



St Chrysostom's Newsletter  
November 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school! I hope you have enjoyed half term with your family.

### Parents Evenings

Parents evenings are important as they allow parents to talk about their child's achievement and next steps with the teacher. Parents evenings this year will be different as they need to be Covid safe. To that end, teachers will speak to parents either through a Zoom conference call, or by telephone, whichever is best for parents. This is the first time we have used this approach and are hopeful that parents will have a positive experience as usual. A separate letter will be sent out with details.



### Children in Need

We will be celebrating Children in Need on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November**. This charity raises money for children who are disadvantaged or need support with issues such as poverty, illness, disability, distress or trauma. Money raised funds local charities and projects that help remove the barriers that are facing young children so that they can thrive. This year more than ever, it is needed. We will be supporting this worthwhile charity by asking children to come to school in spots! A small, voluntary donation would be very much appreciated.

### Reading Challenge

Thank you to parents for supporting and encouraging your children to read over half term. I have enjoyed seeing your tweets on Twitter celebrating fabulous reading! Reading is one of the most important skills we can teach our children. Reading a variety of books exposes children to a range of language features and vocabulary. Picture books helps readers develop

an appreciation for art and writing. Stories provoke curiosity and discussion. Books provides inspiration, thought and reflection. Thank you parents for supporting your children in developing these important skills.



### Parking

We have seen a reduction in traffic at the start and end of the school day. This is partly due to our staggered starts. Whilst this has been much safer for children, we have noticed that some drivers, after picking up their children from school, are completing three point turns. It would be much quicker and safer to drive around the block than to perform this driving manoeuvre at what is, still a busy time. The safety and well being of our children is of paramount importance. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

### School Council

School councillors have been elected and will be introducing themselves to parents in a letter next week. Thank you to all the children who put themselves forward. We look forward to hearing your suggestions and decisions.

We understand that as we are entering into another difficult time, this can be challenging for parents of young children. Please let us know if you need additional support or advice.

Remember that there is no handbook to being a parent. You are doing an incredible job in ever changing and challenging times.

Thank you again for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Dean

