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Dear Parents / Carers

12th February 2015

Congratulations to our Gold Star Children this week who are:

Reception: Luca for being such a kind, sensible and friendly boy, who always does his best.

Y1: Mia for improving her handwriting and using her phonics to spell words.

Y2: Oliver for his enthusiasm to reading, even bringing related books from home.

Y3: Kya who is a sensible and reliable member of the class.

Y4: Lilli-Mai who is always hardworking, sensible and kind to others.

Y5: Niamh for fantastic presentation in all her work.

Y6: Katie for a huge improvement in her last Maths SATs test. She got an extra 22 marks!

Lent: begins with Ash Wednesday on 18th February. Mass and distribution of the Ashes will take place at St. Chads at 9.30am and St. Peter's and the English Martyrs, Gornal at 10.30am.

Lenten assembly: there will be a whole school assembly on Friday 27th February in the school hall. Everyone welcome.

First Holy Communion: The **commitment Mass** will take place in St. Chad's church on Thursday 5th March at 9.30am to be followed by a meeting (with coffee) in the Sunshine Room.

Confirmation: The **commitment Mass** will take place in St. Chad's church on Thursday 12th March to be followed by a meeting (with coffee) in the Sunshine Room.

Funday Friday: while collecting for charities during Lent we thought we'd once again have a bit of fun. So every Friday we will have a different theme. A donation of £1 per child for each day would be appreciated towards the stated charity. It is important that the children learn to give to others less fortunate than themselves.

Friday 27th February - wear your denim (with school uniform top) to raise money to sponsor the education of a child in Rwanda.

Friday 6th March - celebrate World Book Day by dressing as a character from a book (for Rwanda).

Friday 13th March - wear your pyjamas to raise money for Fr. Hudson's.

Friday 20th March – mad hair day to raise money for the food-bank.

Friday 27th March – dress as bright as you like! To celebrate at our Easter assembly.

School Masses: after the half term holiday, we will return to having Mass in church on a Thursday at 9.10am.

Parent Consultation Sessions: we are trying a slightly different format this time to enable parents to have longer with the class teachers. Appointments will be available from 1pm until 6.30pm. Parents will meet their child's class teacher to look at their child's work and to discuss their child's progress and targets.

Thank you to the parents who attended the Reception class parents' consultation afternoon / evening. **Please return the Next Steps sheets from the Parents' Evening by Monday 23rd February.**

You should now have received appointments for Y5 and Y6 on Wednesday 25th February and Y3 and Y4 on Thursday 26th February 1pm – 6.30pm.

Please allow enough time to look at your child's work which will be available in their classrooms. School will be open until 7pm.

The Y1 and Y2 parents' consultations have been put back until Thursday 12th March 1pm -6.30pm due to staff changes. This will enable the teachers to give a clearer report to parents.

Staff changes: Unfortunately Mr Jones is still not well enough to return to work, so after half term the following staffing arrangements will be in place until further notice: Mrs Jones will be teaching Y1 and Mrs Greaney and Mrs Whitehouse will be doing a job share in Y3 (with Mrs Whitehouse teaching Y3 every Monday and Mrs Greaney the rest of the week). We are fortunate that we have such experienced staff to enable us to make these arrangements.

Fun Sunday family day: Families can kick-start the half-term holidays with a free family fun day in Dudley town centre on Sunday 15 February. From 11am – 3pm there will be family entertainment in the town: free children's rides, Punch and Judy shows etc. Parking will be free. For more information go to www.discoverdudleyevents.co.uk

St. Patrick's dance: after the great success of last year's event we will be holding a ceilidh (with live music) on Friday 13th March. The dance will be held in the parish hall, so that there is plenty of room for dancing! Tickets available after half term.

After-school activity clubs for next term: see reverse

Enjoy half term.

S. M. Mason