



# NEWSPAPER

## Second Half Summer Term 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Thank you for your support this year – we cannot tell you how much we have appreciated it**

I want to open the end of term newsletter by thanking every parent, carer and family member from the bottom of my heart for your cooperation, understanding and support for the school this year.

2020 and 2021 have been difficult in every walk of life and the restrictions placed upon schools – lockdown closure, remote learning, staggered starts, bubble closures, no parents coming to assembly and Mass..... the list goes on – have made life very difficult. Throughout this period the parents, carers and families at this school have been so supportive, so understanding and so kind towards the staff of the school and it's really important as the Executive Principal that I let you all know how much we have appreciated all of your exceptional support and understanding. As staff we're really proud to serve at St Chad's and we thank you so much.





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## Our Catholic Schools Pupil Profile Values this half term are FAITH FILLED and HOPEFUL

The children have all been focussing on these values in RE, in assembly, mass and in their day to day work in class.

### FAITH FILLED

Learning to keep our faith and trust in God almighty even when things are difficult or we are challenged.

### HOPEFUL

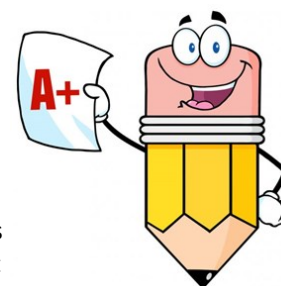
Keeping our faith and believing in hope – the hope and trust that our prayers are heard, god knows us, loves us, hears us and helps us. Having hope in our faith in Lord Jesus Christ.

#### Your child's end of year report

End of year reports will be sent out next week and we will email you to confirm when these have been sent.

#### Optional parent phone call consultations should you wish to discuss your child's report

Your child's report will include a slip where you can request a call back from your child's teacher if you would like to speak to them. In many cases the report itself is sufficient to give you all the end of year information you need. However, if you would like to speak with your child's teacher you can request a call from them. Full details will be included with the report. This parent consultation / call back is entirely optional and only intended for those parents who wish to discuss the written report.





### **Staff who are retiring**

#### **Mrs Bentley**

Mrs Bentley will be retiring at the end of term after serving our school in Reception Class as a senior teacher for many years. Mrs Bentley has been the welcoming and friendly face of St Chad's to hundreds of children on their first day at school and she is widely respected amongst both parents, carers and her colleagues for the wonderful work she has done in our school. Mrs Bentley has experienced family illness this term and has been off work since Easter but will be popping in to say goodbye to her class before the end of term. Mrs Bentley will be sadly missed and we wish her a happy and healthy retirement full of time with family and time to enjoy life. We really thank Mrs Bentley for her many years of generous service.

#### **Mrs Walker**

Mrs Walker is also retiring. She is a long serving teaching assistant who has served at the upper end of the school supporting some of our oldest pupils throughout their last years in primary school, helping to prepare them for Confirmation and for their big step up to secondary school. Mrs Walker is also well known as a kind, caring, helpful and generous member of staff. She will be very sadly missed and we wish her a healthy and happy retirement full of time with family and time to enjoy life. We really thank Mrs Walker for her many years of generous service.



### **Goodbye to our Year 6 pupils**

Just like last year, our Year 6 pupils have experienced a very different type of year in Year 6 – unlike anything that has happened in the 100 or so years before 2020 and 2021. We'd like to say what an absolute credit to their parents and carers the children in Year 6 have been this year and indeed throughout their time in school. This year they have coped extremely well with online learning, bubble closures and the absence of their much-loved teacher. All things considered – the class have done brilliantly and we'd like to thank both the children and yourselves for all your support and understanding in this difficult year. There are lots of special events and activities for Year 6 in the last week or so of school and we hope the children will enjoy them all. We wish every single child in Year 6 all the best for next September and we promise that they will be kept in our prayers at the start of next term.

### **Goodbye to parents and carers who will no longer be coming to the school in September**

If this July marks the end of your time as a parent or carer at St Chad's we'd like to say goodbye and wish you and your family all the best for the future. Thank you for your support of the school and we hope the next stage in your child's school journey is a happy one – we will be praying for all of our leavers and their families well into the next school year.



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## Classroom Staffing List for September 2021

Nursery (awaiting DFE confirmation)	Mrs Smith, Senior Teacher / Deputy EYFS Leader (0.5) / Miss Link – Early Years Lead Practitioner (0.5) and Mrs Westwood, Level 3 Teaching Assistant – Full Time.
Reception	Miss Westwood, Teacher and Mrs Stevenson, Teaching Assistant
Year 1	Miss Fellows, Teacher and Mrs Hadley, Teaching Assistant
Year 2	Mr Wilkinson, Teacher and Miss Newey, Teaching Assistant
Year 3	Mrs Dunne, Teacher, Key Stage 2 Teaching Assistants (see below)
Year 4	Mrs Hunt, Teacher Key Stage 2 Teaching Assistants (see below)
Year 5	Mr Lodge, Teacher, Key Stage 2 Teaching Assistants (see below)
Year 6	Miss Polito, Senior Teacher and Mrs Harper, Teaching Assistant
<b>Our Teaching Assistants working across Years 3, 4 and 5:</b> Miss Quinn, Miss Clarke and a new TA being appointed for September	

Executive Headteacher	Mr Hinton – serving St Chad's and St Joseph's – predominantly based at St Chad's
Executive Head of School	Mrs Chapman – serving both schools – predominantly based at St Joseph's
Lead Senior Teacher	Miss Oakley – serving both schools - SENCO / EYFS Leader / Phonics Leader
Senior Teachers	Mrs Smith - serving both schools and Miss Polito serving St Chad's
Designated Safeguarding Leads	Mr Hinton and Mrs Chapman
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads	Miss Oakley and Mrs Smith



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## Timings of the school day for September 2021

This week the government have announced that the 'bubbles' system for keeping class groups separated will cease to be mandatory from the end of term. They have also announced that there will no longer be a requirement for staggered start times. All existing bubble arrangements and staggered starts remain in place for this term – but things will change for September.



