

### Keep Calm and Carry On!

It has been a difficult time for everyone with the National Restrictions but I want to say a huge thank you to everyone for helping keep each other safe. This week it has been delightful to see all the children working hard in their classrooms and I am sure that when you see the mini reports sent out by the teachers, you will be just as proud of your child as we are. Therefore, during this difficult time keep calm and carry on the good work. **Mrs Potts**

Key Dates	
Friday 13th November	Pupil Progress reports sent out to parents
w/b 16th November	Anti Bullying Week
Friday 18th December	School closes for half term
Monday 4th January	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 5th January	School reopens
<b>Coming soon</b>	
TBC	EYFS Zoom about Reading KS1 Zoom about Reading KS2 Zoom about Reading

### National Restrictions —Thursday 5th November

As you will be aware the Government announced that we would be entering into a National Lockdown from Thursday 5th November, however schools are **NOT** closing. The guidance does ask that we continue to observe the social distancing rules and the key message of: Hands, Face, Space. Therefore, we ask that you:

- Use the one way system so that parents and children are travelling one way around the school. Please do not go through the exits for a short cut or because the weather is bad we **MUST** keep everyone safe.
- Adults to wear a face mask when walking around the school grounds, children under 13 do not have to wear one.
- Keep 2m apart from each other when waiting to drop off or collect your children
- No visitors or parents inside school. Please ring the office if you need something 0161 205 6965
- **DO NOT** send your child to school if anyone in your household has symptoms or tests positive

Please see the guidance at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/guidance-for-households-with-grandparents-parents-and-children-living-together-where-someone-is>

**Teacher Training Days**—please keep checking the newsletter as we have to book additional teacher training days in as part of the catch up initiative. A separate letter will also go out giving you the dates with enough notice to arrange childcare if needed.

### 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 with a hood. 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. We also have to dismiss the children from the playground so please make sure your child is wearing suitable footwear and clothing.

The guidance also says to keep classrooms and shared areas ventilated so that air is circulating. This may mean that the classrooms are colder than usual. Children should wear layers under their uniform and can



### 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. **Reports will be coming out Friday 13th November.**

## Parking outside school

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.



## Dropping off and picking your children up

To reduce the number of people entering the school grounds, we open the gates at 8.40 a.m. and close them at 9.00 a.m. Please try and make sure you arrive on time.

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.



## Twitter

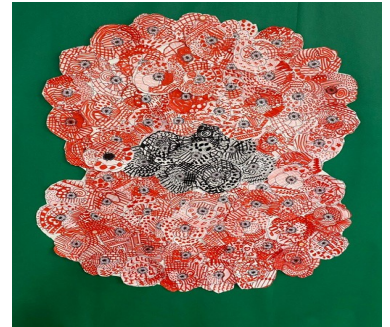
Please follow us on Twitter [@StChadsRC](#) we post updates and key information on here but also share photographs and children's work so you can see what is happening in school.



## Remembrance Day

Our Remembrance Service looked a little different on Wednesday 11th November, as the children stayed within their own classes to observe the 2 minute silence. We prayed for all those who have given their lives for their country in war.

Year 5 created their own poppy using mindfulness patterns to focus their minds on the meaning of Remembrance. These were then collated to make one giant poppy—well done Year 5!



Year 1 reflected on all those who had fought during wars, and who still fight today. They then created their own poppy fields.



## Supporting the Catholic Faith

The Wednesday Word to focus on this week is **Loving God and Each Other**.



We are also using Ten Ten as an online tool for assemblies and collective worship in the classroom and there is a parents newsletter available for you to read so you can support your child at home.

This week is on our [website www.st-](#)

## 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.