

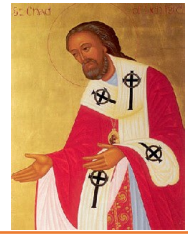


St Chad's
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

December Newsletter 2022

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

Principal Mrs. K. Bickley



Dear Parents,

The end of term is nearly here already and we are busy in school getting ready for Christmas. It is truly a magical time of the year as we prepare for the birth of Jesus. Christmas comes around every year but this year it feels extra special as we are welcoming all of you back into school for our Christmas nativities and carol concert. Please see overleaf for the dates, and times of the performances.



During the term the children have all made progress in their learning, and have fully embraced becoming a St Chad's citizen. We recently had a review on the Catholic Life and Mission, Collective Worship and Religious Education at St Chad's. The report we received was overwhelmingly positive.

On a personal note may I extend my own thanks to everyone at St Chad's. During my time at the school I have felt very privileged getting to know the wonderful children and I hope I will still see you next term when I'm in St Chad's.



Reflections for the month of December

REFLECTION FOR ADVENT

Last Sunday marked the first Sunday of Advent. This is a time when we try to make some space to think again about two intertwined 'comings': the second coming of Christ at the end of time and his first coming among us as a tiny baby. On the first Sunday of Advent we reflect on the man who is both Lord and Saviour coming triumphantly at the end of time to judge all peoples. That reflection gives the context for the celebration of Christ's birth. The child who is born is none other than the eternal Son of God who has come into our world to save us.



Family Prayer

Dear God, bless our family this Christmastime, bind us together by your love. Give us kindness and patience to support each other; and wisdom in all we do. Let the gift of your peace come into our hearts and remain with us. Amen.

Attendance

Well Done to Year 4 for your attendance during the month of November.



Reception	78.2%
Year 1	87.9%
Year 2	84.0 %
Year 3	87.7%
Year 4	89.0%
Year 5	87.7%
Year 6	84.3%
Whole School	85.5%

Next term let's work hard to get our attendance back on track. Remember we are aiming for attendance well over 95%.

Our school target is 97%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 10th Dec	Christmas Fayre 12-2pm
Mon 12th Dec	Rocksteady Concert at 2.00pm
Tues 13th Dec	Whole School Mass at church 9.15am
Tues 13th Dec	KS1 Nativity at 2.00pm
Wed 14th Dec	Early Years Nativity at 9.30am
Wed 14th Dec	KS1 Nativity at 6.30pm
Wed 14th Dec	Christmas Dinner Day.
Thurs 15th Dec	Early Years Nativity at 2.00pm
Thurs 15th Dec	KS2 Carol Concert at church at 6.30pm
Mon 19th Dec	School closes at 1.30pm for the Christmas holidays.

Christmas Jumper Days!



We are getting into the Christmas mood by having Some Christmas

Jumper days.

Friday 2nd December - is in aid of the local animal shelters, please can you kindly donate a can of dog food or cat food, or any animal toys, etc, that we can give to our local animal shelters, to help them over the winter.

Thursday 8th December - is in aid of "Save the Children", all money raised will be sent on to this very worthwhile charity.



Friday 9th December - is in aid of the local food bank, we are asking the children to bring in a tin of food or any non-perishable food items that we can donate to the local food bank, again to help them, help others over the Christmas period.

Friday 16th December - is in aid of school fund, you can donate your £1.00 using the School Comms app. This will be a Fun Movie Day for all the children!

Mon 19th Dec Wear your jumpers for fun!

Christmas Performance Arrangements



We will be issuing tickets for the nativity plays and carol concert due to the restrictions of space in the school hall and church.

We will allocate 2 tickets per family and these will be sent home week beginning Monday 5th December. We will notify you via school comms when your child will bring home their tickets.

Surveys: Your opinion counts

We will be sending surveys out week beginning Monday 5th December

I know many of you feedback to us on a regular basis but we would like to capture your views about the school. Please respond as it will help the school move forward. Thank you.

Staffing

I would like to offer my thanks to all the staff at St Chad's for their continuous hard work and dedication.

It takes every member of staff regardless of their roles to make the school a happy and safe place for the children in our care.



On behalf of the Staff and Governors

May we wish you all a very Happy and Holy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.



Best wishes Mrs K.
Bickley