

Newsletter March 2023



Dear Parents/ Carers,

It is hard to believe we are already at the end of the Spring term, and what a busy but glorious term it has been here at St Chad's. Despite it being a particularly short half term, we have definitely packed a lot in and covered lots of learning over the past five weeks. We continue to be immensely proud of the progress that our children are making, both in their personal development and academic outcomes. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff in the St Chad's family who ensure our children are always placed at the centre, and show them love every single day.

We hope you enjoyed the 'Spring Craft Mornings' as much as we did. We try to share as much with you all via Class Dojo but there is nothing quite like being in the LOVE school to get a true feel for our school's family ethos. The children have created beautiful friendships over the year, and we are so proud of the compassion they show on a daily basis.

We have a six-week half-term on the horizon and are now gearing up to our statutory Year 2 SATs (which will take place throughout May) and our Year 1 Phonics Screening Check (which will be starting in June). It is imperative that our children's attendance is exceptional during this time. Staff are working incredibly hard to get our children on track for their year group expectations. We can only do this if our children are in school every day to access their teaching and learning.

I would like to wish you all a peaceful and relaxing Easter break with your loved ones.

We look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday, 17th April. Please can I remind you all that school is closed on Thursday, 4th May, for polling day.

Love Mrs Morley x

Dates for the Diary

Friday 31st March

Monday 17th April

Monday 1st May

Monday 8th May

Thursday 4th May

Wednesday 19th April

Wednesday 26th April

Tuesday 23rd May

Wednesday 24th May

Friday 28th May

SCHOOL BREAKS UP

SCHOOL REOPENS.

BANK HOLIDAY (School Closed)

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SCHOOL CLOSED (Polling Day)

Miss Wright's Class Dojo Drop In

SEND Coffee Morning

Down to Earth Community Morning

EYFS Library Visit

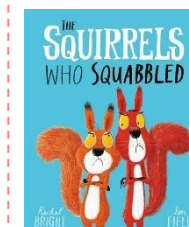
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An update on Ms. Leach

Ms. Leach began her phased return to school this week. She loved seeing all of the children again. As I am sure you can imagine they were all very happy to see her too, as are we 😊! Ms Leach will be phase returning over the coming weeks.



In Collective Worship, we are exploring the value, **forgiveness**, and using the following quality text to help inspire our learning:



Kings and Queens.



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

- **Bears:** M.Hasnain and Melissa
- **Crocodiles:** Miriam and Benjamin
- **Flamingos:** Safa and Pavel
- **Elephants:** Rene and Rachel

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

Mrs Bibi's Adult Learning Sessions

Mrs Bibi has continued to run her Adult Learning Sessions every Friday afternoon, with the support of Adult Learning Services.

This half term parents have worked on a crocheting. It continues to be a great afternoon to pause, chat, and learn a new skill. Crocheting will be continuing next half term.



Mrs Bibi will be opening up new sessions next half term. If you would like to join her please contact Mrs Bibi or Mrs Sohanpal.

World Book Day

Katherine Wheatly: The Not So Green Queen

On World Book Day we were lucky enough to have children's author Katherine Wheatly visit school.

Katherine has a selection of books, but we focused on 'The Not So Green Queen'. A queen who wants to 'be green' but doesn't know that looking after the environment is not just wearing a green dress!

We had an absolutely fabulous morning listening to the story, wearing our green outfits, and exploring how to look after our special world.

This has kickstarted our next theme 'Wildlife Superheroes' perfectly, and we are excited to learn more!



Staffing Updates.

Congratulations to Mrs Ghai, who after a successful interview, is now our SEND Teaching Assistant. After a fantastic term with the Brave Bears, Miss Thompson will be continuing to teach them for part of the summer term.

Congratulations Miss Frisby!



Congratulations

Everybody at St Chad's is incredibly proud of Miss Frisby. This term she has officially completed her NQT/ECT year. Miss Frisby works so very hard, and the children in her class are doing extremely well with their learning.

What a fantastic teacher she is! We are so lucky to have her at the LOVE school.

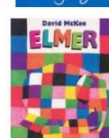
Key Texts. Here are the key texts for each class this half term. You can buy these books from Amazon, but they are also available at the local library.



