

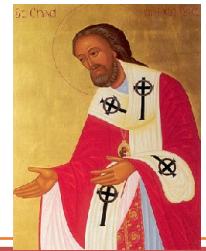


**St Chad's**  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## March Newsletter 2022

### "Christ in our heads, our hearts and our hands"

Principal Mrs. K. Bickley



Dear Parents,



I hope everyone had a great half term and enjoyed some family time together. Hopefully we are all feeling refreshed and ready for the new challenges that lie ahead this half term. We will be sending out our new curriculum themes soon, so you will be able to see the learning that is planned for the next half term. I am also delighted to let you know that our weekly class masses will now be celebrated in church so parents you are very welcome to join us if you can.

As you are aware public health advice for People with COVID-19 states it is no longer a requirement to self-isolate or take daily tests, and contact tracing has now ended. However if you or your children do have any of the main symptoms of COVID-19 or test positive the public health advice is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people. Therefore PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL IF THEY EXPERIENCE COVID-19 SYMPTOMS AND/OR TEST POSITIVE. We will provide work for them during their absence and welcome them back when they are better. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

Please be reassured that at school we will continue to ensure good hygiene for everyone and keep our classrooms and work spaces well ventilated.

### Reflection for the month of March



Lent is a time to commit to God with all our hearts. We can hear and ponder God's word in the scriptures more deeply. The parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31) focuses on a rich man and the poor man, Lazarus. Lazarus may have been anonymous to the rich man but he was not to God. Lazarus was comforted by God and seen as a precious gift, to be cherished, embraced and loved. The rich man did not recognise Lazarus' virtues, he saw him only as a beggar.

Remember we are all precious in God's eyes. So, during this time of Lent, let us reflect on repenting our sins, asking for God's forgiveness and listening to God's word.

### School Uniform

Thank you everyone for your comments and feedback with regards to the change of kilts.

Please be reassured that the decision to change the kilt is purely based on the stockist ceasing trade. We hope we have found a suitable alternative which will continue to enhance the uniqueness of the St Chad's uniform whilst being more affordable and offering a pinafore option as well.

We wish to reassure you that the girls can continue to wear their the existing kilts. Thank you for your support.

### Attendance

Well Done to Year 2 and Reception for excellent attendance during the month of February.



Reception	94 %
Year 1	89.4 %
Year 2	94.5%
Year 3	88.6 %
Year 4	88.9 %
Year 5	90.4 %
Year 6	90.2 %
Whole School	90.9 %

**Monday 28th Feb:** school reopens

**Wednesday 2nd March:** Ash Wednesday Mass at Church 9.15am

**Thursday 3rd March:** World Book Day

**Monday 7th March** Survey sent out to parents

**Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th March** Wow Active Fitness programme (details to follow)

**Wednesday 30th March and Thursday 31st March** Parents Meetings. (details to follow).

**Week beginning Monday 4th April** Holy Week in school.

**Friday 8th April:** School closes:



### **Pastoral, Social, Health Education (PSHE)**

This term, we will be discussing the NSPCC's Underwear Rule which aims to teach our pupils the following important safety skills without giving explicit information or telling scary stories. We will be teaching our pupils, the NSPCC's Underwear Rule, using the 'PANTS' acrostic, which is like a green cross code for staying safe from harm. PANTS stands for:

Privates are private

Always remember your body belongs to you

No means no

Talk about secrets that upset you

Speak up, someone can help

All children will be taught at an age appropriate level.

More information about the Underwear Rule, including a short film and a parent guide

can be found at [nspcc.org.uk/underwearrule](https://nspcc.org.uk/underwearrule).



### **World Book Day – 3rd March 2022**

At St Chad's we are celebrating the 25th anniversary of World Book Day – with the message for all children 'you are a reader' We will focus on the story 'The Day the Crayons Quit' by Drew Daywalt.

We all know that Reading for pleasure is the biggest indicator of a child's future success. I hope all our children develop a life-long habit of reading for pleasure and World Book Day reminds us of this.

Usbourne Book fair will be in school on Wednesday and will be giving a talk to parents at 2.45pm. You may then stay to browse and buy books.

Children come dressed as your favourite book character! Be creative it's amazing what you can dress up as.

### **After School Clubs run by Premier Education.**



We are pleased to

inform you that we have partnered with Premier Education

to offer a range of Extra Curricular Clubs starting from Week Beginning Monday 7th March 2022 until Week Ending 8th April (5 sessions).

Clubs are open to boys/girls of all abilities and booking is allocated on a first-come-first served basis.

All sessions will cost £4.05 per session.

**To book your child's place follow these simple steps!**

1. Visit [www.premier-education.com](http://www.premier-education.com)
  2. Click 'Book A Course' top right hand corner of our website
  3. Search your postcode in 'Course Search' and your school will appear
  4. Click 'Book this Activity' and complete information
  5. Once booked, email confirmation will be automatically sent through
- Any questions or to book via telephone, contact our Customer Services team on 01953 499040

<b>Year</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>Group</b>			
<b>YR 1/6</b>	<b>Dance</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>3.20pm-4.30pm</b>
<b>YR 5/6</b>	<b>Multi Sports (ball skills)</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>3.20pm-4.30pm</b>
<b>YR1/2</b>	<b>Multi Skills</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>3.20pm-4.30pm</b>

*Best wishes Mrs K. Bickley*