

Also:

- At time of print, we are due to have another 30 pupils joining us in September 2014 in the EYFS class. We currently have 258 pupils on role right now.
- Next parent forum Thursday June 5th at 3.15. Open to all, come to ask questions or just for a chat!
- South Glos catering Services are always looking for casual staff. If you are interested, contact the service on 01454863245
- Please note the upcoming Patchway Festival runs from the 5th to 20th of July, this year with the theme of 'Journey of Life'. As always it will be opened by a parade from Coniston Community Centre to Scott Park, where pupils from St Chad's will be carrying another stunning collection of art made by pupils showing the theme in a rather unusual way. Come along and show your support—the fun starts at 1pm.

St Chad's CE VC Primary School Newsletter

Term 5 (at time of writing, only 4 weeks!)

As this is such a busy term with SATs, camp and so much more, I have produced a quick guide to some key events to be aware of in the remaining two months of this academic year, along with a couple of regular features.

May	
W/comm Monday 12th May	Y6 SATs and whole school Assessment week
Wednesday 21 st - Friday 23 rd May	Y6 Residential visit
Friday 23 rd May	3.30 p.m. School closes for the half-term break
June	
Monday 2 nd June	9.00 a.m. School re-opens - Term starts
w/comm Monday 16 th June	Y1 Phonics testing
w/comm Monday 23 rd June	Sports Week TBC
Wednesday 25 th June	Area Sports 6 - 7 p.m. TBC
Thursday 26 th June	Y6 transition day and whole school move up day.
Thursday 26 th June	6.00 p.m. Reception 2014 Parents Evening
Friday 27 th June	1.30 p.m. Sports Day (rearranged for 01/07 if inclement weather)
July	
Tuesday 1 st July	1.30 p.m. Sports afternoon (b/fwd from 27/06 if inclement weather)
Friday 11 th July	INSET Day - school closed
Tuesday 15 th and Wednesday 16 th July	Leavers' Productions 7.00 p.m.
Thursday 17 th July	Parents evening / open classroom, view work & collect Reports to 3.45 to 6 p.m.
Tuesday 22 nd July	1.30 p.m. Leavers' Assembly.
Tuesday 22 nd July	3.30 p.m. School closes for the summer.

Some super sport:

- You will already know that we have been fortunate to be able to work with Bristol Rugby to support the development of sport and games at St Chad's. Since the start of September, we have had 2x members of Bristol Rugby joining us to lead and team teach a variety of sports, gymnastics and games to pupils across the entire school. The pupils (and the teachers) have enjoyed working with professional sportsmen who have brought a whole new dimension to sports education at St Chad's.
- We have a whole range of sports clubs running after school at St Chad's including: multisport, gymnastics, football, tag rugby, dodgeball, cricket and athletics. We have at least one club a night, often more. If you would like any more information on joining, please contact the office who will be pleased to help.
- Years 5 and 6 will be working with Patchway Cricket club in Term 6 during curriculum time to develop high level cricket skills, which compliments the above.
- Of course Sports week is going to be here very soon. Do watch for upcoming letters, but if any parents have any sports coaching experience and would like to volunteer any time to help us during Sports week please contact the office and we can see how this may fit together to further enhance sports for pupils at St Chads.



Who's been awarded the Star of the Week this term?

Each week it gets harder to choose between the pupils for the 'Star of the Week' award. We award this prize based on how well a person has demonstrated the theme of the term's assemblies, this term it is **thankfulness and compassion**. To even be nominated by another person is a huge honour, so well done to everyone who has been. The winners since the last newsletter are:

Malinka Dalpatadu (Y1) showed thankfulness when her friend passed her book bag without being asked.
 Olivia Chivers (Year 2) being thankful when her friend looked after her when she was feeling ill.
 Ciaran Merritt (Year 3) showed compassion when he helped someone who had dropped the things they were carrying.
 Josh Tegg (Y6) showed compassion by being

kind and caring to a person when he could see they were in need of support. Lastly this term, Thomas Bailey (EYFS) showing compassion by helping another child he did not know when they had fallen over.
 As you can see we have lots of really lovely pupils here at St Chad's. We find here in St Chad's that it is these little things that do make all the difference. Well done to all the winners and all those nominated as well.

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"Teach the child not the subject."

