



SCHOOL MATTERS



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

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Remote Learning Tech Support



Miss. Myers is providing our tech support for remote learning. If you have any issues with Teams or Seesaw, please contact her at:

RMyers@poultonstchadsce.lancs.sch.uk

Her video tutorial for Seesaw is [here](#).

Worship Focus



'No Way Through,' isn't True!

Knowing there is a way through every situation no matter how impossible it may seem.

See our collective worship videos [here](#).

See this week's collective worship video from Reverend Lois [here](#).

Head Teacher's Message

As we enter yet another period of readjustment and change, we want to support our pupils and families as best we are able. Our focus right now is our remote learning provision which, as well as being accessed "remotely" at home, is being taught face-to-face to children of key workers in school.

Teachers have been busy this week learning how to use Microsoft Teams so that your children can access live sessions with their teachers and school friends. We believe that this will be greatly beneficial, but we are aware that it is a new technology for everyone and there is a lot to learn. Next week teachers will be hosting a live session for pupils on Tuesday or Wednesday. Class teachers will let you know the time. We hope thereafter to rapidly expand the time that children will be spending in this way. I will share more details with you in a letter next Thursday.

We are aware that many parents feel that Maths is a difficult area to help their children. Next Thursday between 7 and 7:30pm I will be leading a workshop via Zoom giving advice on how best to support your children. Here is the link:

<https://zoom.us/j/95254851523?pwd=a2NZR2RVYlJuekNKRFIkVzc4d2NMUT09>

Meeting ID: 952 5485 1523 Passcode: W697uy

Please email me any questions that you have before the meeting at head@poultonstchadsce.lancs.sch.uk

Next Tuesday and Thursday between 10 and 10:30 reading books will be available to exchange at school. Boxes of books will be stationed under the bike shed in the staff car park. Adults must wear a mask and all must sanitise before choosing their books.

Finally, as a parent as well as a teacher, I understand the challenges of juggling many different demands. Don't give up! You are doing a great job!

Mr. Leeming

Headteacher

Friends Meeting

The friends will be meeting via Zoom on **Tuesday 19th January – 7.15pm**. Anyone is welcome to join to discuss recent fundraising events as well as ideas for 2021.

Bag 2 school collection

The Bag 2 School collection will take place on Thursday 4th February. Please place all unwanted clothes, paired shoes, belts, handbags and accessories into strong binbags and pop them over the school wall on **Wednesday 3rd February**. Contact free collection is available.



Reading

We are passionate about reading at St Chad's. When a child reads, it allows them to be transported to other worlds. Between the pages of a book, children can become immersed in the lives of fictional characters and learn about different cultures. They can also learn new words and phrases, experience a range of emotions, and acquire skills and knowledge.

One way to encourage your child to continue to read at home is to create a reading den. There are lots of ideas to be found in the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=la6YVtFLdOc>

I would love to see any dens that you create at home. Please send pictures to: e.hopwood@poultonstchadsce.lancs.sch.uk Alternatively, you can upload them to your child's Seesaw account.



Happy Reading,

Miss. Hopwood
English Lead and Year 6 class teacher

Baby News!

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Woodward on the birth their second child Iona Abigail Woodward. Iona was born on Monday 4th January weighing 9lb!



Mrs. Barbara Hardy



Mrs. Shrewsbury's mother, Barbara Hardy, has passed away. Barbara supported our school in so many ways. Last summer she made each Reception starter their own soft-toy elephant. Most recently, she knitted a host of little Christmas angels that were hidden around school for pupils to find. She will be missed by all at St Chad's and our thoughts and prayers are with Mrs. Shrewsbury and her family.

Wellbeing

You may be finding it harder than ever to know how to look after your child's mental health. Our Wellbeing lead, Mrs. McCann would like to share these useful resources full of tips and advice.

[COVID Toolkit](#)

[Talking Mental Health](#)

Laptop Provision

The school has a very limited number of laptops that can be made available to families that are struggling with IT capacity.

Friends are also looking into sourcing additional items. If you are in need of equipment please contact h.parry@poultonstchadsce.lancs.sch.uk "

We want to thank all NHS and frontline workers and send our good wishes to any members of the extended school family that are currently ill with Covid.

Mrs. Burnell

Mrs. Burnell has worked part time as part of our catering team for the last 10 years. We wish her well as she starts her new job and we thank her for all that she has done for us.

School Administration Team

Mrs. Kenny is our school Bursar and works Wednesday to Friday. She is responsible for finance related matters. To contact her please email:

bursar@poultonstchadsce.lancs.sch.uk

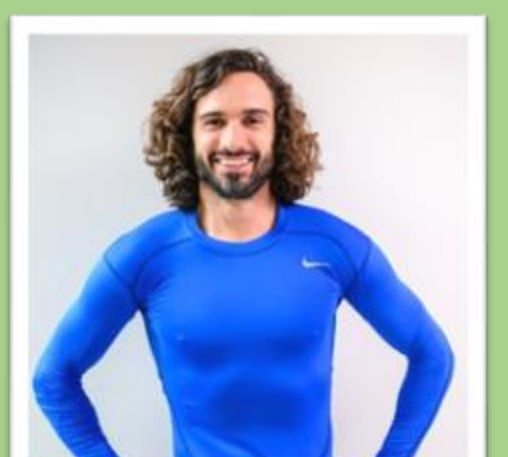
Miss. Holden works from Monday to Thursday and is currently responsible for free-school meal vouchers and organizing the booking for Key Worker care.

To contact her please email:

s.holden@poultonstchadsce.lancs.sch.uk

Online Events and Activities

To help us all to keep looking after our physical wellbeing Joe Wicks is providing more sessions. See the link below.



[P.E with Joe](#)