



What a fantastic start to the new academic year we've had! The children have come running into school each day with smiles on their faces and the classrooms have been filled with learning and laughter.

### Dates For Your Diary

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022 am- School Photographs**

The photographer will be in to take individual and family photographs.

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022- Non-Uniform Day**

The children can come to school in non-uniform. We kindly ask for a small donation of £1.

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022 pm- Film Night**

The children can stay after school and watch a film whilst enjoying a hot dog, packet of sweets and a drink for £2.

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022- PD Day**

The children do not attend school on this day.

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022- October Half Term Holiday**

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022- Children return to school**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022- Anti-Bullying Week**

We would love it if the children could come to school wearing odd socks to mark the start of Anti-Bullying Week.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022- Children In Need**

We would love it if the children could accessorise their school uniform with a spotty accessory, e.g. spotty scarf, spotty socks, spotty headband. Drinks and biscuits will be on sale for £1.

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022 am- Pantomime Time**

The children will be going to The Gala Theatre, in Durham, to watch Sleeping Beauty.

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022 pm- Christmas Fayre**

We hope you can come along and enjoy our stalls, games and refreshments.

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022 pm- Class 1 and 2 Nativity**

We hope you can join us to celebrate the joy of Christmas through our nativity led by Class 1 and 2.

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022- Christmas Jumper Day**

We would love it if the children could come to school wearing a Christmas jumper. We kindly ask for a small donation of £1 to support the fantastic work of Save The Children.

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022- Christmas Dinner Day**

The children can enjoy a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

### **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022 pm- Christmas Disco**

The children can stay after school and dance the night away for a small charge.

### **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022 - Christmas Party Day**

The children can come to school in party clothes for a day of fun and laughter. We kindly ask for a small donation of £1 towards the party food.

### **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022 – Children break up for Christmas holiday**

### **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023- Children return to school**

## **September Highlights**

### **Lindisfarne Pilgrimage**

Class 4 joined pilgrims and walked from Low Etherley to Escomb. The children passed on the flag and staff to children at Escomb for the next leg of the journey. All of the children in school got to see a replica of St. Cuthbert's coffin and a facsimile of the Lindisfarne Gospels. They all listened intently as the pilgrims told them the story of St. Cuthbert and the monks.



### **Macmillan Coffee Afternoon**

It was lovely to welcome our families and friends into school; the hall was full of joy and laughter. We raised £132. We would like to thank everyone for their generosity.

## **School Uniform**

Just a quick reminder about our uniform policy:

- grey trousers/ school skirt
- grey school shorts
- black shoes (**not trainers or high heels**)
- navy blue jumper or cardigan
- **no earrings**
- hair tied up

## **Letters**

At St. Chad's, we are always looking for ways to help the environment.

We are trying to reduce the amount of paper we use.

Therefore, most of the letters which we send home this year (unless they require a signature) will be sent electronically.

## Attendance

There is a clear link between attendance and achievement therefore it is very important that your child attends school every day unless they are unwell or there are exceptional circumstances. Appointments should be made out of school time where possible please.

Punctuality is extremely important. Children are required to be at school by 9am. Our core subject lessons (English and Maths) begin immediately after registration. If your child is late, they will miss vital bits of learning which will impact on their overall academic progress.

The Department for Education deems that if a child's attendance drops below 90% they become known as a Persistent Absentee. All absences are monitored thoroughly.

Below are the percentages of attendance for each class for September:

**Class 1 – 99%**

**Class 2- 95%**

**Class 3- 90%**

**Class 4 – 93%**

## PE Days

**Class 1 – Monday/Tuesday**

**Class 2- Thursday/Friday**

**Class 3- Friday**

**Class 4 –Wednesday**

**Class 1 and 2-** PE kits will be kept at school and children will get changed at school.

**Class 3 and 4-** Please can children come to school dressed in their jogging bottoms/shorts (black or navy), trainers, white t-shirt and school jumper/cardigan.

**Class 3 and 4- If your child is attending an after-school PE club, please can they come to school in uniform and bring their kit in a bag to get changed into.**

## Open Event

We are holding an open event for nursery/reception on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October.

We would greatly appreciate it if you could spread the word about it.

**St. Chad's Nursery and Reception  
Open Event**

*You are invited to join us on*  
**Saturday 15th October 2022 from 9:30am until 11:00am**  
at St. Chad's Catholic Primary School, Witton Park  
for a variety of **autumn crafts** and **activities**.

**All are welcome.**  
At St. Chad's, our motto is 'Come as you are and walk with us'.  
We would love for you to take this opportunity to look around our  
new extended early years setting.

Please contact the school office  
**01388 603632**  
if you would like to attend.

 **St. Chad's Catholic  
Primary School**

### **Breakfast Club**

Our breakfast club runs from **7.50am every morning** for £2. **Please can children be accompanied until 7.50am.**

A selection of breakfast items (including cereal, toast, fruit) are on offer.

A range of activities and games (including lego, k'nex, colouring in) are on offer too.

### **After-School Club**

Our after-school club runs from **3.10pm until 5.10pm every evening**. Children can be picked up any time between these times – up to 4.10pm is £2, after 4.10pm is £4.

A range of activities and games (including outdoor activities, puzzles, board games) are on offer.

Drinks and snacks are also included.

### **Parking Outside School**

The safety of our children is paramount; we kindly ask that you refrain from parking on the yellow zig zag lines and in the bus stop when dropping off and collecting children from our school.

The Highway Code states that you should keep these areas clear of stationary vehicles even if picking up or setting down children.



### **Staff Car Park**

When dropping off (including breakfast club) and picking up your child (including after school clubs), please can the main gate in the front playground be used.

**We kindly ask that you refrain from walking through the staff car park.**

The safety of our children and families is our top priority.



### **Fairtrade Friday**

We are pleased to announce the return of our Fairtrade Friday tuckshop on Fridays.

Every Friday playtime, items will be on sale for 30p.

All proceeds go to support the fantastic work that Fairtrade do.

### **Sharing Shelf**

We would like to say a huge thank you to all those who have donated items to our sharing shelf.

Donations are greatly appreciated throughout the year- food, books, small toys.

Please feel free to take items from the shelf as required.