If you get a chance, take a look at our new mural in the entrance foyer. Jared Morgan—Kavanaugh, one of our Church Youth workers and a very talented artist, took ideas from pupils across the school to create something that the pupils feel embodies St Chad's. Thank you Jared for a stunning piece of work.

A huge thank you to the Friends for organising a superb 'Movie Night' on the 9 May. It was very well attended, with pupils of all ages enjoying films while having some yummy hot chocolate and biscuits. Great fun had by all and we look forward to the summer events.

Staffing update

A little quieter this term! You will know that Mrs Steph Jenkins joined us at the start of this term as our new Deputy Headteacher and joint year 6 teacher. As you would expect the pupils have been warm and open towards Mrs Jenkins as they are with all new people and Mrs Jenkins reports that she feels part of the St Chad's family already!

Lynsey Wing in EYFS has unfortunately needed another operation on her back and is unlikely to be fit enough to return before term 6.

Mrs Scott continues to be ill and to be covered by Mr Brown in year one.

You will have seen the letter which came home explaining that Mrs Humphries, who has been an outstanding Teaching Assistant for nearly 23 years, to many pupils and indeed some of you parents out there, is retiring on the 20th June. We wish to thank her for her unending dedication to every child she has worked with and to St Chad's school over the years. I am sure you join me in wishing her well for the future.

Meet the staff

Mrs Jenkins

Hi Everyone! I'm Mrs Jenkins, your new Deputy Head and Year 6 teacher (alongside Mrs Yates).

I was born in Australia but came to England just before my first birthday. I grew up in Frampton Cotterell and attended The Ridings High School, Winterbourne (now Winterbourne International Academy). Following Sixth Form, I went to university to study a degree in French, German and Business Systems and then completed a Postgraduate Certificate in Education (P.G.C.E) at U.W.E. During my studies, I lived and worked in Limoges, France for 6 months as a Translator and also taught in a French Primary School in Rouen, France for 6 weeks. Teaching Numeracy in French was certainly a challenge!

After qualifying, I got my first job at Elm Park

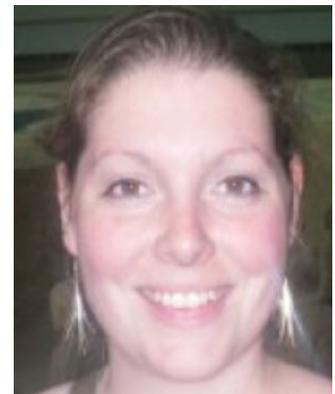
Primary School, where I was P.E. Coordinator, Modern Foreign Languages Coordinator and Learning to learn Coordinator. During this time, I also delivered Professional development in Sport to schools in South Gloucestershire.

After a few years of teaching, I took 6 months out to travel around the world with my Husband. What an amazing experience! I started in China, made my way down through South East Asia and then onto Australia, where I swam with sharks, and New Zealand where I learnt to snowboard and carried out my first Bungy Jump!

Following this, I returned to Elm Park as part of the Leadership team before joining St Chad's.

In my spare time, I enjoy going to the gym, swimming, camping and travelling. Sport is a big part of my life, both following it and taking part. I love teaching P.E. and encouraging the children I work with to be active.

Since joining St Chad's, everyone has made me feel extremely welcome and I am very grateful for that. I feel very lucky to have joined such a fantastic and caring community. I look forward to meeting more of you in the next few months.



Attendance in each class. 96% is the expected minimum. We have been impressed with the increasing attendance levels, bringing us back into line with other schools in the area. As also explained in the last letter, we have been even more impressed with the ever increasing numbers of pupils with 100% attendance (which is measured term on term and rewards given accordingly). Very well done if that was you! Also, in term 4, there was only one year which was below the national expectation—this is the most classes we have ever had in this position, so thank you all. (Those underlined are above.)

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
EYFS	<u>97.15</u>	<u>96.25</u>	<u>97.2</u>	<u>96.55</u>
1	<u>96.1</u>	<u>96</u>	95.4	<u>97.1</u>
2	<u>96.3</u>	95.3	95.6	95.55
3	<u>97.05</u>	<u>97.65</u>	<u>97.7</u>	<u>98.2</u>
4	<u>96.15</u>	<u>97.05</u>	<u>97.85</u>	<u>96.7</u>
5	94.9	<u>96.45</u>	<u>96.95</u>	<u>96.35</u>
6	<u>97.15</u>	94.85	<u>96.45</u>	<u>97.85</u>