



# Weekly Newsletter



Empathy, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility

20 November 2020

## Key Dates This Term

**Reception 2021-22**

**Virtual Open Event**

From Monday 12

October

**Advent**

Week Beginning 30

November

**Christmas Jumper Day**

Friday 18 December

**Staff INSET Day**

Monday 4 January

**Closing date for**

**Reception Admissions**

**Applications**

Friday 15 January 2021

## Term Dates

Close - Friday 18

December

**Open - Tuesday 5**

**January 2021**

Close - Friday 12

February

**Open - Monday 22**

**February**

**EVERY**day  
counts  
attendance matters

1<sup>st</sup> Reception 100%

2<sup>nd</sup> Year 6 99.6%

3<sup>rd</sup> Year 5 99.3%

4<sup>th</sup> Year 4 99.2%

5<sup>th</sup> Year 2 99.0%

6<sup>th</sup> Year 1 97.7%

7<sup>th</sup> Year 3 96.8%

## Anti-Bullying Week

The children have been discussing anti-bullying this week, have had an assembly on the subject and finished off wearing odd socks on Friday to reinforce the messages of the week.

## Rotary Shoe Box Appeal

The shoebox appeal has gone down so well that we have ordered more boxes to be delivered to school. They will be available to collect from the gate from Monday 23 November. Once they have gone, we will not be getting any more, so it will be first come, first served.

If you have taken a box, but are unable to fill it, please return it to school in the original flat-pack form so we can give it to someone else, although please be mindful that it will need to remain in school for 72 hours before being re-distributed.

Filled shoeboxes should be returned to school by **Monday 30 November**. Thank you for your support with this appeal.

## Casual Staff Vacancies

We are currently recruiting for casual staff for Midday Supervisor and Breakfast and After school Club roles. The vacancies are to cover at short notice for staff absence. If you would be interested in these roles, please contact Mrs O'Kane for an application form.

## What we have been learning...

In Reception this week we have been learning all about Diwali through the story Little Miss Happy Diwali and made our own Diya lamps.

This week Year 1 have been learning about Road Safety. They have learnt how to cross a road properly and have really enjoyed using the bikes outside.

In Year 2 this week, we have been comparing hot and cold places in Geography. In English, we have been writing non-chronological reports all about Polar bears.

Year 3 have been experimenting with magnets this week – what will repel, and what will attract? We have also been diving into the incredible Iron Age and discovering the truly bizarre lives that the Celts led!

This week in year 4, we have been writing explanation texts on how a dragon catches their prey! The children have used AMAZING descriptive language. In maths we have been measuring the perimeter of shapes! In History, we have been learning all about Anglo-Saxons and what jobs they did.

In Year 5 we have been writing our own newspaper reports about Tutankhamun. We have also been learning about famous pharaohs in our History lessons. During our Science lesson we illustrated the life cycle of a chicken, this brought up lots of questions about how different animals develop and the similarities and differences between the life cycle of a bird and a mammal. Finally in Maths we have been investigating prime, square and cube numbers.

In Year 6 the children have been writing their own ending to Rain Player. They have written about the battle between Pik and Chac the rain God and have produced some spectacular narratives. We have also looked at how Mayan cities were built and developed. The children have been able to show their knowledge and understanding by creating a newspaper report detailing an incredible new discovery.

## Stars of the Week



**Reception:**  
Sebastian D  
Francesca R

**Year 1:**  
Amber R  
Florence D

**Year 2:**  
Sophie R  
Caleb I

**Year 3:**  
Casper K  
Lily May W

**Year 4:**  
Dylan C  
Samuel S

**Year 5:**  
Lewis J  
Shaley P

**Year 6:**  
Caleb M  
Sophia W

**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  
**@chadderbox**

### **School Meals - Winter Menu 2020-21**

The new menu which will take us through to Easter 2021 has gone down really well with the children. As we have done the first 3 weeks, there is an opportunity to change your order should your child wish to change to something else. Please email the office on [admin@stchads.trinitymat.org](mailto:admin@stchads.trinitymat.org) stating your child's name and class, along with the meal you wish to change from and to. This must be received by **Wednesday 25 November** so that the order can be changed with the supplier. Any changes sent after that will not be able to be changed at this time.

### **Breakfast and After School Club Bookings and Payments**

A reminder that Breakfast and After School Clubs booked for the period 30 November to 18 December need to be paid for by **Thursday 26 November**. Any clubs you book at short notice (up to 12noon the previous day) must be paid for immediately or will be cancelled.

### **Coronavirus, Testing and Isolating Advice**

#### **Notifying School of Positive Coronavirus Cases.**

Please notify school as soon as possible should your child test positive for Coronavirus. If this is during the school week, this can be done by telephone. The school office is open between 8.00am and 4:00pm, outside these times a voicemail message can be left or an email can be sent to: [admin@stchads.trinitymat.org](mailto:admin@stchads.trinitymat.org)

If the positive test is over a weekend or holiday period, please notify school using the email address: [admin@stchads.trinitymat.org](mailto:admin@stchads.trinitymat.org)

This will allow us to take swift action in informing Public Health and making decisions about whether a class bubble needs to close.

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/>

[https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak?utm\\_source=12%20November%202020%20C19&utm\\_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm\\_campaign=DfE%20C19](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak?utm_source=12%20November%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19)

### **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<sup>th</sup> 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 any questions.

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

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