Nursery



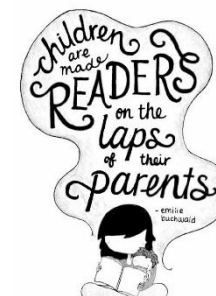
Reception



Year One



Year Two



Governor Updates

I have had the pleasure of visiting the school a number of times during this term. I have visited all the classrooms and I have seen the children enjoying their topics and I was really impressed with some of the older children who were building their own model cars. They were all very excited to show the teacher and myself the work they had been doing and I was welcomed by happy children in every single classroom. This is a credit to you as parents and also to the amazing staff at the school. We are always on the lookout for parents to join our governing board and we currently have a parent governor vacancy. If you would like to know more about what being a governor involves I would be happy to meet up with you. I have been a governor for over 10 years, including being a parent governor at my children's school so I can share with you how rewarding this role can be.

If you want to contact me please ask at the school office and I will get in touch with you.

I hope you all enjoy a wonderful break.

Jason - Chair of Governors



We have Nursery Spaces!

If you have a child who is 3 or going to turn 3 before September 2023, and would like them to start Nursery, please speak to Mrs Morley or Mrs Lambert. We currently have spaces in our Nursery, and our waiting list is open for September 😊. Our Nursery is a home away from home. A parent said, "Teachers are caring, education is well rounded and experimental. Keep being fantastic".



Spring Craft Sessions

After the success of our 'Winter Craft Sessions' we have decided to hold them at the end of each time. Our 'Spring Craft Sessions' were also a huge success this week. Thank you SO much to all those who attended. It is so wonderful to see you all having the opportunity to spend this special time with your children. The feedback we have had has been great. We love being able to have parents back in school regularly.



VERY EXCITING NEWS! - 'Nurture through Nature'

Work has started on our school field, to create our 'Nurture through Nature' area. We had a fantastic day in February with staff, volunteers and parents coming together to complete Stage 1 of the plans. It was a busy but productive day, filled with community spirit. DtE Derby have supported us tremendously to help Ms. Leach's vision come to life. You can see from the photos that the space has already been transformed... with more to come!





















On **Tuesday 23rd May** all parents will be invited in to spend some time with their child in this space. I really hope to see you all there 😊



Attendance: 'EVERY DAY COUNTS'

Attendance Matters: Every day counts

10 Tips to help you and your child make going to school easier:

	1		Help get your child's book bag ready the night before.
	2		Make sure your child's uniform is ready the night before.
	3		Get them to bed on time so they have a good night's sleep.
	4		Set the alarm clock early enough to allow plenty of time to get ready.
	5		Make sure your child has a healthy breakfast.
	6		Check that your child has everything before you leave the house: coat, book bag, PE kit...
	7		Leave plenty of time to get to school: punctuality is important.
	8		If your child is finding their school work too hard speak to their teacher.
	9		Talk to your child about what they did in school today.
	10		If you or your child are worried or unhappy about something, contact the school.

It is very important your child attends school every day. We recognise that all children have periods in which they are genuinely poorly and need to stay at home e.g. vomiting or diarrhoea. If this is the case please inform the school office on 01332 345997 **before 09:30am.**

If you need any support with your child's attendance, or have any questions, please speak to Ms. Kay or Mrs Lambert.

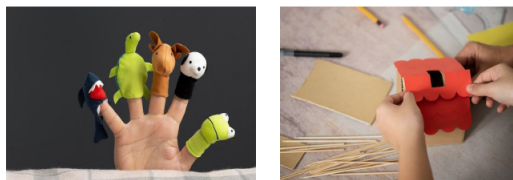
Easter Holiday Activities.

Derby Adult Learning Service

Learning Opportunities for Adults

Family Learning – Making Story Sacks

Story Sacks are a great way to bring stories to life. Why not join our fun, friendly classes for parents/carers, to create a Story Sack for your family to enjoy.



Session Information:

When: Mondays (starts 17th April for 6 weeks)

Time: 12:45pm-2:45pm

Where: Becket Children's Centre, Derby, DE22 3WR

Crèche spaces are available but are limited.

To book, please contact the Children's Centre
01332 640250

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Top 10 things to do In Derby this Easter holidays



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