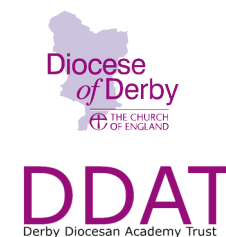
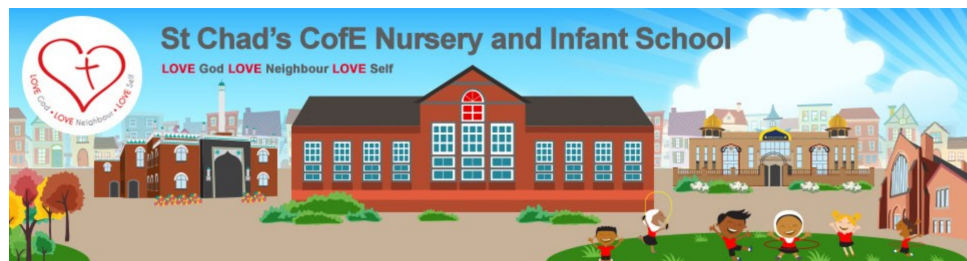


Newsletter May 2024



Dear Parents/Carers,

Wow, it is almost impossible to believe that we are approaching the final half-term of the academic year. Time really does fly when you are having fun!

Although it has been another short half-term, as always, we have lots to celebrate. We would like to begin by saying a huge well done to our Year 2 children after successfully completing their SATs. Although these tests are no longer statutory, all schools in DDAT have continued to use them (these tests will form part of the overall teacher assessment at the end of the year).

After the half-term break, we will have our Year 1 Phonics Screening Checks taking place (as well as our Year 2 re-sits for those children that did not meet the threshold last year). Thank you to those parents that attended the information workshop with Miss Wright, we hope you found the session useful.

The remaining half-term will be very busy with lots of events taking place, including trips and Transition Week. Please can we remind you to 'check-in' on Class Dojo as much as possible for key dates and updates.

As we begin to enter the sunnier months (hopefully!), please can you ensure that your child has a sunhat and water bottle for school (please label both with your child's name on). We advise that you apply sun cream to your child prior to bringing them into school.

We that you manage to have a relaxing half-term break with your loved ones. Hopefully the sun will have hit hat on for us all to enjoy. We look forward to welcoming your child back to school on **Monday, 3rd June**.

Love Ms. Leach and Mrs Morley x

P.S Patch says thank you for his get well soon well wishes!



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 24th May	<u>SCHOOL BREAKS-UP</u>
Monday 3rd June	<u>SCHOOL RE-OPENS</u>
Monday 10th June (all week)	<u>Y1 PHONICS SCREENING CHECK</u>
Friday 19th July	<u>SCHOOL BREAKS-UP</u>
Monday 22nd July	<u>SCHOOL CLOSED (INSET DAY)</u>
Tuesday 23rd July	<u>SCHOOL CLOSED (INSET DAY)</u>

You can find more information about all of the wonderful things happening in school, on our [school website](#).

STAFFING UPDATES

We are delighted to share that we have successfully appointed our new EYFS Manager from September, 2024, Mrs Maciejewska. Mrs Maciejewska is an experienced EYFS practitioner and will play a pivotal role in the expansion of our Nursery. We would also like to say congratulations to Miss Servina who has been appointed as our SEND 1:1 Teaching Assistant.



In **Collective Worship** after half-term, we will continue to be exploring the value:



joy

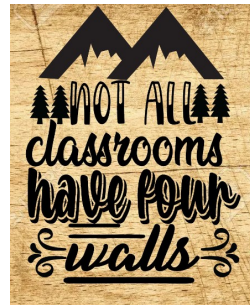
TRANSITION WEEK

We will be taking part in the city-wide transition days on Tuesday, 2nd July to Thursday 4th July. During these three days, your child will have the opportunity to spend time meeting their new class teacher in their new classroom in preparation for the new academic year.

YEAR 2 PARENTS: If your child is transitioning to Hardwick Primary, details have already been shared with you outlining their arrangements. You will need to drop off and collect your child from Hardwick during these three days. Hardwick are hosting their information parent meeting on Thursday, 6th June at 1:30pm.

EYFS PLAYGROUND

Work has began on our Early Years Foundation Stage playground. It was an exciting week for children (and staff!) as the playground started to change. We are working closely with Down to Earth to enhance the playground, and allow our children to be much more connected to nature. One of the biggest changes so far is our mud kitchen area now has a barked floor and raised planters to that we can grow plants up the side of our shed. We are looking forward to the next stage of this project, which includes brining in lots more plants, bushes, flowers and even vegetables!



