



# SCHOOL MATTERS



Fortnightly newsletter of Poulton-le-Fylde, St Chad's CE Primary School

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## Diary Dates

- **Wed 9th Dec**  
**Book Fair ends**
- **Thur 10th Dec**  
**Flu Vaccines (nasal spray)**
- **Fri 11th Dec**  
**Christmas Jumper Day and Santa Dash.** Pupils wearing Christmas jumpers are asked to bring £1 for *Save the Children* charity (please send children in trainers)
- **Tue 15th Dec**  
**Infants Christmas Party Day** – Infant children can come to school wearing party clothes (non-uniform). Times are allotted for classes to have party games in our hall.
- **Wed 15th Dec**  
**Christmas Lunch Day:** Special lunches provided for pupils. (if you haven't ordered please do so ASAP) Pupils can come in Christmas jumpers.
- **Thur 16th Dec**  
**Juniors Christmas Party Day** – Junior children can come to school wearing party clothes (non-uniform). Times are allotted for classes to have party games in our hall.
- **Friday 18th Dec**  
**Last day of term.** Please note school closes at the earlier time of 1:45 for Years 6, 4, Seals and Dolphins and at 2pm for Years 5, 3, Turtles and Whales. There is no afterschool club on this day.

## Head Teacher's Message

*As Christmas celebrations are restricted this year, we are pulling out all the stops to make it special for our pupils (see our diary dates). Have you seen our classroom windows beautifully decorated for Christmas? Staff stayed late on Monday night to transform our school into a real "Winter Wonderland" (See photos on pg 3 & 4). It was magical to see the faces of pupils as they arrived on the 1st December! Thank you to our year 6 pupils and families for their celestially decorated Christmas hoops that are now hanging proudly around school.*

*We are greatly appreciative of "Friends", our active PTA, that are working hard in these difficult circumstances to raise much-needed money for school and to provide for our children. They have been in touch with Santa and we are hoping that he will be able to visit us (socially distancing) in the coming days!*

*Our collective worship is now focused on celebrating the birth of Jesus and the much-needed hope that He brings to our lives.*

**Mr. Leeming**

### **Virtual Christmas Market**

This year, our Christmas fair has gone online! Click the [link](#) to view the Facebook group featuring local sellers of personalised gifts and perfect presents for all the family!

### **Big PTA Raffle**

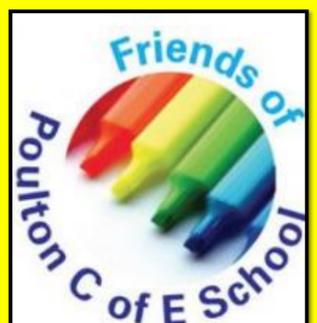
An App message has been sent giving details of how to enter the Raffle. There are some super prizes to win including a silver pendant from Beaverbooks.

### **Break the Rules Day**

Thank you for all the effort to make this year's '**Break the Rules Day**' the best! A whopping £252.55 was raised! Well done!

### **100 Club**

Friends run this lottery style club to raise much-needed money for our school. For more details click [here](#).



## Louie Jones

We remember with fondness Louie Jones who has died aged 14 after a long battle with leukemia. Louie was an inspirational member of the St Chads family and our thoughts and prayers are with his whole family.

## FAREWELL TO THE LAKE FAMILY

We wish the Lake family all the best as they move to pastures new. We will miss Isabelle and Katherine very much.

### Birthdays

As mentioned in our last newsletter, during the pandemic we are celebrating children's birthdays at the end of each month. Last Friday pupils had games during our last session and those with birthdays enjoyed a small cake. Thank you to our kitchen staff and our teaching team. Children were full of smiles and really appreciated it!



There have been several incidents involving some of our older pupils using social media platforms that are age-inappropriate and sending unkind messages to other pupils.

This spills over into school creating upset, harming relationships and disrupting learning.

**PLEASE monitor your children closely when they are using electronic devices.**

## Getting lost is fun!

On Wednesday 25th November Y3 & Y6 took part in Orienteering activities. Children put their memory skills to the test as well as learning how to use a map to negotiate their way around the school field. They really enjoyed it and were surprised in how much running they had to do!



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### NEW STARTERS

View our prospectus [here](#)

The deadline to apply for a primary school place for September 2021 is **15 January 2021.**

## Wellbeing

We now have a dedicated wellbeing [page](#) on our website. Mrs McCann will keep this up-to-date with all the latest resources to help you and your children. The wellbeing of our pupils continues to be our focus particularly in these challenging times.

CAMHS (Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services) are running virtual 'drop in' sessions every Wednesday between 3pm and 7pm to discuss mental health. Please click on the [leaflet](#) for more information

## *Free Online Events & Activities*



'Deadly 60' star Steve Backshall will be hosting a live-stream, Escape Room style show. You can get involved by solving puzzles to help Steve find a way out of the Oxford Museum of Natural History. [Click here](#) for more information.

# Christmas has arrived at St Chads!





Be sure to check out the windows as you walk by school.