

**Friday  
11th  
OCTOBER  
2019**

WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE

WE ARE ALL GOD'S CHILDREN



## LOCAL HISTORY

This week, Y1 to Y6 have all been to visit Walsall Leather Museum, it is a great place to learn about local History. We have a small exhibition in school to celebrate our local museum and local history. Thank you so much for supporting the visit. Please see leaflet attached.

## REMINDER - TEACHER DAY

We are really looking forward to seeing you, please return the appointment slips if you haven't already done so. Dates for each year group are as follows:  
Nursery & Reception - Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.  
Year 1 & Year 2 - Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.  
Year 3 & Year 4 - Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October.  
Year 5 & Year 6 - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October.

## MACMILLAN CAKE DAY

Thursday 24th October

Any donations of cake welcome. We will be having a cake sale. Please look out for further details.

## NON-UNIFORM DAY

Friday 25th October

The last day of term will be a non-uniform day. 50p donation please

## HELPLINES

Mental Health Support - NHS Every Mind Matters Website.

NSPCC 0808 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.**

## STAFF TRAINING DAY

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November

School will be closed to pupils

## SNOWDOME, TAMWORTH

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December

An exciting community event, please see attached letter.

## HARVEST TIME

We are celebrating Harvest, 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

## 'YOUNG MINDS' DAY

THANK YOU so much for supporting the Young Minds Awareness Day. We all have mental health and need to look after it, the best way is to talk to someone about how you are feeling, **feelings are real and important**. If you would like more information, please don't hesitate to contact Miss Partridge. Please also see website **NHS Every Mind Matters**.

## Y2 SWIMMING

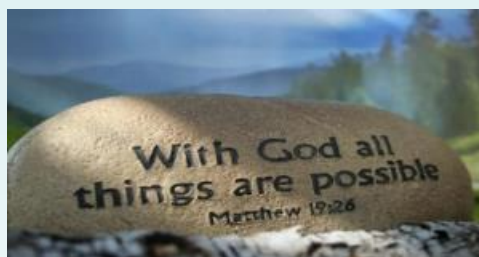
Please note date changes for each class on the letter attached.

## 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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Have a Lovely Weekend



## Autumn Planner 2019

Date	Event
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	9 -9.30am - Year 2 Show and Tell assembly
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	NURSERY & RECPTION 'MEET THE TEACHER' DAY
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Y1 & Y2 'MEET THE TEACHER' DAY
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Macmillan Cake Day
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Y3 & Y4 MEET THE TEACHER' DAY NON-UNIFORM DAY - 50p DONATION  Y5 & Y6 MEET THE TEACHER' DAY  Diwali activities in school  <span style="color: purple;">Break up for half term holidays</span>
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Diwali
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Selling Poppies in School
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	School Choir out to Lichfield Cathedral Concert (1.45pm - 9pm)
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Guy Fawkes Night (Bonfire night)
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Y5 Cinema Trip
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Sunday/Poppy Day
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children In Need Day
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	ENTERPRISE FESTIVAL
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	9 - 9.30am - Y1 Show and Tell assembly Rainbow Group Cinema trip
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	<span style="color: red;">STAFF TRAINING DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS</span>  ST Andrews Day
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	REC-Y6 Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	REC, Y1 & Y2 Christmas Lunch
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 Christmas Lunch
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Break up for Christmas Holidays

**COMMUNITY TRIP TO**  
**SNOWDOME -**  
**Tamworth**  
**SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**December 2019**



There will be a community trip to the Snowdome, Tamworth on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2019. **If you are interested, please complete the slip below and return to the school office, along with full payment in cash by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October at the latest.** Places are limited and on a first come first served basis.

Please arrive at the school on Birchills Street by 10.40am. The coach will leave promptly at 10.45am. The plan for the day is as follows:

- Arrive at the SnowDome approximately 11.45 - 11.55am.
- Santa's Winter Wonderland visit will start promptly at 12.25pm with 30 minutes snow play, followed by a 30 minute show (where children will see Santa), followed by 30 minutes meeting the animals.
- You will be free to purchase lunch from the café or take your own. We will depart promptly at 3.30pm.
- Warm coats, hats, gloves and wellington boots are highly recommended as it will be cold and wet in the snow.

**The cost of the trip is £6 per seat for the coach and £20 per ticket for the Snowdome (under 2's are free to enter the Snowdome but MUST have their own seat on the coach).** All payments are non-refundable, as payment is being made to the SnowDome and coach company immediately.

The coach company's legal requirement is that every person travelling must purchase a seat, this includes babies and toddlers. This will enable you to bring the child's baby or car safety seat if you wish.

**\*AS THIS IS A COMMUNITY TRIP, THE SCHOOL ACCEPTS NO LIABILITY FOR ANY PERSONAL LOSS, ACCIDENTS OR DAMAGE\***

**Community Trip to the SnowDome, Tamworth**

Name of person booking the trip (PRINT NAME)		
	Coach (£6.00)	Ticket (£20)
Total number of people attending the trip, including children and under 2's		
Name 1		
Name 2		
Name 3		
Name 4		
Name 5		
Total Cost (£6 per seat inc babies/toddlers + £20 per ticket - under 2's free)	£	£

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Signed ..... Date: .....

Most up to date mobile contact number of lead person: .....



**YEAR 2 SWIMMING/CLASS LESSONS**  
**SCHEDULE FOR 2019/2020**

<b>Date of Activity (all lessons are on Thursdays)</b>	<b>Activity for 2E Mr Moxon</b>	<b>Activity for 2F Mrs Cooper</b>
12 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	Swimming	Lessons
19 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	Lessons	Swimming
26 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	Swimming	Lessons
3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2019	Lessons	Swimming - <b>CANCELLED</b> Lessons as normal
10 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	Lessons	Swimming
17 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	Swimming	Lessons
24 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	Lessons	Swimming
31 <sup>st</sup> October 2019	Half Term Week - school closed to pupils	
7 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	Swimming	Lessons
14 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	Lessons	Swimming
21 <sup>st</sup> November 2019	Swimming	Lessons
28 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	Lessons	Swimming
5 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Swimming	Lessons
12 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Lessons	Swimming
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December is the last date for Year 2 Swimming - pupils only have lessons during the Autumn Term.		
PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD HAS THEIR SWIMMING KIT IN SCHOOL ON THE DATES ABOVE.		
PLEASE NOTE THAT GOGGLES ARE <b>NOT</b> PERMITTED.		

If your child's class are not going swimming, they will continue with their morning lessons.

PE will take place on a Monday as normal.

## **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



We hold hands with all faiths and those with no faith providing a vibrant, respectful, friendly and safe community where all will know that all things are possible with God.

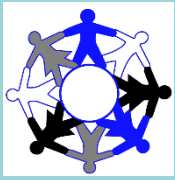
## Our Motto

With God all things are possible. We are all God's children.

*"With God all things are possible."  
Matthew 19:26*

## 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.