

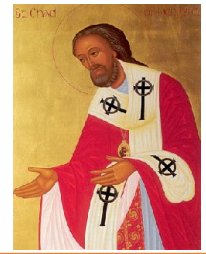


St Chad's  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## February Newsletter 2022

### "Christ in our heads, our hearts and our hands"

Principal Mrs. K. Bickley



Dear Parents,

The children are continuing to work hard and respond positively to their learning. We have been reviewing our approach to the teaching of phonics and will be organising a workshop for parents in the KS1 classes before half term. We will continue to monitor the provision of phonics and early reading and share progress with you at our next parents meetings.

Furthermore the children will be participating in the Ten Ten Year of Pilgrimage during our Friday assemblies. We will be taking the children on an exciting virtual pilgrimage journey in school from February through to December 2022. The children will be 'stopping' at key destinations across the year such as the cross, Santiago de Compostela, Rome, a local pilgrimage site, Walsingham, Lourdes and lastly the manger in December 2022. Take a look at the Year of Pilgrimage Map which shows all of our stopping places on the journey.



### Reflection for the month of February



The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. In Luke's gospel we're told the Holy Family went each year to the temple for the feast of Passover. Jesus was obedient to his mother and father and Mary and Joseph showed their obedience and faith, praying together throughout their lives. Through prayer we too can become a holy family.

Ask the children to share their favourite prayer with you.

#### The Power of Prayer



In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus teaches the Lord's Prayer after one of the disciples asks, "Lord, teach us to pray." Jesus taught his disciples how to pray and so gives us a model for prayer.

I have asked the children to write their own prayers for our weekly prayer service and place them in the prayer basket. We will then share these prayers with each other and offer them to the Lord.



#### Attendance

Well Done to our Nursery children and Year 3 for excellent attendance during the month of January.



Nursery	97.7%
Reception	92.5%
Year 1	93.3%
Year 2	91.9%
Year 3	96.6%
Year 4	93.3%
Year 5	89.1%
Year 6	87.4%
Whole School	92.2%

## Dates

Friday 4th Feb: Number Day  
Tuesday 8th Feb: EYFS Workshop  
Tuesday 8th Feb: Phonics Workshop –  
details to be confirmed  
Friday 18th Feb: break up for half term  
Monday 28th Feb: school reopens



Reminders!

## **School Uniform**

We are currently exploring options with regards to the girls kilts. The current supplier is no longer able to provide the service in the time frames for the next academic year. We are currently sourcing an alternative stockist. We will keep you informed.

## **A quick update on After School Clubs**

I am hopefully finalising details for clubs after school.

Initially we will focus on multi sports, ball skills (including football) and possibly dance.



I will keep you posted - fingers crossed we'll be up and running after half term.



## **Safer Internet Day – 8th February 2022**

This year's theme, is 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'

At St Chad's on Safer Internet Day we will focus on sharing key online safety messages, with the children age appropriate.

We know children go on line to play games, use social media platforms and interact with their friends and peers. However, this can mean that unfortunately some children experience negative behaviour such as meanness, bullying and swearing. The safety and wellbeing of the children is crucial and we support them in making the right choices.

Thank you for supporting your child/children whilst on line at home.

# Number Day 2022

Please don't forget our Number Day on **Friday 4th February.**

Children please 'Dress up for Digits' Can you wear clothes with numbers on— football shirts, hoodies, tee-shirts?

If you want to be really creative dress in a maths or numbers theme.

We are hoping to raise as much as we can for the NSPCC, please bring a donation of £1.00.



Thank you so much for your support with this event—hopefully

St Chad's can make a huge difference with our donations.



## **Longer opening hours at Sedgley Library**



A message from Tracy Rollason  
Sedgley Library Manager

From Monday 7th February, Sedgley Library will be opening until 5pm on Mondays and Thursdays for the foreseeable future. This decision has been made particularly so that families can access the library for a longer period at the end of the school day. Hope to see you there!

*Best wishes Mrs K. Bickley*