



## Welcome Back

Welcome back to school after the long and sunny summer break. I hope that you were all able to relax and enjoy yourselves and that your children now return to St. Chad's with refreshed energy and enthusiasm, ready to face the challenges of the new school year. A special welcome is extended to all our new children, parents and staff.

Once again, the children have impressed us with their maturity and confidence on their return, getting straight down to learning with their new teachers and support staff. We have already set them several challenges, some of which will be explained further in this newsletter. We are looking forward to a happy, hard-working and successful autumn term ahead and would ask you to talk to your children about their aspirations for the year, in keeping with our

### Vision and Values

We are aiming for '**EXCELLENCE**' here at St. Chad's and throughout last year we began to discuss what that would look like here in our school. The children are very clear and understand the types of behaviours that will enable us to reach our goal. Last year we were delighted with the children's positive response to our whole school value points system reward, in recognition of their commitment to showing the positive value in their conduct and work effort in school. We also listened to the children through School Council and implemented Class reward system by way of 'Marbles in a Jar'.

We wanted to share this with you so that you could also encourage the children to work towards these awards.

#### Merits

**10 = Bronze    20= Silver    30=Gold    40= Super Gold    50 = Platinum    60=Diamond**

We are encouraging and challenging all Key Stage 1 and 2 children to work towards Bronze Award by the end of the Autumn term.

The points can be earned through effort in their work, achievement in their learning and homework. Class staff will monitor their progress towards this award, Phase Leaders will reward and encourage them along the way and awards will be celebrated in whole school assemblies.

#### House Points

House points are awarded for 'impeccable' behaviour. Those children who demonstrate the behaviours that we expect to see from the children at St. Chad's will be awarded behaviour points. These can be given by any adult in school as we are encouraging the children to respond appropriately to all adults.

I hope that you will join us in encouraging your children to climb the ladder to excellence.

### **Arriving at School and Collecting Children**

Thank you all for ensuring that your child has returned back to school on time and in the correct uniform. They are all looking so smart. As the weather changes please ensure that they are dressed appropriately.

Please remember the school day starts at 8:45 children should be on the class line at this time.

As you know, our policy states that children in years 5 & 6 only, with written permission, can walk to and from school alone. Letters have been sent home this week to ensure that we have a clear record of these children and we ask that these are returned to the school office by next week. We also ask that you inform us of any other adult/s that may collect your child, even if this only occasionally. If a member of St. Chad's staff do not recognise the adult collecting your child, they will respectfully ask the adult to accompany them to the school office and a phone call will be made to confirm permission with parents.

### **PTFA**

As you will be aware, the PTFA are critical to the wider life of the school community and their work in organising events brings huge enjoyment to the children. However, it relies on both the hands on work of all the volunteer helpers and the organisation of the Chair and Vice Chair. Please if you are able to spare a little time and energy to step in and help make a difference to all children at St Chad's speak with your class reps.

### **Meet the teacher**

We will holding Meet the teacher meetings next week from the Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September. This will be an opportunity to talk to teachers and find out what they will be doing this year.

### **Parents Evening**

Please also save the following dates for our formal autumn term parents evening.

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October – Years 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 3:00pm – 6pm**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Year 5 ONLY 3:00pm -6pm**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> – All Year Groups – 4pm-7pm**

### **Attendance**

Attendance for 2017 to 2018 was 96.6%. Target for 2018to 2019 is 97%. Please ensure that your child attends school on time, every day.

Have a blessed weekend