

## St. Chad's Catholic Primary School, Sedgley. Tel: 01384 818720. www.st-chads.dudley.sch.uk

13<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

Dear Parents / Carers,

## Congratulations to our Gold Star Children this week who are:

Reception: Maizee – for super progress in phonics and working so hard to write numbers

Y1: Jacob – Good attitude to work

Y2: Emily – Fantastic progress in writing

<u>Y3:</u> Sophie – has made an excellent effort to learn her spellings and significantly improved her spelling test scores

Y4: Stefan – remaining focussed on his work and improved attitude and concentration

<u>Y5</u>: Amy-Lee – for improving in reading by answering comprehension questions in more detail

<u>Y6:</u> Murry – for asking Ian Austin, our MP, thoughtful questions

## NB: THERE WILL BE NO MASS THIS SATURDAY MORNING $14^{\rm th}$ MARCH IN ST.CHAD'S CHURCH.

**Visit by Mr Ian Austin MP** - Thank you to Mr Ian Austin who visited school yesterday to tell the older children about being an MP.

**Confirmation commitment Mass:** Thank you to all the parents and sponsors who presented their child during the Commitment Mass yesterday. I'm sure you will continue to support them during this important time of preparation.

**Easter assemblies:** as we are not in school during Holy Week we will be holding "mini" assemblies during the final week of term. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 2.50pm, a class will lead a reflection: Tuesday Y4 - Palm Sunday, Wednesday Y3 The Last Supper, Thursday Y5 the Agony in the garden and arrest of Jesus. Then on Friday we will have a whole school assembly, with Y6 completing the Holy Week reflections with the crucifixion. The assembly will then move to the celebration of Easter. Children from all classes are invited to make an Easter bonnet. There will be a prize for the best bonnet from each class.

**Easter Raffle** — tickets will be on sale in school from Monday 16th March for the Easter Raffle. There is a lovely selection of chocolate goodies - tickets are 20p each or £1 a strip. The raffle will be drawn during week commencing 23 March 2015

**Y3, Y4 and Y5 play:** will take place on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2015 at 2pm and 6.30pm. The families of these children will each receive two tickets to both performances which will be sent home next week.

Would your child like to learn a musical instrument? You are invited to an open evening on 25<sup>th</sup> March (drop in any time between 18:30 – 20:00) for children interested in learning a musical instrument. By going along you can try a range of instruments, meet the teachers and ask any questions you have. Learning a musical instrument is a great thing to do and will open up all sorts of opportunities for children. Our school is committed to providing opportunities for children to get involved in music and hope that you are able to go along. The evening will take place at Saltwells Education Centre, Bowling Green Road, Netherton DY2 9LY.

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**Funday Friday:** while collecting for charities during Lent we thought we'd once again have a bit of fun. So on 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  $13^{th}$  March – we wore our pyjamas and raised £171.00 for Fr. Hudson's

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

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

St. Patrick's dance: tonight: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the parish hall, Tickets available on the door £4. Symphony Hall - 22<sup>nd</sup> March: All violinists and guitaritsts must wear School Uniform please

Enjoy your week,

## S. M. Mason