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Dear Parents / Carers,

### **Congratulations to:**

#### **Gold Star Children this week who are:**

Reception: Well done to all our new children for making a great start at St Chad's.

Y1: Grace for being a super helper and a smart worker.

Y2: Kaiden for trying very hard to impress and working hard in all subjects this week.

Y3: Logan has worked really hard all week. He has a very grown up attitude to work in Yr 3.

Y4: Tylah for making lots of new friends.

Y5: Antwon for a great attitude towards his work in Year 5.

Y6: Neve for a fantastic start to Yr 6, always ready to learn and ready to help others.

### **WELCOME BACK TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR.**

A particular welcome to our new children and their families. All the children look really smart, many in new uniforms. Until the end of September please use your discretion on whether your child wears winter or summer uniform– it can be quite chilly on the playground!

**Mrs Hunt:** as Y5 parents are already aware, Mrs Hunt is currently absent from school. This will be a long term absence as Mrs Hunt is undergoing treatment for stage two cancer. Her prognosis is good, but she has to undergo an intense period of treatment. Please remember Mrs Hunt in your prayers.

**Confirmation:** Father Paul has informed us of the date for this year's Y6 to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. We are very privileged that this year Archbishop Bernard Longley will confirm the children on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm. Further details will follow shortly.

**School meals:** Dudley Catering have increased the cost of a school meal to £2.30 with effect from the 11<sup>th</sup> September. If you think you may be entitled to free school meals, please contact the school office for an application form.

**Schoolsbuddy:** Over the next few weeks we will be looking at implementing various school payments through the Schoolsbuddy system. We have already published the afterschool clubs for this half term which are now available to book. To make a booking or payment you will need to log onto the Schoolsbuddy website using the email and login you have already set up. The Schoolsbuddy app will only inform you of messages sent by the school.

As stated in previous correspondence, we are looking to become a cashless school in the very near future, therefore, it is important that you set up your account as soon as possible if you have not done so already. If you need any help or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

## **A few reminders:**

- **Belongings:** All of your child's belongings **MUST BE NAMED** ie, coats, uniform and lunchboxes.
- **Morning snacks:** the school operates a Healthy Schools Policy so the only snacks brought into school must be fruit, vegetables, or a plain biscuit (Rich Tea).
- **Nut Allergy:** as we have children in school who are allergic to nuts, no nuts or nut products may be brought into school - this includes peanut butter.
- **Water:** all children may bring a bottle of water to drink from during the day. This must be unflavoured water in a bottle with a sports cap.
- **P.E kit:** all children need a P.E. kit in school; preferably in house colours.

**Homework diaries:** children from Y3 to Y6 have each been given a special homework diary. This combines the Sunday Mass readings (as previously in the Wednesday Word) and a place to record homework etc. Each class will develop the use of these diaries, but please encourage your child to make full use of this diary to aid their independence. Please take care of this diary as it has to last all year and a replacement will cost £2.50!

**Parking:** when you are bringing your children to school or collecting them, please use Asda car park and the gate from their car park. Please don't park on the presbytery car park as Father Paul needs access at all times. If you do park on the road, please park legally and with consideration for the local residents. You have received a letter which we forwarded from Dudley Council regarding parking on yellow 'keep clear' zig-zag lines outside school gates.

**Swimming:** starts for Y3 on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September. Children normally return to school between 3.30 – 3.45pm. Parents must collect other children at 3.15pm but may wait in school, usually in the DT Bay.

**Dates for your diary:** you will be receiving a separate list of all the dates which have been arranged for events in the autumn term. You will of course be sent reminders or further information nearer these dates. Please keep this safe, although it will also be available on the school's website.

Have a good week,

**S. M. Mason**