



## Love • Respect • Shine

At Cheadle Catholic Infant School we **love** and **respect** each other.  
We **love** to learn and let our inner light **shine** brightly in all that we do.

Dear Parents/ Carers,

First of all I want to say a huge thankyou to all of the children and parents who attended Mass at St Ann's and St Chad's at the weekend. It was really lovely to see so many families at the Masses and our choir sang beautifully at St Ann's.

Fr Louis was quite overwhelmed and he wants me to pass on his thanks to you all. We both agree that the behaviour of all the children was fantastic and his wish now is that children and families continue to come to church.

Fr Tony at Christchurch is also keen to welcome more children to Mass.

Going to church is such an important part of our Catholic faith and even though our young children don't yet fully understand the whole Mass it is an important time for them to take 'time out' and to be surrounded by prayer.

My local Parish is St Ann's and I look forward to seeing some more children from Cheadle Catholic attend regularly.

### A message from St Ann's Parish:

**CHILDREN'S ADORATION** will now take place at **St Ann's** on the third Friday of the month at 5pm followed by refreshments in the hall. Let your children and grandchildren experience the closeness of God by bringing them to a short time of adoration specially adapted for them.

At every 5pm Saturday Mass, children are invited to help with reading the Bidding Prayers, doing the Offertory and doing the collection. Please will any children who would like to help with that try to arrive a little bit early and make themselves known to Lorraine or Carol.

The 11am Mass is a little less organised so far, but children are also welcome to help if they make themselves known to the welcomers.

There will be **CHILDREN'S LITURGY** at the 11am Mass every Sunday of Advent. This starts this week and the first session will be led by Mrs Glynn.

**Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> December: 3.30-4.30pm:** Advent Wreath making session followed by 5pm Mass.

### **Advent:**

This Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. We will be lighting our first candle on the Advent Wreath on Monday and the children will be making their Advent Promises.



The Travelling Cribs will be going home today and we hope that you enjoy sharing the prayers and reflections with your children

During Advent we talk to the children about the true meaning of Christmas and how Advent is a really special time. As a Catholic school we talk about church and how our Parishes are also preparing for Christmas. Advent is a lovely time for children to be in church. Our three Parishes will also be lighting their wreaths and very soon the cribs will be ready.

### **Christmas Crib:**

As the children continue their journey of faith during Advent, each class will be sending home a 'Christmas Crib' prayer bag containing a wooden crib, a tea light and a special prayer to share together as a family during this important part of the liturgical year.



**Each class has one 'Christmas Crib' prayer bag and therefore we ask that it is returned to school the next day to ensure that as many families as possible have the opportunity to share in this experience during Advent.**

Your child will take home either the 'Travelling Rosary', the 'Christmas Crib' or the 'Lenten Cross' at some point during the academic year.

The response from families who took home the 'Travelling Rosary' was very positive; it was a lovely opportunity for the children to share with you how we pray in school. I am sure that those families who now receive the 'Christmas Crib' will experience a similar time of prayer and reflection this Advent.

### **EYFS Nativities:**

We are really looking forward to welcoming Nursery & Reception parents into school to share our Nativities with you.

Each production will last approximately 20 minutes. and the timings are as follows:

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December: 9.30am R1**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December: 9.30am R2**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December: 9.30am RN3**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December: 9.30am Nursery2 & Full Time N**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December: 9.30am Nursery 1 & Full Time N**



**READING ROCKS:** Please click on the link below to read our next Reading Rocks Newsletter  
<https://www.cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk/assets/Reading-Rocks-A2-2023.pdf>

If your child is in Reception or Nursery they will be bringing home a letter tonight with more details in it about the Nativities and the filming of it. **Please fill in the consent form asap and return to your class teacher. Thankyou**

**Shoe Box Appeal:**

The Christmas shoe boxes have been safely delivered to the orphanage in Chernihiv, Ukraine. Thankyou once again to our Cheadle Catholic community for the incredible support you continue to show to the people of Ukraine.

**Monday Assembly:**

**Time to Shine:**

At Cheadle Catholic Infant & Junior Schools we believe that education is more than what's learnt in a classroom and that our experiences outside it are just as valuable. This is why we value our 'Time to Shine' curriculum and why we have enjoyed sharing and celebrating achievements this week.

Thankyou for your support in making our curriculum so successful ..... we hope that you have enjoyed the activities too.

Please click on the link below to view some of the exciting activities our children have been experiencing.

<https://www.cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk/assets/AUTUMN-2023-v2.pdf>

**We will be sharing more 'Time to Shine' photos in Assembly on Monday.**







*'I love reading my library books.'* **India**

*'I am learning to use my knife and fork.'* **India**

*'I felt very proud when I was chosen to hold the Remembrance wreath.'* **Edward**

*'Making a sandcastle was fun.'* **Charlie**

*'I spotted a woodpecker in Ireland.'* **Declan**

*'I loved going to Dragon Club, We played some games.'* **Amelia**

*'I loved going to the beach.'* **Ella**



### **Welcome Workout!**

This week we welcomed Year 1 parents and carers into school for a welcome workout. It was brilliant to see so many of you here on a cold frosty morning... we hope that you enjoyed it as much as we did. Thankyou for your support

### **School Communication:**

**If you have not yet downloaded the School Comms App please do so as soon as possible otherwise you will not receive important text messages or urgent notifications from school.**

### **Parent Pay:**

**A number of parents have not yet registered with Parent Pay. Please do as soon as possible. School events/ trips etc will need to be paid via Parent Pay.**



## Governors:

This week the school Governors attended their second Full Governing Body meeting of the year so far.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Leanne Millar to our board of Governors as our new Parent Governor.