FOREST SCHOOL *"The best classroom is roofed only by the sky."* (Margaret McMillan)

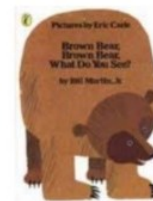
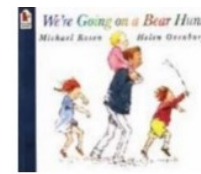
Forest School sessions for Elephants and Flamingos have now come to an end with Brendan. It has been wonderful watching our eldest children benefit from their sessions with Brendan. After the half-term break, our youngest children in Cubs will begin attending their weekly sessions on Wednesdays. Feedback from children (and staff) continues to be very positive and we are SO grateful for all of Brendan's hard work and passion.



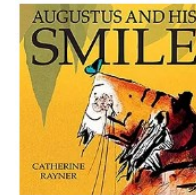
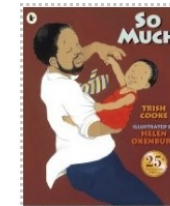
LOVE TO READ

Here are the key texts for each class for next half-term:

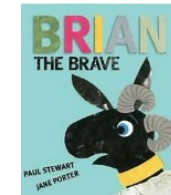
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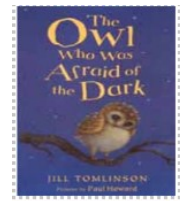
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Year 2



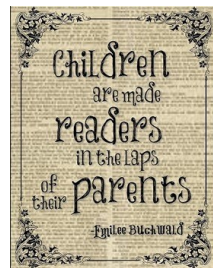
You may consider purchasing your child's year group book from Amazon/book stores so that you can enjoy it together at home or you could visit Normanton Library to loan a copy....completely free of charge!

Normanton Library

Address
St Augustine's Community Centre
Almond St
Derby
DE23 6LX

EYFS NORMANTON LIBRARY VISIT

Our Cubs and Bears visited the library again this half term. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to return previous books, and use their library cards again! The children had a fantastic morning and enjoyed choosing new books to bring home and share with you. Normanton Library is in walking distance of school and a completely **free** resource. Please regularly take your child to the library so they can exchange their books. We would love to see you sharing these books together on Class Dojo.



ECO- CLUB

Since starting her Forest School training, Miss Frisby continues to fall in love with the great outdoors. To help raise environmental awareness and to provide children with more opportunities to connect with nature, she has set-up an Eco Club in school. Welcome to her team Stiven, Khadijah, Hafid, Anya and Melissa—we look forward to seeing your environment work over the coming months ahead!

SINGING CLUB

Thanks to Mrs Bibi and Miss Linkens, our weekly Singing Club continues to grow from strength to strength. As a Church of England School, singing is important to us to support our children's spiritual development. Miss Linkens is a very talented pianist and hearing our children's beautiful singing, alongside Penelope Piano, fills our hearts with so much joy. We enjoyed a beautiful performance as part of We hope to be able to start sharing this joy with you all soon.



KINGS AND QUEENS

We are thrilled to announce that our Kings and Queens for this half-term are:



Bears: Joseph and Darina

Crocodiles: Sebastian and Lily

Flamingos: Ismail and Ameera

Elephants: Aadam and Nicole

Thank you to all of the parents who attended to watch their children be crowned king or queen.



ATTENDANCE: WHEN TO KEEP YOUR CHILD OFF SCHOOL

At St Chad's, we are committed to ensuring that each of our children gets the best possible start to life. One way that we can do this is through ensuring regular school attendance. Regular attendance at school is vital if children are to make good progress and to benefit from the opportunities that school offers. If a child misses one day of school they miss play opportunities with their friends; social interaction with their peers and teachers; a phonics session; English lesson; Maths lesson; reading practice; theme lesson; handwriting lesson; Collective Worship, amongst other important moments in the school day. This is from only one days absence.

We of course understand and appreciate that sometimes children are unwell, and need to stay at home. However, the length at time required at home varies for each illness. It is important they are brought back to school as soon as they are well enough to do so.

Further information about when to keep your child off school can be found by clicking the QR code. This information is directly from the NHS, therefore advised from doctors.



NURSERY

Come and join our wonderful, nurturing and growing nursery!

We still have spaces available for 3 year-olds for September 2024. Please spread the word to your family and friends! We are able to offer 15 and 30 hour places.

