St Chad's Newsletter

6th December 2024

"At St. Chad's, we grow in the light of Christ, to share his love and reflect the gospel values."

This week:

- Nativity rehearsals began for our infant classes. Their performance is Friday 13th December at 2pm.
- Year 6 became Asthma Ambassadors—see below for more detail.
- Year 5 prepared a Lenten prayer service for the school and parents.
- Year 6 went to the QE Hospital to sing to all the visitors. They were amazing. We are very proud of them all. They really are a wonderful example to all the children in the school.

This Sunday is the Second Sunday of Advent

Advent
This Sunday marks the Second Sunday of the Advent season, a special time of preparation and reflection as we journey towards Christmas.

Heavenly Father,
As we light the second candle of Advent, the candle of Peace,
we ask You to fill our hearts with the peace that only You can give.
Help us to prepare our lives for the coming of Your Son, Jesus Christ,
the Prince of Peace.
May we bring peace to our families, our communities,
and to all we meet.
Guide us to trust in Your promise and to share Your love with the world.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Monday 6th January 2025

We will be closed on Monday 6th January for all pupils for teacher training. School will reopen on Tuesday 7th January for all pupils at the usual time.

School Masses

Celebrated by Fr Brian

Please join us for our last Mass of the school year next Thursday at 9am.

12.12.24 Mass at 9am Led by Year 5

Asthma Ambassadors

On Tuesday we had visitors from Birmingham Children's hospital delivering an Asthma Friendly Schools Programme workshop to Year 6

All of Y6 are now Asthma ambassador's for our school. They have all been trained on what to do in an emergency at home; in school and on the playground. It is an ongoing programme so there will be more throughout the year. The children will be holding termly meetings to discuss ideas and share information on what we need to be doing as a school to keep us safe. The nurses who led the training were very impressed with the children's questions and their knowledge. Well done Year 6.

Virtue Certificates

YR Kimberley - Attentive and Discerning —For trying very hard in all areas.

Y1 Babafemi – Attentive & Discerning - For careful listening and making good choices.

Y2 Hesda - Curious & Active —For always asking and answering questions.

Y3 Abemelek - Intentional and Prophetic – For always being ready to learn.

Y4 Noah - Curious and Active - For preparing the classroom altar.

Y5 Christela – Compassionate & Loving – For being so kind to the younger children.

Y6 All of Year 6 – Faith filled and Hopeful - For using the talents that God has given to them to bring hope and joy to others.

AR Elijah - Faith filled and Hopeful – For learning to make the sign of the cross.

13.12.23	Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 School Nativity 2pm in school.
18.12.24	KS2 Nativity at St Chad's Cathedral at 6pm
19.12.24	Christmas jumper, Christmas dinner and Christmas Party Day
20.12.24	School closes for Christmas at 1:30pm
07.01.25	School opens for the spring term.

Intentional and Prophetic

Intentional in the way they live and use the resources of the earth, guided by conscience; and prophetic in the example they set to others.

What does this mean?

Catholic schools help their pupils grow by being a school community which is intentional in its way of proceeding to build-up quality of life; and which is prophetic in the way it offers an alternative vision of education and the human person rooted in the gospel.

The Pope's Prayer Intentions for December

December: For pilgrims of hope
We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

House points

St Monica were our winners this week with 265 points!

Christmas—Jumper, Dinner, Parties.

Thursday 19th December will officially be Christmas in school. It will be Christmas Jumper day, Christmas Dinner Day and Christmas party day. We are asking for £1 donation from families to support our Christmas fund raising.

If you would like your child to have Christmas Dinner and they usually have a packed lunch, then please let the School Office know. The cost is £2.50 which can be paid through Parent Pay.

Complaints

If you have a complaint or a concern regarding the school, then please refer to our Complaints Policy. The procedures are outlined in the document. You will find it here https://www.st-chads.bham.sch.uk/Policies-Documents/

Designated Senior Safeguarding Leaders

DESIGNATED SENIOR LEADERS Ms Ryan is the Designated Senior Lead for child protection and Mrs Parker, Mr Lewis, Mrs Wheatley and Mrs Ashford. As a school, we take child protection and safeguarding procedures very seriously. The safety and wellbeing of all our children is paramount. If you have a concern about a child, please see one of the aforementioned members of staff.

Our stars of the week have been truly living out the Gospel Values

CONGRATULATIONS

AR Abigail

YR Mila Elle Y1 Kartier Y2 Abubacar Y3 Kingsley

Y4 Ezana Y5 Whole Class Y6 Naomh

Father Hudson's Reverse Calendar

We are taking part in the Reverse Advent Calendar for Father Hudson's Homes. Please read the attached poster which will give you further details.

We are collecting toiletries to support people living on the street or who are new to the country as asylum seekers or refugees. Please help us by supporting this cause. If every child could bring in one item, we will have collected over 200 toiletries to support those who need our help.

St Chad's Cathedral

Saturday Vigil at 4.30pm

Sunday Masses will be at 9.30am and 11.30am

(live streamed and Cathedral open)

Weekday Masses

Monday to Friday: 12.15pm

(live streamed and Cathedral open)

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Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Every School Day Counts!

Well done to **Year 3** with the highest attendance

with a fabulous 98% this week!