

# St Chad's Catholic School



Grow in Love

Live In Peace

16<sup>th</sup> March 2018

## Dear Parents/ Carers,

It does not seem possible that we are at the end of another term here at St. Chad's. As we enter Holy week we reflect on all the good work achieved by all our pupils. Yesterday year 5 led the school in the final part of our Easter trilogy, it was a very moving liturgy and we were very proud of all the children who were exceptionally well behaved, well done boys and girls. It has been a very busy productive time for the school and I would like to thank all parents for your support throughout the term. Our Parent evenings, Class Assemblies and Liturgies as well as our breakfast events have been very popular and well attended. Thank you to all parents who have helped on trips, including the Reception Trip to Bromley Theatre and Year 4 trip to Modern Hall. Thank you to everyone who attended our Year 1 Phonics Check meeting last week. It was very successful where information was shared and parents were able to ask questions.

## Easter Holiday Homework

During the Easter break we will be asking children to make a mini Easter Garden to help children understand the meaning of Easter and celebrate the resurrection. This model will be due the first day back after the Easter break. Please see below for ideas.



Please see Mrs Morbin for further information.



## Attendance



The class with the best attendance for the whole of the spring term is St Thomas Aquinas with 97.7%- Well done to them. We also have 104 children who have achieved 100% attendance since September. Fantastic News!!

The Education Welfare Officer visits our school every two weeks to check on our children's attendance. Hopefully the Summer Term will see a significant decrease in the number of children arriving late for school each morning. Some children are 5/10 minutes late each day! It is the responsibility of the adults to ensure that your child is in school before 8:45 each morning.

## Security and Safety

Please may I remind parents and adults who drop off and pick children up from school, that they should be supervised at all times. The site is open at the beginning and end of the day to allow access and children should not be running around the premises for safety and security reasons. Thank you for cooperation in this matter.



## **Uniform**

Please ensure that your child has the correct school uniform after the Easter break. The uniform list can be found on the school website and purchased from 'Bubblegum' the school uniform shop. School uniform is a requirement at St. Chad's, if you are having difficulties please come and speak with one of the Senior Members of Staff.

## **Outstanding Payments**

A polite reminder of payment of outstanding monies owed to school. A reminder letter has been sent to parents to pay any outstanding money owed. We are asking for any outstanding payments to be made by the latest day Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. If payment is not received we have no option but ask for your child to bring a packed lunch to school. If any parent for whatever reason would like to discuss this please make an appointment with the office staff the first week back after the holidays.

## **Year 2 – Palm Sunday Liturgy**

The children shared the story of Hannah the donkey, who had a special job to carry out. Through her struggles we learnt that sometimes God has a plan for us that we are unaware of but if we listen very carefully we can hear his message.



## **Year 5 – The Last Supper Liturgy**

Year 5 told us the story of the Last Supper, how Jesus taught his disciples to serve by washing their feet. Help us Lord to find it in our hearts to be servants to each other and follow in his footsteps.



### Lunch with the Headteacher

On Wednesday I had the pleasure of having lunch with 6 winners from the book week lunch competition. It was a real treat to share this time speaking with the children and enjoying their company. The children have given me some lovely ideas that they would like to see to improve opportunities here at St. Chad's. Next time we will invite some members of the Board of Directors to join us.



### Year 4

Year 4 having been building their own animal enclosures as part of their English work, the children had to then work in a group a pitch to and try and persuade to the zoo keeper to buy their enclosure. See below some of their master pieces.



### School Website:

Don't forget to look at the School Website regularly. Photographs, updates for parents and events are posted weekly. It is a useful way of you being able to keep up to date with event here in school.

[www.stchadsprimaryschool.com](http://www.stchadsprimaryschool.com)

As we start Holy week we turn our thoughts to Easter and the joy and the hope that it represents. Without Easter, without the Resurrection, we would face a future of darkness rather than the promise of eternal life. Easter is truly a time of celebration! As we see signs of renewed life all around us in nature, we realise that we share in that renewal.

Together, as parents and teachers, we face the future – with all of its challenges and all of its opportunities – with renewed faith and hope as we voice our joyful “Alleluia”.



May God bless you and your families and keep you safe over the Easter period.