Session times are:

- 15 hours morning only: 09:00—12:00pm
- 15 hours afternoon only: 12:15—15:15pm
- 30 hours: 09:00—15:15pm

Please contact the school office on 01332 345997 to reserve a place for September.



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SCHOOL TRIP PAYMENT REMINDER

If you haven't done so already, please can we remind you to bring in your child's school trip money as soon as possible. We have Year 2 visiting Cleethorpes on Wednesday, 10th July and our Seaside Extravaganza for Nursery, Reception and Year 1 on Friday, 12th July. All monies must be paid in advance of the events.

MOVE MORE FOR MENTAL HEALTH

We are encouraging our whole school community to continue taking part in Mental Health Awareness Week over the half-term break by 'moving more'. This is a great opportunity to get outside and enjoy walks, bike rides, outings to the park... More ideas can be found [here](#). We hope that your child enjoys their 'moving more' adventures. As always, we would love to see photographs of these adventures on Class Dojo.



CONGRATULATIONS MISS GILSENAN

We would like to say a HUGE well done to Miss Gilson who has successfully completed her National Award in Special Educational Needs. Although Miss Gilson is a very experienced Senior Leader, she is new to the role of SENDCo (though is doing a superb job already in school). She has completed this very intense training alongside her work in school, as well as caring for her young family. Miss Gilson, enjoy having some of your evenings and weekends back with your beautiful son—we are so proud of you!



FOOD BANK

Please can we remind all families that we now have our own designated Food Bank in school. If you wish to access this, please contact Mrs Sohanpal via Class Dojo or speak with her on the gate on Wednesdays, Thursdays or Fridays. We are able to arrange a convenient time for collection.



HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Neuro Hub at Rollerworld: The Neuro Hub are hosting a neuro-divergent friendly skating session for families at Rolleworld on 30th May in the morning. Please call Maryam on 07561 856320 for more information. Booking will be essential.



Museum of Making: A free event at the Museum of Making, making and creating mini creations that for one day only will be displayed in the museum. More information: [Ingenious Creations at the Museum of Making | Derby Book Festival](#)

Electric Daisy: A day of stories and nature discovery. A programme of storytelling from authors, illustration demonstrations and talks on nature. £5 per child. More information: [Bookworms: The Kids Takeover at Electric Daisy | Derby Book Festival](#)

EMOTIONAL LITERACY WORK

This half-term, we have continued to do more school improvement work to better support our children's mental health and well-being. Building on from our work to help children to label their emotions so they can better manage them using our Colour Monsters, we have started to introduce our older children to the Zones of Regulation.

Throughout the day, we all experience different emotions and these can be categorised into different zones. The Zones of Regulation help children to identify and manage their emotions. We can talk to our children about what might have caused them to move into a different zone and to discuss 'tools' that can be used to help us to regulate our emotions (settle/calm our emotions). If your child is in Flamingos or Elephants, please ask them about their learning so far. A summary of the four zones can be found at the end of this newsletter.



The Colour Monsters (*Cubs, Bears, Crocodiles*)



happy



sad



angry



afraid



calm



loved

The Zones of Regulation (*Flamingos, Elephants*)

BLUE ZONE



sad poorly hurt tired



bored hungry shy

When I am in the Blue Zone, I can:

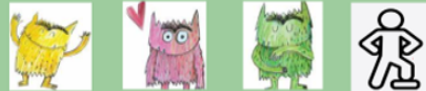


move my body rest and recharge talk to a friend or teacher hug someone I love



do an activity I enjoy sip some water get some fresh air

GREEN ZONE



happy loved calm proud



okay focused

When I am in the Green Zone, I can:



listen help a friend smile use kind words

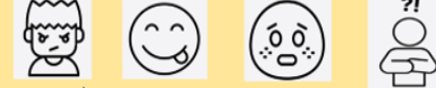


learn do my best try new things

YELLOW ZONE

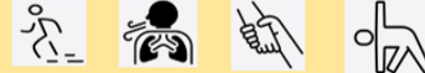


excited jealous worried confused



annoyed silly embarrassed nervous

When I am in the Yellow Zone, I can:



go for a walk take deep breaths ask for help stretch



count to 10 slowly use a fidget toy give myself a big hug

RED ZONE



angry panicked afraid



wild out of control

When I am in the Red Zone, I can:



close my eyes count to 10 slowly ask for help ask for space



take deep breaths stop what I'm doing talk to someone I trust