

★ Thank you for your support

★ As you know, this week has been a challenging week with the closure of a bubble but all the parents have been incredibly supportive and helped us minimise the risk of infection. We have made our newsletter even longer so that we can share more information with you to keep you updated. Please keep checking the website/app for updates as we will be going paperless very soon. **Mrs Potts**

Key Dates

Wednesday 21st October	School closes for half term
Thursday 22nd October	Teacher Training Day (extra training day due to Covid—19)
Monday 2nd November	School reopens
Friday 13th November	Pupil Progress reports sent out to parents
★ Coming soon ★	
TBC	KS1 Zoom about Reading KS2 Zoom about Reading

Parents Evening

As you know, we can not have visitors or parents inside of school due to Covid-19. Therefore, Parents Evening will not look like it has done in previous years. Instead of coming in to speak to the class teacher, you will be receiving a pupil progress report telling you how your child has settled in and how they are doing with the core subjects: English and Maths for KS1 and 2. For children in EYFS, staff will report about the prime areas of learning: physical development, personal, social and emotional development and communication and language (including phonics for Reception).

There will be a space for you to respond with any comments and if you wanted to speak to the teacher a telephone conversation will be arranged.

Dropping off and picking up

Thank you for sticking to our new rules on dropping off and picking up—you are really helping to keep us safe in school. However, I need to ask you to be more mindful of safety when parking. Please don't park on the pavements or in front of the school gates. These places are kept clear to make it safer for our children to walk to school. Please do not block the school gate or park on the zig zag lines, as the Traffic Warden will be issuing tickets, the Council are monitoring the parking outside most schools so they may be back in the future. Please help us keep your children safe and park further away from school and walk the rest of the way.



Autumn and Winter Weather

As the dark nights draw in, you will be noticing that the weather is changing and it is colder and wetter. Please can you make sure that your child wears a waterproof coat. We are advised to ensure the children do get fresh air given the current situation with Covid-19 so we will be taking them outside unless the rain is heavy.



Reading with your child

Your children should now have a reading book that matches where they are. We will be assessing the children so that we can tell you their progress but it is important that your child reads every day at home.

In KS1, books will be changed once or twice a week, as the children are required to be able to read fluently and confidently. Their book will match the sound they are learning in their daily phonics, this book should be read more than once.

In KS2, once your child has read their book, they will complete a quiz about the book and their score will help us know the book level they can have next.

We will be sending something out soon to explain the Accelerated Reading and Phonics scheme and will arrange a Zoom to give you more information and answer any questions you may have.

Wednesday Word

The Wednesday Word this week is a booklet to share with your child over the next couple of weeks, as school will be closed for the holidays. Please spend some family time together this week reading through the Wednesday Word and spreading the joy and love of the Good News.

The word to focus on this week is **Gratitude**

Next week, the word to focus on is **Love**

Over the holidays, the word to focus on is **Saints**

This can be found on our [website www.st-chads.manchester.sch.uk](http://www.st-chads.manchester.sch.uk) under Faith life



Picking your children up

Please ensure you pick your child up on time, here are the times that the classes finish for the school day:

Nursery and Reception—3.00 p.m.

Year 1 and 2—3.00 p.m.

Year 3—3.05 p.m.

Year 4—3.10 p.m.

Year 5—3.15 p.m.

Year 6—3.20 p.m.



Thank you

Thank you to all the parents who joined the Zoom meeting on Wednesday

Notes of the meeting can be found on the home page on the school website.

Remember children can access Bug Club online books and

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TT Rockstars at any time. Login details are in the front of your child's homework.



Bug Club



Have a lovely break

We break up on Wednesday 21st October. Although the current situation means we can not venture very far from our homes, I hope you all enjoy the break and rest so that you and your child are ready to come back to school on Monday 2nd November. Over the half-term break please stay safe and follow the guidance.



Bubble closure and Self-isolation

This week has been very difficult, as we have had to close a bubble (two classes). Children have been sent home to minimise the risk of infection and should be self-isolating, this means that they should not leave the house to play outside, if they have to accompany parents to pick up a sibling at school they need to wear a mask, hold your hand and not mix with anyone else so adhering to the 2m rule. I understand that this is difficult but we have to follow the guidance. Any child self-isolating due to a bubble closure will be set work by the class teacher using Seesaw so they will have plenty to do at home to keep them busy. All we ask is that you help us in keeping your children safe. Any questions about remote learning please see the notes of the meeting on the home page on the school website.

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