



Bishop Chadwick
Catholic Education Trust



Autumn Term 2023

14th November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you all managed to have a lovely half term break. My half term unfortunately started at the Urgent Care at Sunderland Hospital with my daughter. She was then admitted to the hospital and I stayed with her in the hospital until she was discharged the following Wednesday. The reason I share this with you is I know many of you work at the hospital and I absolutely applaud you all; my daughters care and the approach from staff to her and the other patients she was with was outstanding at all times. Everyone we met during her stay was so caring, compassionate, professional and gave us the confidence that your patients are at the heart of everything you all do and I would like to say a huge thank you to you all for your tremendous work.

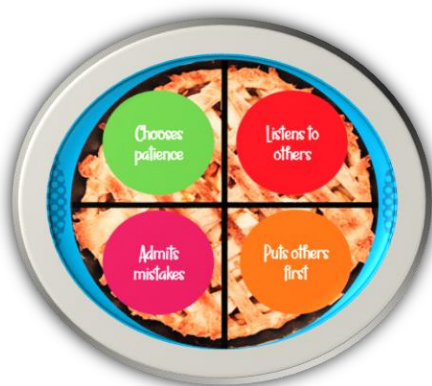
This half term is always incredibly busy especially as we prepare for Christmas but it is also really exciting and there are many exciting activities planned for the months ahead including Christmas Parties, Christmas Fayre, Christmas Concert and the Nativity. Dates for these events are below, details will be shared in the class newsletters.

Putting others before Ourselves

The children have been hearing in the Gospel how, Jesus teaches us the importance of humility explaining that to be great is to be a servant. True greatness involves putting God first by serving and loving Him and our neighbours through our words and deeds.

Being humble takes the focus away from ourselves and challenges us instead to think about others. You might want to explore with your child ways to be humble by being patient, listening, admitting mistakes and putting others first.

You could even make a family star chart with rewards for putting others first!



Class Newsletters.

Our class newsletters are due to be sent out next week. These are uploaded onto our school website and emailed to parents /carers. If a paper copy is preferred, please let the office know and a paper copy can be sent home.

School Admissions Reminder for School Places in Reception 2024.

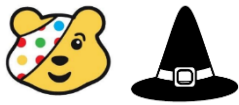
If your child's date of birth falls between 01/09/2019 and 31/08/2020, you must apply for a primary school place for September 2024. The application period closes on 15 January 2024. Apply online and you will receive an email confirmation, once your application has been received

National Offer Day - 16 April 2024

<https://www.sunderland.gov.uk/schools-admissions-infant-junior-primary>

A text has been sent out to all parents and carers:

Children in Need



We will be celebrating 'Children in Need' on Friday 17th November. Children are invited to wear something yellow, spotty or wear non-uniform supporting Children in Need.

It is always a great day in school which the children enjoy and all donations are sent to Children in Need (payments via ParentPay, please).

We will also be celebrating Maths Magic Day on Friday 17th November and your child may bring some witch or wizard accessories into school. Let's see all those spotty/yellow/bear wizards and witches!!

Anti-bullying Week

We will be celebrating Anti-bullying week from 13th-17th November in school, wearing our odd socks yesterday to remind us that we are all different but that makes us unique and special. There will be other themed activities and discussion during the week highlighting that we need to speak up when we know things aren't as they should be, ensuring all children feel empowered to stand up for what is right.



Christmas Dates

Tuesday 12th December 2pm Reception and Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2) Nativity in Church

Wednesday 13th December Key Stage 2 (Years 3 – 6) Christmas Parties in the afternoon

Thursday 14th December Key Stage 1 Party in the afternoon

Friday 15th December 2pm Key Stage 2 Christmas Performance/Carols in Church

Dates still to be confirmed are Nursery Nativity and Nursery and Reception Parties

Children can come to school dressed to party on their Christmas party day!

Statements to Live By

Our ethos statements to be shared and celebrated in school this term...

I try to stand up for myself and others without hurting others

I try to be just and fair

I can tell you how I look after myself

I think before I make choices that affect my health

I can work, play, rest and pray each day

Simple things can make us happy

St Joseph's

A place where we love Jesus, love one another, love learning and love life



On Wednesday 29th Of November St Josephs will be celebrating 'No Pens Day'. This is a day to put down the pens and pencils and put 'speaking and understanding skills in the spotlight'.

What benefits can a 'No Pens Day' have?

some benefits of having a writing free day:

- putting the pens and pencils away can **develop children's speaking and understanding skills**
- a better knowledge of these skills will enable teachers to more **effectively embed them into the curriculum**
- teachers can **try out different teaching approaches** and engage children in 'exciting pens-free activities'

Lots of exciting ideas are being planned for each class.

Art Show – Thursday 30th November 2023

3.30-4.30pm



The parents from Year1, Year 4 and Year 5 are invited to come along with their child and take a look at our sketch books. This is a lovely opportunity for your child to showcase the skills that they have learnt this term