

**Friday
27th
SEPTEMBER
2019**



SPORTS NEWS

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Tag Rugby competition, taking part was a great experience even if we didn't win this time. We all had fun and behaviour was outstanding.

BUSY TERM

Please see Autumn planner

MEET THE TEACHER DAY

We are really looking forward to seeing you, please return the appointment slips on Monday. Dates for each year group are as follows:

Nursery & Reception - Tuesday 22nd October.

Year 1 & Year 2 - Wednesday 23rd October.

Year 3 & Year 4 - Thursday 24th October.

Year 5 & Year 6 - Friday 25th October.

HELPLINES

NSPCC 0800 800 5000/Crimestoppers 0800 555 111

Samaritans 01922 624000 or 08457 909090

Citizen Advice Bureau 01922 700600

Addictions, Misuse of Alcohol and Drugs

Alcoholics Anonymous - 0845 769 7555

Addiction Walsall (Drug Intervention Programme) - 01922 646262

Childline - 0800 1111

Police - 999 emergencies only or 101 for other.

If you are worried about anyone or anything tell someone; it may just save a life.



Have a Lovely Weekend

HARVEST TIME

We are celebrating Harvest and giving thanks to farmers near and far, a time to share food. This year, we hope our families will help us to collect the following:

Nursery & Reception - Fruit Juice and UHT Milk

Y1 & Y2 - Tinned potatoes/packets of mash and toothpaste

Y3 & Y4 - Tinned vegetables and shower gel

Y5 & Y6 - tea bags and shampoo

This will go donated to a local food bank

THANK YOU.

'YOUNG MINDS' DAY

Thursday 10th October.

Wear a yellow accessory with your uniform to raise awareness for mental health (for e.g. yellow socks, yellow t-shirt/top, yellow hair band, etc.) - £1 donation

WELFARE OFFICER

Our Education Welfare Officer came to see us this week. Please note, your child's place is at serious risk if you take leave in school time, you are very likely to be fined, and lose your place at our school. Please respect the law. We are a good school, as judged by Ofsted in March 2017, to maintain the judgement, our families need to continue to respect the law.

ST CHAD'S TRUST

Our Academy's sponsor is St Chad's Trust, based in Lichfield, this means they are our employer. The Trust care about our pupils, staff and community. The Trust officers visit our academy regularly to check on data, progress and ensuring our vision is fit for purpose, they offer support and challenge to ensure we provide a successful educational experience. The welcome page from the website is on the next page. See their website for more details and you can also meet with Mrs Williams, our Principal.

<http://www.stchadsacademiestrust.co.uk/>

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Autumn Planner 2019

| Date | Event |
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| End of September | Harvest |
| October | Black History |
| Thurs 3 rd October | Y6 Woodlands Trip (Day 1) |
| Friday 4 th October | Y6 Woodlands Trip (Day 2) |
| Thursday 10 th October | Wear a yellow accessory with your uniform (for e.g. yellow socks, yellow hair band, etc.) - £1 donation |
| Monday 21 st October | 9 - 9.30am - Year 2 Show and Tell assembly |
| Tuesday 22 nd October | NURSERY & RECEPTION 'MEET THE TEACHER' DAY |
| Wednesday 23 rd October | Y1 & Y2 'MEET THE TEACHER' DAY |
| Thursday 24 th October | Y3 & Y4 MEET THE TEACHER' DAY |
| Friday 25 th October | Y5 & Y6 MEET THE TEACHER' DAY Diwali activities in school Break up for half term holidays |
| Sunday 27 th October | Diwali |
| Monday 4 th November | Selling Poppies in School |
| Tuesday 5 th November | School Choir out to Lichfield Cathedral Concert (1.45pm - 9pm) |
| Tuesday 5 th November | Guy Fawkes Night (Bonfire night) |
| Friday 8 th November | Y5 Cinema Trip |
| Sunday 10 th November | Remembrance Sunday/Poppy Day |
| Friday 15 th November | Children In Need Day |
| Wednesday 20 th November | ENTERPRISIE FESTIVAL |
| Thursday 21 st November | 9 - 9.30am - Y1 Show and Tell assembly Rainbow Group Cinema trip |
| Friday 29 th November | ST Andrews Day |
| Tuesday 10 th December | REC-Y6 Flu Vaccinations |
| Wednesday 11 th December | REC, Y1 & Y2 Christmas Lunch |
| Thursday 12 th December | Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 Christmas Lunch |
| Friday 20 th December | Break up for Christmas Holidays |

WELCOME TO ST CHAD'S ACADEMIES TRUST

As a relatively new Trust working across seven local authorities we have grown significantly over the last two years. There are now fourteen academies within the Trust spread across the Diocese of Lichfield, naturally developing into four distinct learning hubs or communities of practice.

Our strength is based on our shared belief of 'Children First'. Everyone working within the Trust; the central team. Local Academies Committees, Trustees, Principals and staff work collaboratively to provide the very best we can for the children in our care.

We believe that all schools can improve and together we support each other to achieve this. Our academies retain their own identity and characteristics whilst ensuring their commitment to the Trust. The academies themselves are a key part of school improvement within the Trust recognising each other's strengths and areas of development and helping each other, developing schools to school support across the Trust.

Principals play a key role in the development and success of the Trust as a whole and models of system leadership are developing strongly. When joining St Chad's we make no excuse of expecting every academy to provide support to others where it is needed.

We believe that we can continue to succeed and model the Christian values by which we live through trust, honesty, integrity and commitment.

Come follow Christ in the footsteps of St Chad

Birchills Church Of England Community Academy Our Vision



Our Values

Our **Core Christian Values** are at the heart of everything we do, uniting us as a school family. These are: ***Community, Respect, Friendship, Forgiveness, Perseverance, Justice and Service.***



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Birchills Church of England Community Academy Our Vision, Motto, Values & Mission

Our vision and motto is underpinned by our Christian values, but we also draw on teachings from other faiths to reflect our school community, this is reflected in our mission statement below:

- encourage all children, irrespective of background or ability, through **perseverance** to flourish academically and creatively.
- unify our school **community** through collective worship and celebration, aiding spiritual development of both children and adults.
- prioritise the safety of our children and staff within our school **community**
- provide support for good mental health and wellbeing of our children and staff so that all feel **respected** and valued.
- provide a **community** where, '**Manners Matter Most**' developing strong caring relationships based on mutual **respect** and **friendships** demonstrated through **service, forgiveness** and reconciliation.
- ensure that our school gives children the opportunity to understand and **respect** difference and diversity; knowing that we are all God's children who hold hands with all faiths and those of no faith.
- support our children to develop lifelong values so that they can contribute meaningfully towards social **justice** and navigate an increasingly complex national and global community.