At this week's meeting, Mrs Glynn and Mrs Lees gave the Governors a full update on work and activities in school, including the Catholic Life of Cheadle Catholic Infant School, SEND, outdoor provision, budget, safeguarding, reading, and the work currently underway in relation to each area of the curriculum. We also discussed the action plan for the rest of the school year. Governors were pleased to hear about our allotment and Forest School developments as well as high attendance of parents at parents' evenings and Thumbs Up Wednesday.

The Governors enjoy reading our weekly newsletters and would like to thank the school staff for all of their hard work and commitment to the school. They would also like to congratulate the children on their wonderful behaviour and achievements.

One of the many policies ratified by the governors this week was the Respect Policy for 2023-24. Please click on the link below to read this year's policy.

<https://www.cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk/assets/Documents/Attachments/RESPECT-POLICY-2023-v2.pdf>

## Christmas Fair:

Today the staff, children and parent helpers have been busy setting up the school for the Christmas Fair.

The grotto is ready and I have had a message from the North Pole to say that Santa is on his way and is looking forward to meeting all of the children from Cheadle Catholic Infant & Junior Schools!

A huge THANKYOU to all of you for all of your donations and for all of your help in getting the Fair organised.

**Please note that the stalls at the fair will be cash only.**

The school looks fantastic and we are all looking forward to welcoming you here tomorrow **11-1.30pm**.

A huge thankyou to Mark Toombs from Nottcutts who has once again kindly donated a beautiful Christmas tree to school.

I am sure that you will all agree that it looks beautiful. It will bring lots of joy to children, staff and parents over the next few weeks!



## **Christmas Cards:**



We know that our children love to give and receive Christmas cards, it is an important Christmas tradition and brings lots of joy to many people. We also know how time consuming it can be for you and for the staff who have to help children give out all of their cards. This year we would again like to offer an alternative suggestion. We would like each child to send one card only to their whole class. In this way we will be supporting the environment and you will also be saving money. The cards will be displayed in the classrooms for all to see.

This is, ofcourse, only a suggestion.

Please note that if you do send in individual cards they will only be given out on a Friday so that teaching time during the week is not impacted.

## **REMINDERS;**

## **BEDTIME STORIES**

**Cheadle Catholic PSA would like to invite Infant children to join us for an evening of storytelling.**

Each evening of bedtime stories will be based on a magical Christmas theme, with an age appropriate story. Children need to be in their nightwear & bring their favourite cuddly teddy. A choice of hot milk or hot chocolate & biscuits will be served. So all you need to do is say their prayers and pop them to bed when you get home!

**TICKETS £3 per child**

Places are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.

The Bedtime stories will be on the following evenings and are open to Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2:

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December: 5.45-6.30pm**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December: 5.45-6.30pm**

**Bookings can be made via Parent Pay**

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## **Maths Mastery in school:**

**Reception parents** who wish to attend the workshop on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 9am-10am** please click on the link to register.

<https://forms.gle/XQ8ui812SW5KkQag9>

## **School Dinners:**

The week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> December will be back to week 1, the link to the menu is below:

<https://www.cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk/parents/school-dinner-menus/>

### **Open Evenings**

We will be hosting one more Open Evening this year for 2024 prospective parents.  
It will be held on:

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 6-7pm**

If you know anyone who may be interested in a Reception or Nursery place for September 2024 please ask them to email [admin@cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:admin@cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk) in order to book a place.

**Admissions.** If you have a child due to start school in September 2024 (born between September 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 and August 31<sup>st</sup> 2020) online applications are now open. The closing date for Reception applications is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

Applications for nursery places for September 2024 are also being accepted online. Closing date is **31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.**

[www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

If you have any queries please email the admissions team at [admissions.support@stockport.gov.uk](mailto:admissions.support@stockport.gov.uk)

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mrs Glynn.

[headteacher@cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk)

Tel: 4858733

### **Congratulations to our new Stars of the Week:**

**Nursery:** Aurora & Beck

**R1:** Kobi & Mabel

**R2:** Evelyn & Juba

**RN3:** William & Lucas

**1O:** Mateus & Bobby

**1DW:** Jack & Jude

**1BW:** JJ & Emilia

**2L:** Natasha & Matthew

**2N:** Grace & Jasper

**2W:** Orla D & Declan

### **Provisional Diary Dates**

**Our full provisional diary can be viewed on our website**



<https://www.cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk/news-and-events/calendar/>

<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 11am-1.30pm</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS FAIR</b>
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 6-7pm</b>	Open Evening for 2024-25 parents
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 8.50-9.10 am</b>	Year 2 Welcome Workout for children and parents .
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am</b>	R1 Nativity
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am</b>	R2 Nativity
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am</b>	RN Nativity
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 6pm</b>	Year 2 Carol Concert at St Ann's Church
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am</b>	Nursery 2 Nativity
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am</b>	Nursery 1 Nativity
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 5.45-6.30pm</b>	Bedtime Stories
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>TH</sup> December</b>	Christmas Party Day
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 5.45-6.30pm</b>	Bedtime Stories
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	School closes for Christmas holidays
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>	School opens for Spring Term
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 9-10am</b>	Maths Mastery Workshop for Reception Parents

