



Weekly Newsletter

Empathy, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility

4 December 2020

Key Dates This Term**Reception 2021-22 Virtual Open Event**

From Monday 12 October

Advent

Week Beginning 30 November

Christingle

Thursday 17 December

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 18 December

Staff INSET Day

Monday 4 January 2021

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 st Reception	100%
2 nd Year 2	99.5%
3 rd Year 6	99.3%
4 th Year 5	98.8%
5 th Year 4	98.6%
6 th Year 1	97.2%
6 th Year 3	97.2%

Christmas at St Chad's

Our Christmas tree was delivered on Monday and we spent Tuesday learning about Advent, Christingle and the tradition of decorating Christmas trees. The children really impressed us with their knowledge and thoughtful reflections. A huge thankyou goes to FOSC for purchasing our lovely tree, it looks beautiful.

We also discussed 'reverse Advent calendars' and how Advent is a time to reflect and consider those less fortunate. On this note another big thank you to all of the families who have generously filled one of the shoeboxes. This, as well as our Harvest donations to the foodbank, shows what a kind and generous school community we have.

Reverend Kathryn Buck visited our Reception, Y1 and Y2 bubbles this week to dress the stable which is now on display in the hall. She was very impressed by the knowledge and vocabulary of our children, especially in Y1 where some children knew all about frankincense and myrrh. Next week Reverend Kathryn will visit Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 bubbles to talk more about Advent.

A reminder that on the final day of term, we will be inviting children to wear their Christmas jumpers/T-Shirts, in support of Save the Children. We will ask for a donation of £2 for the charity if you are able, but there is no obligation and all children can wear their jumpers, regardless.

Caleb Hits the Headlines

This week, a fantastic good news story about one of our Y5 pupils, Caleb. Caleb is another shining example of our kind and thoughtful pupils. Caleb heard about footballer Marcus Rashford's campaign and decided that he would like to help those less fortunate, so he sent a book, as well as a pair of his own football boots, suggesting in a letter to Marcus that he might sign them to make more money for his campaign. Marcus Rashford was so touched by the gesture that he instead signed the boots and sent them back to Caleb as a thankyou and told Caleb that he would donate the money that would have been raised to the charity himself! It has made lots of local and national news. What a star! We are extremely proud of him. You can read all about it here.

<https://metro.co.uk/2020/12/01/boy-10-gets-birthday-surprise-from-marcus-rashford-after-helping-hungry-kids-13681655/>

Caleb also volunteered to work at Fareshare Manchester too in his Christmas holiday, which they have taken him up on. If you would like to help Caleb get to his fundraising target or just see what a wonderful job he is doing on Just Giving-you can click on the link below.

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/nicole-jones18?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=nicole-jones18&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=feb04d31cd074a85aabc11c4c4b71dc9&fbclid=IwAR0FSrngOIAVLBUOfXyzXJVUW8bLfiO1jyDIW-tqmulQ4fY6JkBIY3on684

Stars of the Week**Reception:**Ella L
Olivia L**Year 1:**Olivia L
Amber R**Year 2:**Kai B
Sofia W**Year 3:**Frances W
Navaeh S-R**Year 4:**Harry B
George T**Year 5:**Tom M
Tilly M**Year 6:**Jacob W
Lacey N

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



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Coronavirus - Tier 3

As Calderdale have now been placed in Tier 3, we would like to thank you once again for continuing to wear a face mask and maintaining 2m distancing guidance as you drop off and pick up your children. We appreciate your vigilance in keeping children at home when they or any family members have symptoms and using the testing system when Covid 19 symptoms are present, as well as keeping school informed.

What we have been learning...

This week in **Reception** we have read "The Jolly Christmas Postman" and written our letters to Santa!

Year 1 have been learning about the Christmas nativity in RE this week. They have been constructing the stable and role playing the story using puppets.

In **Year 2** this week, we have been thinking of interesting adjectives to describe the different settings in "The Polar Express."

Year 3 have been learning about the strength of a magnet, as well as getting into role as a Stone Age settler! It's been a busy, hectic week, but they could not have done better!

This week in **Year 4**, we have been looking at the life of Vikings! We have looked at what their houses looked like, what warriors wore in battles, as well as the longboats they used. In Maths, we have been dividing and multiplying by 10 and 100. In English, we have been up levelling our previous similes.

This week in **Year 5** we have been sharing ideas and writing suspense narratives about the finding of Tutankhamun's heart based on our class book "Secrets of the Sun King" by Emma Carroll. In Maths we enjoyed a lesson all about area with Miss Henshall from White Rose Maths. In Science we have learnt about the life cycle of an amphibian and made a spherical book to illustrate. Finally, in History we have been writing and illustrating the instructions needed for mummification.

Year 6 have been further exploring "A Christmas Carol" by creating their own ghost. They have written some excellent suspense writing, building the feeling of fear in the reader. In maths they have been getting to grips with ordering fractions using both the numerator and denominator. In RE we looked at the key differences and similarities between Judaism and Christianity; answering the question 'Was Jesus the messiah?'

Home Learning

If your child is isolating, your child's teacher will now upload work to Teams each day. It can be found in the 'Files' section. Much of the work is presented on a PowerPoint file. If working from an iPad, the app for PowerPoint can be downloaded free of charge from the APP store. If you have any difficulties at all, please telephone the office. Mrs Horner will be happy to assist.

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 from 8.00am or a message can be left. Or an email can be sent to: 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

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

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 any 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>