



St Chad's C of E Primary School

- Newsletter September 2018 -



We would like to welcome all our school families, especially those who are new to our school, back for the start of our new academic year. We hope you all enjoyed the summer break!

Christian Value for This Half Term – Friendship

Friendship is an undisputed value in our society, with children often spending more time with their friends than with family. It is a key concept in the Christian framework, with Jesus being criticised for being 'the friend of sinners' and eating with those whom society rejected. Sharing a meal with someone is an explicit sign of friendship and the word 'companion' literally means 'one with whom you share bread.' Jesus tells stories of the heavenly banquet to which all are invited. The barriers between people are broken down in a loving community around God and Jesus had stern words to say to those who refused to recognise that all are included in this community of friendship.

The Bible has many sayings about friendship:

'A friend loves at all times.' (Proverbs 17:17)

Friends are not afraid to tell each other the truth, and a friend's loving criticism is worth more than the empty compliments of someone who does not really care for you.

'Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses.' (Proverbs 27:6)

The writer of Ecclesiastes puts it very simply:

'if one falls down, a friend can lift him up' (Ecclesiastes 4:10)

Some things to think about:

- What are the qualities of a good friend?
- How do we make friends? Are there criteria for choosing a friend?
- Why do we need friends?
- How can we be/become good friends?
- How do we keep our friends? What nourishes friendships?

A SWEET
friendship
REFRESHES
THE SOUL.

PROVERBS 27:9

If you want to find out more about **friendship** have a look at our home school values sheet

Training Days 2018-2019

3rd September 2018, 19th November 2018, 22nd July 2019, 23rd July 2019, 24th July 2019

New Class Welcome Meetings

Please see dates on the reverse of this newsletter. We hope you can join us for an informative, short session. Slides will be available on our website following the meetings.



Our Harvest Festival will be held at **St. Chad's Church** on **Friday 5th October at 9:45am**. This year we are supporting our local food bank and would welcome donations of non-perishable goods (ie, cereal, pasta, tinned goods etc) to help make our event a success. Donations can be brought in to school **from Wednesday 3rd October**. We hope you will be able to support us and join us for this lovely service.

DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER 2018

- Thursday 13th: Y4 Swimming Starts
- Friday 14th: Y6 Welcome Meeting – 3:20pm
- Monday 17th: Y4 Welcome Meeting – 3:20pm
- Tuesday 18th: Y2 Welcome Meeting – 3:20pm
PTA Meeting – 7:00pm – School Staff Room
- Friday 21st: Y1 Welcome Meeting – 3:20pm
- Monday 24th: Reception Welcome Meeting – 3:20pm
- Wednes. 26th: Y6 Robinwood Residential (back Friday 28th)

OCTOBER 2018

- Tuesday 2nd: Y5 + Y6 Eden Camp Trip
- Friday 5th: Harvest Festival 9:45am – St Chad's Church
- Wednes 10th: Praying Parents Meeting (Bungalow) 9am
- Monday 15th: Book Fair in school until Thursday 18th
- Wednes. 17th: Tempest Individual Photographs
Parents Consultation Evening 1 3:30-5:00pm
- Thursday 18th: Parents Consultation Evening 2 3:30-7:00pm
- Friday 26th: School and Nursery Close for Half Term**

SAY CHEESE!



School Photographs

The photographer will be in school on **Wednesday 17th October** to take pupils individual and sibling portraits. All children with siblings in Nursery/main school will automatically have a group photograph taken. *Sorry but it is not possible to bring in any younger siblings that are not yet in our Nursery/School*

SAFETY

We take safety very seriously at our school. If you have any concerns or observations regarding health and safety, please contact Mrs Dunn or Mr Swales. If you have any concerns or questions regarding Child Protection, please contact Mrs Slorach, Mrs Davies or Mrs Dunn.

PERSONAL ITEMS

Please do not allow your child to bring any personal items to school – this includes stationary. Thank you

Communication reminder:

Please remember that the school website <http://www.st-chadsprimary.co.uk> includes a copy of all letters, the weekly and half term homework for each class, a copy of all newsletters (which include key dates) and a weekly bulletin of events.

Should you have any questions or concerns about your child the best person to speak to, in the first instance, is your class teacher. Whilst teachers are often available at the start and end of the day, to pass on a quick message, it is usually more productive to make an appointment to meet with the teacher to discuss more lengthy concerns. This gives the teacher the time to listen attentively to your comments in a confidential setting.

Our Assistant Heads of School, Mrs Marsland and Mrs Slorach, are happy to meet with you should you feel your concerns, comments or questions have not been answered or require the attention of a senior member of staff.

To contact a member of staff or to arrange a meeting with a class teacher please email or telephone the school office (office@stchadsprimary.net / 0113 2747110); they will be happy to assist with your request. Alternatively you could use the 'contact us' webform located under the 'contact us' tab on our website in the first instance. **Please do not email staff directly.**

We will regularly communicate with you by email and text message. We **DO NOT** use WhatsApp as a method of communication, however we DO intend to use Twitter more regularly this academic year.