From September – school opens for children in Reception to Year 6 at 8.45am. Children can come in to school from 8.45am onwards. School starts at 9.00am. Doors are closed at 9.00am and any arrivals after 9.00am are marked as late. School finishes each day for Reception to Year 6 at 3.15pm.

Timings for our new nursery (awaiting final approval) will be mornings 8.30am to 11.30am, afternoons 12.30pm to 3.30pm and 30 hours funded provision 8.30am to 2.30pm with the option to pay a top up fee to 3.30pm.

## School Life from September 2021

The Government are just starting to announce things for September – we will study everything and make the changes once they are confirmed. At the time of writing all we know for sure is that staggered starts will no longer be required and bubbles will not be required. Once we know more – we will write to you this term or early next term. However – please be assured that – based on the latest announcements – school times for Reception to Year 6 will be 9.00am to 3.15pm with doors open from 8.45am. This will only change if government guidance should unexpectedly change, which seems unlikely at this stage.

## Breakfast and After School Club – September 2021

As you may be aware, we will no longer be renting out the mobile unit to Sedgley Kids Club because the unit has gone well past its useable life and will be decommissioned and ultimately removed. We are opening our own school nursery class and will be offering a school-based breakfast and after school club. Details have been sent out separately and the clubs open on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

The online booking system will be up and running on 20th September and prior to this date we will need to use a paper booking form which was emailed to all parents on 7th July 2021. Extra copies are available from the school office. To secure your child a place prior to the online booking system going live on Monday 20th September, please complete and return the booking form and return to us asap.





### Sports Days

Sadly we are not able to invite you to our sports days next week but we are pleased to tell you they will be going ahead, one class bubble at a time whatever the weather. If the weather is fine sports will take place outdoors and if it is raining each class will hold their events in the hall. Every child will earn points for their team by taking part, with extra points for the top three places in each event. At the end of the week we will total up the points scored and announce our Sports Day winning team for 2021!

### End Of Term Diary Dates: sadly we cannot invite you to any of these events

Date	Activity	Notes
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day for Y4,5,6 (Morning) Individual classes outdoors one at a time – no mixing of bubbles	Will be rearranged or moved to the hall if weather is bad.
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception Class Sports Day (Morning)	Will be moved to the hall if weather is bad.
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> July – Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Optional Parent / Carer phone calls to discuss your child's end of year report if you would like to	Arrangements will be included in your child's report.
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day for Years 1,2 and 3 (Morning) Individual classes outdoors one at a time – no mixing of bubbles	Will be moved to the hall if weather is bad.
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Own clothes day Movie Afternoon in class	Own Clothes Day!
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Graduation – MORNING (TIME CHANGE)	Video copy (USB) will be provided for all families
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leaver's Mass 9.15am Year 6 Leaver's Tea Party after Mass	School is providing each child with an individual boxed 'tea party' including cakes, crisps and a drink. <b>Donations towards costs welcomed.</b>
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Break up for summer holidays	(Weds 21 <sup>st</sup> is a staff training day)

**Children return back to school on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021**

**School opens Reception to Year 6: 8.45am – School starts 9.00am – Finishes 3.15pm**





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### School Fund – thank you so much for your donations

Thank you so much for your generous donations to school fund – I cannot tell you the difference your generous donations make to our ability to provide extra equipment, treats and materials for the children. If you've made a donation this year – of whatever value – thank you so much. Every single penny has been appreciated and put to good use. Making a donation is entirely voluntary and we ask you to only donate if you wish to, are happy to and able to. At the same time – please know that everything you donate makes a genuine difference to the school and is spent on the children. We really appreciate your donations.

If you would like to make a final donation to school fund for 2020/21 we would be more than grateful.

**How to donate** - donations can be made using the SchoolGateway app, selecting payments and voluntary contribution to school fund Spring/Summer 2021.

Thank you to everyone who has downloaded the SchoolGateway app. If you haven't done so here are the steps to follow;

- Search for "SchoolGateway" in the Apple App Store/Google Play or on your phone go to [www.schoolgateway.com/apple](http://www.schoolgateway.com/apple) (Apple) or [www.schoolgateway.com/android](http://www.schoolgateway.com/android) (Android)
- Install the app and if you are asked then say yes to "Allow Push Notifications"
- When you launch SchoolGateway for the first time, please select 'New User' and enter the email address and mobile telephone number you have registered with school.
- The system will send a PIN code to your phone; please enter this PIN code and the app will be activated for you.

Donations  
are Greatly  
Appreciated!



### Have a safe and happy summer

We hope that you and your family enjoy a safe and happy summer. All the best to everyone who is leaving us in July – and to everyone returning – we really look forward to welcoming you back to school in September.

School closes for Summer on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July and reopens to pupils on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September from 8.45am.

With every kind wish as always.

Mr M Hinton  
Executive Principal

