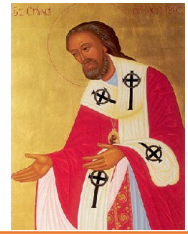




St Chad's
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

September Newsletter 2022 "Christ in our heads, our hearts and our hands"

Principal Mrs. K. Bickley



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school. I hope everyone had a fantastic summer holiday and are now ready for the new school year ahead.

We hope this year will be a good one for all of us and that St Chads School continues to go from strength to strength. We certainly have the right ingredients for future successes, wonderful, hardworking and faith filled children who have got so much to offer. Our staff who will ensure the curriculum continues to challenge and develop the children's capacity for learning. Lastly, your support in working together so your child (children) achieve their best.

This term we will be focusing on the virtues of Compassionate and Loving. We will be helping the children grow by being compassionate and loving in the way they are treated especially when someone is in trouble; and by opening their eyes to those who suffer poverty, injustice or violence.

This will also link with our work with supporting CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development) to care for our world and to live simply, live sustainably and live in solidarity. Working towards the Live Simply Award will support the children in in making a connection between their faith and caring for the world and our global neighbours.



Prayer for the start of the school year



Lord Jesus,

We ask for Your help as we begin this new school year. Allow us to experience Your presence in the many blessings

You put before us.

Open our eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings.

Open our hearts and minds to new friends and new teachers.

Give us a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with our learning and courage to accept new opportunities.

Help us to be attentive to our teachers and let us experience Your presence in our new friends. Jesus, inspire us to do our best this year!

Amen.

Attendance



Children need to attend school each day and be on time. Good attendance is classified as 95% or more, if attendance is below 90% a child is classified as 'persistently absent' from school and this will have a negative impact on a child's learning.

If we have concerns about your child's attendance, we will contact you so that we can offer support and work together to make sure your child's attendance is good. An Education Welfare Officer (EWO) will also work with families if there is concern about school attendance.

What you can do to help your child?

Make sure your child comes to school regularly and punctually.

Please support us in our efforts to encourage punctuality, good attendance and behaviour.

Take an interest in your child's school work

If your child is off school, it is very important you phone on the first morning of absence to tell us why. Staff will be concerned if they do not hear from you.

If your child starts missing school, work with the school without delay to put things right. Thank You.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 6th Sep	School starts
Fri 21 Oct	Teacher Day - School closed to pupils
Mon 24 to Fri 28 Oct	Half Term
Mon 19 Dec	End of Term - School closes for Christmas

Please note the dates for the Sacrament of Reconciliation for Year 3 and the Sacrament of Confirmation for Year 6 will take place this term.

Dates for class masses will be sent out in due course along with dates for parent workshops.

Swimming Provision

Swimming helps us learn about water safety and supports the development of physical skills such as hand eye coordination and muscle tone. Swimming also keeps your child's heart and lungs healthy whilst improving strength and flexibility.



We were supposed to be offering all of our children weekly swimming sessions as during the holidays we had a temporary mobile swimming pool erected. In this part of the newsletter I had originally written a section on how we were going to organise the provision for this.

However, unfortunately right at the end of the summer holidays the pool was vandalised resulting in extensive damage. So we are now no longer able to go ahead with our plans.



I know you will agree that having a swimming pool on the school grounds would have been a fantastic opportunity for the children.

Our normal scheduled swimming lessons will continue at the Duncan Edwards leisure centre.

Further details will follow.

Best wishes Mrs K. Bickley

Welcome to our new children and staff



I am delighted to welcome our new reception class to St Chad's School. We wish them all and their families a very happy start to our school.

We will also be welcoming Mrs. E. Virk who will be joining Mrs Cox in the school office. I am sure she will settle in well and in the coming weeks start getting to know you and the children.

We wish Mrs. S Toddington, Mrs. S Newey and Miss Pascal all the best for the future. Mrs Toddington and Mrs Newey are moving to another school in the St John Bosco MAC. Miss Pascall will start a teacher training course.

Mrs Newey worked at our school for 8 years and will be greatly missed by all of us and we wish her lots of luck and happiness.

Whole School Parents Meeting

We hope you will be able to join us for our first parents meeting of the school year on **Wednesday 28th September**.



The meeting will start at **6.30pm** and finish at **7.45pm**.

From 6.30pm we will share the School Improvement targets and priorities for the forthcoming year with you. You will also get a chance to meet all of the St Chad's staff.

From 7.00pm you can visit your child's classroom and the staff will talk to you about their expectations and the learning for the first half of the autumn term.

Miss Oakley (SENDCO) will also be available during the evening for parents of children with special educational needs should you wish to speak to her. Miss Oakley will update you further closer to the time.