



Dear Parents,

Everyone has now settled into their new classes. We have had a busy few weeks organising the curriculum and assessing where the children are in their learning. Our baseline assessments help us address the aspects of the curriculum that need to be revisited and we build this into our lesson delivery.

In recent weeks we have been focusing on how we can become a St Chad's Citizen. The children are encouraged to demonstrate how they can become more



Ambitious



Digital



Knowledgeable



Creative



Faith-filled



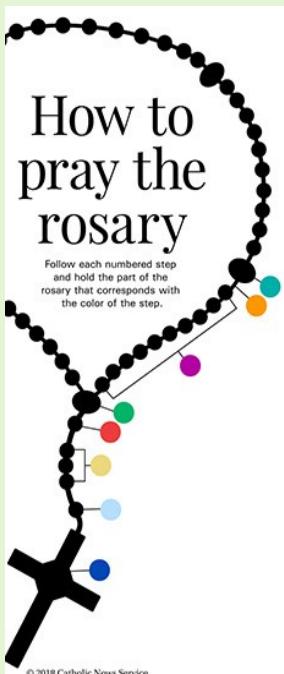
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It is a pleasure to see how well the children learn in school. There are lots of days when they show these aspects in their learning. During the Gospel prayer service on Monday this week (9th October) the children were able to eloquently talk about British Values and how these values relate to our school values.

In a recent meeting with our newly formed Mini Vinnies group the children's ideas were amazing about how they can contribute to helping others. We are very proud of all the children at St Chad's.

Reflections for the month of October

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on October 7th.



1. Make the Sign of the Cross and say the Apostles' Creed
2. Say the Our Father
3. Say three Hail Marys
4. Say the Glory Be
5. Announce the first mystery and then say the Our Father
6. Say 10 Hail Marys while meditating on the mystery
7. Say the Glory Be (Optional: Say the O My Jesus prayer requested by Mary at Fatima)
8. Announce the second mystery; then say the Our Father and repeat these steps as you continue through the remaining mysteries.
9. Say the Hail, Holy Queen
10. Make the Sign of the Cross

Find the mysteries here:
<https://bit.ly/1hNN0c4>



Attendance

Well Done to Years 1,2, 4 and 6 for excellent attendance during September.



Reception 96.3%

Year 1 97.3%

Year 2 97.2%

Year 3 95%

Year 4 97.2%

Year 5 95%

Year 6 97%

Whole School 96.5%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 11th Oct	Year 6 Parents Confirmation Meeting
Wed 12th Oct	Reading/Phonics Workshop
Mon 17 to Thurs 20th	Focus on Black History
Fri 21 Oct	Teacher Day - School closed to pupils
Mon 24 to Fri 28 Oct	Half Term
Wed 8th Nov	School photographs
Thurs 10th Nov	Year 6 Sacrament of Confirmation at 6.30pm
Mon 21st—Fri 25th	Parents Consultations Week

Home Learning

All the children should have received their log in's for Times Tables Rock Stars.



Please encourage the children to learn their tables as they need to learn them so they can tackle the problem solving aspects of Maths.

Reading is the gateway to the curriculum. Please help your child at home. We are aiming at hearing the children at least 4 times a week. Regular and often is the best approach—Thank you.



October Half Term



Half term is on the way so if you're looking for things to do try the following:

Visit the park and look for all things autumnal! Leaves, conkers and acorns Plant bulbs for the Spring—Plants such as daffodils and tulips can be planted. Make a bird feeder—Help the birds eat during winter. Watch some fireworks at a local display. Do craft with leaves, sticks and pinecones! Have fun!

Black History Month

We will be marking this in school, week beginning 17th October.



All pupils will focus on developing their knowledge in studying a significant event and person who through their achievements has made a difference.

Thank you to everyone who contributed donations for our Harvest celebration in school. All items were donated to the food bank in church.



The year 3 children led us in a whole school mass and everyone joined in singing our Autumn days song where we remembered to say a great 'Big Thank You'.



Parents Meeting



Thank you for attending the meetings on Wednesday 28th September. I am sure it provided you with the opportunity to meet the staff and hear some valuable information about the school and the curriculum.

We will be organising a further parents meetings later on in the term to give you an update on your child's learning and progress. I know many of you are keen to help your child and during the term we are organising workshops to provide you with guidance on how best to support your child.

Thank you for your continued support with home learning.

Best wishes Mrs K. Bickley