



Weekly Newsletter

Empathy, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility

15 January 2021

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

From Monday 12 October

Closing date for**Reception Admissions****Applications**

Friday 15 January 2021

The weather yesterday certainly surprised us all in the speed at which the snow fell and then continued to fall. We have however been able to open the academy again today thanks to the great work of the site team in clearing paths and to all of our staff who managed to make it in to work. We hope our pupils had a great time playing in the snow and building snowmen, maybe even a bit of sledging-socially distanced of course. The weekend ahead looks like another cold and icy one so perhaps there will still be some snow left to enjoy.

When there is adverse weather and school has to close, we will always post a notification on the top of our website, we will send a text and email and we also place a notification on the Calderdale Emergency School Closures site. Local radio also take their information from the Calderdale site. <https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/education/closures/status.jsp?establishment=SCH>

More details of closures due to adverse weather were posted in last week's newsletter, please refer to this for further information.

Term Dates**Open – Tuesday 5****January 2021***(for vulnerable children**and children of critical**workers only)*

Close - Friday 12

February

Open-Monday 22**February****Overgate Hospice - Reindeer Run**

We have received an email this week from Overgate Hospice to thank us and tell us what our total raised was. Altogether, we raised an amazing **£2, 557.80!** What a fantastic achievement by our pupils and their families. A huge well done to everyone who contributed to this very worthy, local charity. A letter and certificate will follow from Overgate, which we will display in school. Thank you for your kind generosity.

Home Learning

You will all hopefully have received the further communication by email, on Thursday afternoon regarding the updated home learning timetables and the non-negotiables for live lessons. Please check your junk or spam folders if you cannot see it in your Inbox. Please contact the office if you didn't receive these.

Home learning has gone really well this week. We have really enjoyed looking at all the work and activities our pupils are engaging in whilst at home and we thank parents for supporting them so well with this. As I said in my letter to you last week, we are very aware and supportive of the varying circumstances of all of our families and the timetable is a guide - to help those who need or want it - whilst being fully flexible for all of our families' needs. As always, if there is anything at all that we can assist with, please get in touch via the class email or the office.

We are very grateful that we have again received lots of messages of support and gratitude this week from both our home learner parents and our Key/Critical Worker families.

Live Lessons

Our first live lessons for Years 3-6 took place today with our White Rose Maths teachers and after a few technical difficulties they were a great success, enjoyed by our pupils. The children also enjoyed being able to reconnect - albeit verbally - with their class mates and teachers. There will be more live lessons next week from Tuesday onwards for all of our pupils with their own class teacher, as well as the White Rose Maths ones continuing for Years 3-6. There may be some technical difficulties to begin with as this is new to us all but please bear with us and we will attempt to resolve any issues we or you may have.

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Year 6 Parent's Evenings

Prior to lockdown, we had planned some early Year 6 Parent consultation evenings to discuss the children's progress and targets as well as talk about the upcoming SATs. You will be aware that the Department For Education have cancelled all Primary assessment for this academic year - however, we felt it important that we continue with the consultations.

These are planned for the evenings of Monday 8 February, Tuesday 9 February and Thursday 11 February between 3.30pm and 6.00pm. The appointments will be for 10 minutes each and will be held on Teams. Mrs Horner will notify parents early next week when the booking system on My Child At School is open.

Children of Key/Critical Workers and Vulnerable Children attending School

Thank you for continuing to keep us up to date with details of your requirements for places each week. This will be emailed out each week on a Wednesday and should be returned by Thursday at 1pm. If you need to change anything once submitted please email using the office address: contactus@stchads.trinitymat.org

If you have previously been told that your child has been offered a place and you have completed the weekly survey, you will not receive a confirmation each week. Please assume your child has the place on the days you requested. In the unusual situation that we have to limit places, you will be notified.

The Gov.uk guidance for when you should take a place at school are below:

Critical worker children

Your child's school or college will speak to you to identify whether your child needs to attend. You should keep your child at home if you can.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/951035/210108_Parents_Guidance_vF.pdf

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>