



St. Chad's Catholic Primary School, Sedgley

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Dear Parents / Carers,



Thank you for the warm welcome!

Thank you very much to all of the parents I've met so far for the warm welcome you've given me at St Chad's. It means a lot and I really appreciate your kindness. The staff and the children have also made me more than welcome and I'm already feeling very happy at St Chad's. It's a real privilege to be able to serve you all at the school and once again please remember that both Mrs Clews and myself are here to help you whenever you need us.



New format for the newsletter

As you know my time is split between both St Chad's and St Joseph's. In order to make sure I communicate with you as effectively and efficiently as possible I'll be using the newsletter in a different way to before. We'll still issue the weekly newsletter and include all of our weekly award winners. We'll also include any important notices or messages. However, in addition to the weekly newsletter I will send you a detailed 'newspaper' once per half term together with a list of diary dates that you can keep handy at home. My 'newspaper' will contain more detailed information to keep you fully up to date about what is happening at the school. The first one will be with you in the next few weeks. It's a way of sending as much information as possible in one extended, easy to access communication. I will send the half termly newspaper as a paper copy. So from now on, the weekly newsletter will contain details of all our fantastic weekly award winners and any urgent messages or notices where these are needed. Sometimes it might not contain any notices if there are none to publish. Detailed communication from me will come in the form of the 'newspaper' which I will send out once per half term together with the list of diary dates for you to keep.

Come and say hello

A reminder that I'll be hosting two informal sessions to meet parents and introduce myself on Tuesday 14th January. The first one is in the morning from 9.00am to 9.30am and the second one is in the afternoon from 2.45pm to 3.15pm. I'll say a few words about my vision for St Chad's and then we'll have time for one to one conversations and informal discussions over a cup of tea or coffee.



Primary School Admissions

Just a quick reminder that the closing date for September 2020 Reception admissions is Wednesday 15th January 2020.

School Nurse

Gina Appleby will be in school at 9.00am on Wednesday 15th January. She operates a first come, first served appointment system. If you would like to see her please make your way to the office on the morning she is in school.

Merit assembly

You are invited to our weekly merit assemblies starting next Friday 17th January. We'll send out full details early next week. In particular, if your child is an award winner - we'll let you know on Wednesday or Thursday so you can come to the assembly if you're able and would like to!



This week our Gold Star children are

Reception	Sienna for her confidence with naming and describing shapes. Jacob for his hard work improving letter formation.
Year 1	Molly for great maths work, telling the time. Erin for a great improvement in her reading.
Year 2	Poppy for her fantastic role play in English this week. Tilly for becoming more confident and independent in Maths.
Year 3	Miyarna for a wonderful character description. Sky for working hard to improve her presentation this week.
Year 4	Neo reading aloud with clarity and expression. Mia for her enthusiasm in lessons and always completing her work.
Year 5	Henry for being super enthusiastic in lessons and trying hard to participate. Michael for showing great determination in English by using relative clauses well.
Year 6	Kyra for her excellent responses during whole class reading. Harry for his super focus in all lessons having a great start to the year.

Our Values this half term: Compassionate and Loving

Our Catholic School's Pupil Profile Values this term are Compassionate and Loving. The children will be learning to be even more COMPASSIONATE towards others, near and far, especially the less fortunate; and LOVING in their actions and by the way they treat each other.

After School Activity Clubs

The following clubs are now available on SchoolsBuddy to book for your child for this half term. The clubs start at the end of the school day for an hour.

Years 1 to 3	Dance	Monday, starting 13th January	5 weeks in total
Years 4 to 6	Nerf Wars	Tuesday, starting 14th January	5 weeks in total
Years 5 to 6	Football	Wednesday, starting 15th January	5 weeks in total



If you are interested in reserving a place for your child please sign up asap as spaces are limited.

First Communion

Fr Paul will be confirming the date for First Communion next week. As soon as we know we will let you have the date.



Lunchtime menu

The menu choice for week commencing 13th January is week 2. A copy of the choices can be found on the School's website in the Parents' information tab and then click on school meals.

Thank you once again for your warm welcome and continued support. I really appreciate it and look forward to seeing you soon.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Hinton'.

Mr M Hinton
Executive Headteacher