Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for the following staff to join our team at St Chad's Primary Academy:

- Midday Supervisor - 5 hours per week (Monday to Friday: 12.15pm – 1:15pm)
- Breakfast Club Leader -5 hours, 50 minutes per week (Monday to Friday 7.30am – 8.40am)
- Casual Midday Supervisor

Please follow the link below for further details if you are interested in applying <https://www.trinitymat.org/all-vacancies/>

School Office Opening Times

The office is open between 8am and 4pm each day Monday to Friday. At other times, please leave a voice message or email - admin@stchads.trinitymat.org