

## St. Chad's Catholic Primary School, Sedgley. Tel: 01384 818720.

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26<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

Dear Parents / Carers,

## Congratulations to: Gold Star Children this week who are:

Reception: Edward for excellent progress in his reading, well done.

Y1: Connor Lee for a fantastic, confident start to Year 1.

<u>Y2</u>: Darcey for a big improvement in her presentation.

<u>Y3:</u> Daniel for trying hard to improve his presentation and putting great effort into his work, in and out of school.

<u>Y4:</u> Zen for an improved attitude to learning, especially in Maths.

<u>Y5</u>: Kacper for consistently scoring high marks in his arithmetic tests and for inspiring others in the class. Well done.

<u>Y6:</u> Harry for an excellent effort improving his handwriting.

Last week's Golden ticket winners: Jermaine and Sofia

**School Mass:** there will be no school Mass until 15<sup>th</sup> November, when mass will be in the school hall.

**Parents' Evening for Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4 and Y6:** will be held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November from 3.30pm to 5.30pm and Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November from 5pm to 7pm. All bookings will have to be made using SchoolsBuddy. If you have any problems please contact the school office.





**My Maths:** we are no longer subscribing to My Maths. However, children still have home access to Purple Mash and RM Easimaths via RM Unify – the link for this is at the bottom of the school's website home page.

**Children's Halloween Disco:** this was a huge success. The children all had a great time and looked fantastic. Some of the makeup was quite scary!



**Open Sessions:** we will be holding two Open Sessions on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November from 9.30am – 10.30am and Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November from 2pm – 3pm. This will be an opportunity for any interested parents (Catholic or non-Catholic) to experience our caring, Christian community. This will be particularly relevant to anyone considering a place in Reception class for September 2019. Please contact the office to book your place.



**Poppies:** will be on sale after the half term. This year the British Legion have sent key rings and poppy stationery (pencils, sharpeners and rubbers) as well as traditional poppies so there will be lots of things to buy to support Remembrance Day.

**Remembrance Service:** on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November we will be holding a short assembly in St. Chad's cemetery so that all children and staff can lay wreaths and remember the war dead, particularly the six men buried in our cemetery. Even if it is raining heavily, the KS2 children will still hold the assembly so please make sure your child has a suitable coat and footwear. Please feel free to join us if you can.

**Y4 Assembly:** will take place on Friday 9 November at 2.40pm in the school hall. All welcome.

**Collecting from school:** if you have made arrangements for someone else to collect your child from school, please make sure that the school is notified. We will not allow any child to go with another parent unless we have been informed beforehand.



**Shoe Box Appeal:** after half term Mrs Harris will be collecting gift-filled shoe boxes as part of Operation Christmas Child. Each shoe box will be hand delivered to a child in need, asking nothing from them in return. All boxes are given to the neediest children regardless of nationality, political background or religious beliefs. Boxes need to be in school by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November.

**Absence:** if your child is absent from school, please ring the school by 9.30am giving a reason for the absence. You can leave a message on the answer machine if necessary. If you have not notified the school by this time, we will call the parent who is first contact. If we get no answer, we will follow safeguarding procedure and call everyone on the child's contact list until we are confident that the child is safe. When your child is well enough to return to school, a letter must be sent explaining the reason for the absence. No absence is authorised until a letter is received.

School opens after half term on Monday 5 November at 8.55am. Lunch on this day will include burgers and sausage to help celebrate Bonfire Night.

Enjoy your half term break,

S. M. Mason

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