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Dear Parents / Carers,

**Congratulations to:
Gold Star Children this week who are:**

Reception: Olivia for putting a big effort into learning her sounds, words and letter formation.

Y1: Isaac for being an enthusiastic member of our guided reading group.

Y2: Zac for staying focused and trying his best on an extended writing task.

Y3: Alfie for trying really hard in English this week by adding suffixes to root words.

Y4: Kacper for showing great determination and improving his maths ability.

Y5: Amelia for a fantastic description of an island.

Y6: Sophie for excellent work in English by writing informal emails.

Last week's Golden ticket winners: Oliver and Henry

Confirmation Commitment Mass: thank you to the parents and carers who attended the Confirmation Commitment Mass. Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation is a very serious decision to be made by a child and it is great to see so much support for them. Please continue to support the children in attending Mass every weekend.

Mass times:

St. Chad's and All Saints, Sedgley: Saturday evening (vigil) 6.30pm and Sunday 10.30am.

St. Peter and the English Martyrs, Lower Gornal: Sunday 9am.

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 through the hall doors.

Mrs Hunt: is still joining us for the school Mass most Thursdays, but continues to be absent from school. We say a big thank you to Mrs Whitehouse who has taught Y5 for most of this half term. Due to personal commitments, she is unable to continue after half term. From Monday 30th October, Mrs Griffin will be teaching Y5. She has taught at St. Chad's before, so some of you may remember her. Mrs Griffin will be with us until Mrs Hunt returns.

September 2018 admission: the online application is now open for a place in Reception 2018. We will be holding two Open Sessions on Tuesday 7th November from 9.30am – 10.30am and Thursday 9th November from 2pm – 3pm. 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 2018. Please contact the office to book your place.

Parents' Evening for Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4 and Y6: will be held on Wednesday 1st November from 3.30pm to 5.30pm and Thursday 2nd November from 5pm to 7pm.

All bookings will have to be made using SchoolsBuddy. Appointments are now available to book. You will receive an email to confirm the time booked. If you do not receive a confirmation email, the booking has not been completed successfully. Please contact the school office if you need any help or assistance in booking your appointment.

Reception class: are not included in these parents' evenings as Reception class parents have been invited to a "Play and Stay" after half term.

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. Boxes need to be in school by 13th November.

Poppies: will be on sale after the half term. This year the British Legion have sent key-rings, rulers, bracelets, hair slides etc. as well as poppies, so there will be lots of things to buy to support Remembrance Day.

Safety online: we are rather concerned about the number of children accessing inappropriate apps and websites. What can seem harmless fun can cause upset and copied aggressive behaviour. Help and advice can be found at: <https://parentzone.org.uk/advice/parent-guides>.

We will be holding a session for parents on keeping your child safe online on 20 November. More details to follow.

Vaccinations UK: will be in school on December 19th to give the vaccination to children from Reception to Y4. Notification has already been sent home.

Labelling Uniform: Can you please ensure that all your child's uniform and coat is labelled with their name. Uniform frequently goes missing and goes home with the wrong child, especially the younger children. If all uniform is labelled, then this helps in getting it back to the rightful owner.

Half term holiday: school closes on Friday 20th October at 3.15pm and reopens on Monday 30th October at 8.55am.

Enjoy the half term holiday,

S. M. Mason