



Weekly Newsletter



Empathy, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility

16 October 2020

Key Dates This Term

Reception 2021-22 Virtual Open Event

From Monday 12th October

Closing Date for High School Admissions Applications

Saturday 31st October

Staff Training Day

Monday 2 November

Parents' Evenings

Monday 2 November

Tuesday 3 November

Tuesday 10 November

Flu Vaccinations

Wednesday 4 November

Closing date for Reception Admissions Applications

15th January 2021

Term Dates

Close – Friday 16
October

Open – Tuesday 3
November

Close – Friday 18
December

Open – Tuesday 5
January 2021



1 st Reception	100%
1 st Year 2	100%
1 st Year 3	100%
1 st Year 6	100%
5 th Year 1	98.9%
6 th Year 5	98.8%
7 th Year 4	97.4%

End of Term 1

We have come to the end of Autumn Term 1 and what a very busy and productive term it has been at St Chad's Primary Academy. The children and staff have quickly adapted to our new way of working in our Bubbles. The practices of hand hygiene and social distancing are embedded well and have become normality in our daily routines.

Thank you to Parents and the wider school community for your help and support in making it a very successful first term back. We hope that you will be able to enjoy a relaxing time together and that the weather is kind so that you are able to spend some time outdoors enjoying the fresh air together during this two week half term break-a first at St Chad's Primary Academy. We look forward to welcoming our pupils back on Tuesday 3rd November-remember that Monday 2nd November is an Academy INSET day.

What we have been learning this week.

We have had a focus on Art and Design, linked to our Geography or History 'Think, Explore, Discover' work for some afternoons this week. The children have thoroughly enjoyed getting creative and have produced some fabulous work.

Reception

This week in Reception the children have read 'The Scarecrows Wedding'. We have been learning about rhyming words and numbers 1,2 and 3 in maths.

Year 1

Children in Y1 have been looking at the artist James Rizzi and have painted some beautiful 'Happy Houses'

Year 2

This week Y2 have been exploring adding and subtracting tens and ones in maths. In English, the children have produced some fantastic fact files and advertisements about Ella Fitzgerald. In our history sessions this week we thought about what happened after The Great Fire of London. We really hope you like the fantastic Tudor houses we made in DT this week. We thought carefully about our designs and the different joining techniques.

Year 3

This week Year 3 wrote a letter to Rosa Parkes in honour of Black History Month. We thanked her for her contributions to the Civil Rights Movement.

Year 4

This week, year 4 have been looking at the water cycle in Geography. We have created some amazing river paintings in our Art lesson which the children thoroughly enjoyed.

Year 5

In Year 5 we have been publishing our non-chronological reports about 'Hidden Figures'. In Maths, we have been drawing and interpreting line graphs. As part of our Mountains topic we have been using a range of artistic techniques to create atmospheric perspective in our landscapes.

Year 6

This week in Year 6 we have produced some incredible Martin Luther King Jr. biographies, with a focus on using cohesion to improve the readability of our writing. In art we have created some magnificent abstract artworks inspired by Helen Frankenthaler and completed some portraits by John Singer Sargent. In maths we have learnt how to complete long division and will continue to practise this after the holidays. We continued our journey across North America and focused on the amazing work that the World Wildlife Federation do in the Chihuahuan Desert.

Stars of the Week



Reception:

Teddy H
Koby W

Year 1:

Niamh S
Tiffany S

Year 2:

Max P
Georgia S

Year 3:

Annabelle B
Huey B

Year 4:

Tobias W
Isla S

Year 5:

Harry B
Ethan W

Year 6:

Caitlin B
Marley W

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



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@chadderbox

Attendance of the Half-Term—Reception class were awarded a special treat today as they had the best overall attendance for the half-term. A big well done to them!

School Office

The school office will be closed during the holiday. Any emails or voice messages will be responded to on Monday 2nd November.

Parents' Evenings

Thank you for your bookings for Parents' Evening. Mrs Horner has now sent your invitation to join the Class Teacher in the Teams Meeting at your chosen time.

Home Learning

We are continuing to provide work for home learning when children are required to self-isolate. Once you notify Mrs Horner of your child's absence, she will confirm how you can access this on Teams using the Username in your child's planner. Please contact the office if you have any difficulties in accessing TEAMS. There will be no work set during the two week holiday period.

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>

Coronavirus Testing and Isolating Advice

With the arrival of winter and an increase in the number of cases of coronavirus (COVID-19), it is more important than ever that we all take steps to reduce the spread of infection in the community to save lives and protect the NHS.

Please ensure that you are following the Gov.UK advice for when to get a test and when to isolate. The advice can be found here:

<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://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

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 ask questions

<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>

Holiday Sports Camp

Niall Brady Sports Camp will be taking place during the half-term holiday at Lightcliffe Academy. For full details see poster to the right.



The poster features a central image of a young boy in a red sports jersey, seen from the back, looking towards a blurred background of a sports field. To the left is a green shield-shaped logo with a soccer ball and the text 'NIALL BRADY SPORTS CAMP'. To the right, vertical text reads 'AGES 6-8 & 9-11'. Below the image, the text reads: 'Head Coach: Niall Brady', 'BA Hons Physical Education & PGCE', and 'Head of Boys PE'. At the bottom, the words 'SPORTS CAMP' are written in large, bold, blue letters. Contact information includes 'M: 075 4580 5503' and 'E: NIALLBRADY96@HOTMAIL.COM'. Pricing is listed as 'COST: £17 (9AM-3PM) £20 (8AM-4.30PM)' with a note 'SIBLING DISCOUNT AND MULTI DAY BOOKING DISCOUNT AVAILABLE'. Time and location are 'TIME: 9AM-3PM OR 8AM-4.30PM' and 'LOCATION: LIGHTCLIFFE ACADEMY ASTROTURF/SPORTS HALL'. Dates are 'DATES: TUESDAY 27TH, WEDNESDAY 28TH & THURSDAY 29TH OCTOBER'. At the bottom right, there is a graphic of five blue chevrons pointing right, followed by the text 'COVID COMPLIANT'.