



St. Chad's Catholic Primary School, Sedgley.
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Dear Parents / Carers

Congratulations to our Gold Star Children this week who are:

Reception: Sophie for being such a polite, enthusiastic little girl and a delight to have in class.

Y1: Caislin for a lovely drawing and description of a demon.

Y2: Leighton for lovely Rangoli art.

Y3: Joseph for an excellent Rainforest poem.

Y4: Sofia for excellent improvement in all her work.

Y5: Mia for designing and painting a spitfire using great technique.

Y6: Joel for displaying infectious enthusiasm throughout our topic this half term!

Mrs Dunne: begins her maternity leave today. I'm sure that you will join me in wishing her well. Mr Jones will take responsibility for Y1 after the holiday.

Site Team: today Nick Constable is leaving us for "pastures new". We wish him well for the future. We are joined by our new Site Manager, Maggie Williams, who has been with us for the last few weeks; Denise Hollaway will complete the new site team. We hope they will both be happy working at St. Chad's.

School Masses: will be in the school hall after half term every Thursday at 9.10am. Parents, carers and parishioners are most welcome to join us; entrance is from the front of the school. You may also like to stay for coffee in the Sunshine Room after Mass.

Shoe Box Appeal: Mrs Harris is now collecting gift-filled shoe boxes as part of Operation Christmas Child. Each shoe box will be hand delivered to a child in need, asking nothing from them in return. All boxes are given to the neediest children regardless of nationality, political background or religious beliefs. The filled shoe boxes will be collected on November 5th so please start filling yours!

September 2015 admission: we will be holding two Open Sessions on Wednesday 19th November from 2pm – 3pm and Monday 24th November from 9.30am – 10.30am. This will be an opportunity for any interested parents (Catholic or non-Catholic) to experience our caring, Christian community. This will be particularly relevant to anyone considering a place in Reception class for September 2015 so please pass this information on to anyone you know who may wish to visit us.

Christmas Card Competition: each year we get several requests for our children to design a Christmas card for a competition. This year we have decided to support Father Hudson's Society, Children have to design a religious Christmas card (A4 and 2-D only) and write a message inside. There will be a prize for the winning design and a prize for the winning message. The winning card will be used by Father Hudson's Society to send to their supporters this Christmas. Entries should be in school by Friday 7th November to allow time for us to post the entries to Father Hudson's Society.

Staff training day: we have now fixed the last staff training for this academic year. The school will be closed to children on February 13th 2015. This means that the children will break up for half term on Thursday 12th February 2015.

School opens on 3rd November at 8.55am.

After School Activity Clubs for the next half term: *please note these clubs run from 3.30-4.30pm and children are to be collected from the main school playground.*

MONDAY: Netball Y5-Y6

TUESDAY: Football Coaching with Sedgley Scorpions Y4-Y6

WEDNESDAY: Football with Ace Coaching Y1-Y3 Judo Y3-Y4

THURSDAY: Christmas Crafts Club Y1-Y3

Have a great half term.

S. M. Mason