

Newsletter February 2023



Dear Parents/ Carers,

We find ourselves at the end of a successful half-term here at St Chad's. It has been an extremely busy half-term in our school calendar. Our children continue to embody our school's vision and values each and every day. We have also seen them act with courage through our collective worship, by sharing their hopes and dreams.

We have had a number of visitors in school this half-term, all of these visitors have commented on how friendly, caring and independent our children are: we could not agree more! We continue to feel extremely proud of them. The visitors have also commented on just how hard all of our staff work, something that I echo wholeheartedly.

Parents evening was a huge success this week and I hope you really enjoyed meeting with your child's class teacher, and hearing all about what they get up to at school. It is a great opportunity for you to come into school, meet the staff, and see your child's learning environment. If you are still having some technical issues with Class Dojo Miss Wright has a Dojo Drop-In session booked in for the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

We have definitely packed a lot in and covered lots of learning over the past six weeks and we continue to be immensely proud of the progress that our children are making, both in their personal development and academic outcomes. Our staff continue to work SO hard and ensure that the children are placed at the centre of everything we do. It really is a school that runs with love.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a wonderful break with your children and loved ones. We look forward to welcoming you back at school on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> February.

Love Mrs Morley xxx



### Dates for the Diary

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March

### SCHOOL BREAKS UP

INSET DAY. SCHOOL CLOSED.

SCHOOL REOPENS.

EYFS Library Visit

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Crocodiles Parent Craft Session

Flamingos Parent Craft Session

Elephants Parent Craft Session

Bears Parent Craft Session

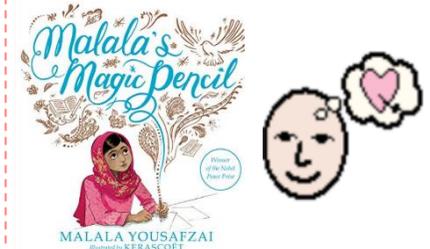
### Staffing Updates

Today we have said a fond farewell to Miss McManamon in our Nursery. We wish Miss McManamon lots of love and luck as she embarks on her next adventure.



Miss Linkens will be starting in our Nursery after the half term. Miss Linkens is excited to meet our Cubs, and begin developing the schools Forest School provision.

In Collective Worship, we are exploring the value, **Justice**, 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. Zaron and Arielle
- **Crocodiles:** Michael and Sofia
- **Flamingos:** Justin and Lexi
- **Elephants:** M. Hasan and Maliha

Thank you to Miss Wright and Mrs Bibi for leading this special Collective Worship.

## Mrs Bibi's Adult Learning Sessions

Mrs Bibi has been running some Adult Learning Sessions every Friday afternoon, with the support of Adult Learning Services.

This half term parents have worked on a sewing a patchwork cushion. It has been a great afternoon to pause, chat, and learn a new skill.



Mrs Bibi is opening up new sessions next half term. If you would like to join her please contact Mrs Bibi or Mrs Sohanpal. We are really excited to be developing further opportunities to invite parents into 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



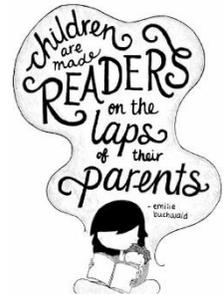
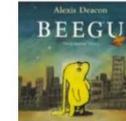
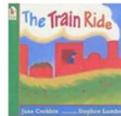
Reception



Year One



Year Two



## Fantastic Home Reading

Every week your child comes home with a home reading book, along with a sharing book from the school library. I am so pleased to see how many videos are shared weekly. Thank you for supporting your child with this. Can I please remind you the books sent home are very expensive, and as a school we have invested lots of money into them. Please ensure they are looked after. Any damaged or lost books have a charge of £8.



## EYFS Library Visits.

Earlier in the academic year, all of our children in EYFS had the opportunity to open up a library card. This half term our Family Support Worker, Mrs Sohanpal, held events taking children and parents to the local library. The children and parents had a wonderful time, and were able to choose some very exciting books to share at home. If you would like to attend next half term, or open up a library card, please speak to Mrs Sohanpal.



### Having the COURAGE to discover our BIG DREAMS.

In Collective Worship, we have been exploring the value, **Courage**, and using the quality text 'Small's Big Dreams' to inspire our learning.

We learnt no matter how small we are, with courage we can make our dreams come true. We created a special courage tree of all our hopes and dreams.



### Winter Craft Sessions

Our 'Winter Craft Sessions' were a huge success at the end of the Autumn Term. Thank you SO much to all those who attended. The children loved spending this special time with you, and the feedback we have received has been great. Please make a note of the 'Parent Craft Sessions' we have planned for the end of the Spring Term. Due to the success of our Autumn event we will be making these a termly activity.



### Governor Updates



Over the course of this academic year we have welcomed three new governors to our governing board.

Jason Coupland is our new Chair of Governors. He will be visiting school over the next few weeks to get to know our children and family.

Claire Lightfoot is our new Vice Chair. Claire is regularly in school and is a Specialist Teacher for Debry City Council.

We also welcome Adem Repesa from New Communities to the board, who is our Safeguarding Link Governor.

We are incredibly excited to have their expertise and experience.

More information about our governors can be found on the [school website](#).

### Attendance: 'EVERY DAY COUNTS'

As previously discussed, we monitor attendance daily. 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.

We are also monitoring punctuality. It is incredibly important your child arrives at school on time. If they are consistently late they are missing important learning time.

**Low attendance impacts your child's learning.**

### Could you be a volunteer?

Following the success of our reading volunteers, we would like to recruit further volunteers to come into school across the week to help play board games with some of our children. Ideally, we would like to assign one board game volunteer for each class to come into school for one afternoon a week. If you are able to spare an hour a week, feel that you would be able to teach and play board games with our children and would like to find out more information about the role of a volunteer, please speak with Mrs Sohanpal.

To support with our safeguarding procedures, an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check would be required. Full training to support the role of a volunteer would be provided.



### SEND Coffee Morning

Thank you to all who were able to join us at our SEND coffee morning, it was lovely to meet the families of all our lovely children.

We are very excited about working in partnership with you to support your children access learning.

Lots of love  
Mrs Cavanagh and Miss Gilsean.

