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Dear Parents / Carers

Congratulations to our Gold Star Children this week who are:

Reception: Verity for trying so hard to make her handwriting so small and beautifully formed.

Y1: Harry for excellent progress in mental arithmetic.

Y2: Christina for improved concentration during lessons, well done, keep it up.

Y3: Sophie for multiplication skills; learning to do grid multiplication and learning tables up to 8.

Y4: Joshua who is always hardworking, helpful and enthusiastic.

Y5: Sean for showing great enthusiasm and skill during cooking sessions.

Y6: Charlie for always being polite, helpful and hardworking in class.

Y3 First Confession (Reconciliation): congratulations to the children who received this Sacrament for the first time on Thursday. Also thank you to all the parents who attended the meeting with Father Paul.

Y2 assembly: thank you to Y2 staff and children who lead us in a beautiful assembly to honour Our Lady in her month of May. Thank you to all the parents and grandparents that were able to attend.

First Holy Communion: please pray for all the children who will be receiving their First Holy Communion on Sunday 7th June in St. Chad and All Saints, Sedgley at 12.30pm. The party for all Y3 children will be in the school hall after the Mass, with refreshments for the adults. Children making their First Holy Communion in St. Chad's should be in school by 12.15pm at the latest. **Confirmation:** Bishop David McGough will confirm the children on Monday 8th June at 7pm in St. Chad and All Saints' Church - please pray for them during their time of preparation. Children and sponsors should be in church by 6.45pm.

Refreshments will be available in the parish hall after Mass (kindly provided by the parish youth club.)

Y6 Performance: will take place on 15th July at 2pm and 6.30pm.

High Five Netball team: well done to the team who played really well in the Dudley School Tournament.

Collecting children from school: while appreciating that there may be an occasion (due to unforeseen circumstances) that you may be delayed in collecting your child from school, (or after clubs) please be aware that if this is a regular occurrence, parents must make alternative arrangements for collecting their child. The Afterschool Club can be contacted on 01384-815645 or 07989984940. Staff continue to work or have meetings after the school closes for children and there may be no-one available to supervise your child.

Big Dig: There's still loads of work to be done, so we would welcome any help on any Friday afternoon!

Holiday in Term Time: it's that time of year when I get asked for permission to take children out of school for a holiday. Please note that from 1st September 2013 the law regarding taking children out of school for a holiday changed. The amendments make clear that head teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. This is taken to be a very unusual occasion or something that is unlikely to happen again. So getting a cheap holiday or the opportunity to accompany a grandparent is not considered exceptional. Children that go on holiday without permission are marked as unauthorised and this is recorded on their attendance record and may result in a referral being made to the Education Investigation Team. However, we would much rather you inform us as we would not want children to be asked to deceive their teachers and friends and be unable to share their experiences with them.

Half term holiday: school reopens on Monday 1st June at 8.55am.

Enjoy the half term - let's hope the sun shines!

S. M. Mason