



St Chad's
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

November Newsletter 2022

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

Principal Mrs. K. Bickley



Dear Parents,

I hope everyone had a lovely half term break and are now ready for another busy half term in school.

We look forward to sharing your child's learning with you during our parents consultation evenings later on this month. The children are expected to demonstrate their learning in their books and all the children are encouraged to present their work neatly with good handwriting. We are striving for perfect presentation and learners who are developing into knowledgeable and faith-filled citizens.

Here are some interesting facts about school attendance. Each year there are 190 school days which leaves 175 days for holidays, relaxing, shopping, non-urgent medical and dental appointments.

96% attendance means 7.6 learning days lost 95% attendance means 9.5 learning days lost 90% attendance means 4 weeks (19 days) of learning days lost 80% attendance means 7 ½ weeks (38 days) of learning days lost. We are rigorous in our efforts to address non-attendance or persistent lateness and we work closely with the Education Welfare Officer who will contact families directly to offer support.



Lastly, please remember our Year 6 pupils in your prayers as they will be making the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday 10th November.

Reflections for the month of November

During the month of November we remember our loved ones who have died and are now in heaven with God our Father.

Let us join together in prayer for all those who have died, especially for those members of our own families, our friends and school communities.

Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

November is also a time when we pray for those unknown souls for whom there is no one to pray for. At this time we also offer up prayers for those who mourn those they have lost.

Remembrance Day

11th November World War I officially ended on the eleventh hour on the eleventh day on the eleventh month, 1918 - Armistice Day. The act of a Two Minute Silence began on the anniversary of Armistice Day in 1919 by those who did not want to forget the millions killed, injured and affected.

Attendance

Well Done to Year 5 for excellent attendance during October.



Reception	90.9%
Year 1	93.8%
Year 2	92.0%
Year 3	92.7%
Year 4	91.8%
Year 5	96.3%
Year 6	95.1%
Whole School	93.2%

Week beginning **Monday 7th November** Vocations Week.



Wednesday 8th November School photographs

Thursday 10th November 6.30pm Sacrament of Confirmation.

Friday 11th November laying of wreaths on the graves of soldiers at St Chad's cemetery.

Week beginning **Monday 14th November** Anti Bullying Week.

Week beginning **Monday 21st November** **Parents Consultation Evenings**

Tuesday 22nd November and Wednesday 23rd November.

NB: Please remember to book your appointment times as the information was sent out on Wednesday 2nd November.

Please check the school website as new policies will be added over the next few weeks.

<https://www.st-chads.dudley.sch.uk>

Vocations Week (week beginning Monday 7th November)

We will be thinking about Vocations and the calling to serve God undertaken by many men and women.



The children will be learning the following:

EYFS: Father Paul will talk to the children about his vocation to the priesthood.

Year 1: Vocations to the Church: Priests and Vicars

Year 2: A Day in the Life of a Monk

Year 3: Father Paul will talk to the children about his vocation to the priesthood.

Year 4: The Life of Mother Teresa

Year 5: The Life of Pope Francis

Year 6: The Life of Oscar Romero



Our learning about Black History



Catholic Life

This term we are still continuing to adhere to Pope Francis' message in his letter **Laudato Si**, to look after our common home to live simply, live sustainably and in solidarity



Our Catholic Social teaching is focussing on rights and responsibilities

The children are learning about the right to life - food and shelter, to education and employment and to freedom of speech.



With rights come responsibilities to others, to our families and to the common good of all. We are remembering our school rules and voting in our school council members.

Further reminder

Please ensure your child/children wears a warm coat to school and wears appropriate shoes to school.

Thank you *Best wishes Mrs K. Bickley*