



“We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God” (2 Cor 5:20)

Dear Parents /Carers

We begin this month, by celebrating our school’s feast day and reflecting on our role model— St Chad. In school we celebrated with a special Mass lead by Year 3.

The focus this month will be on Lent, with the children being given the opportunity to grow closer to God, during this important season. There will be many opportunities for the children to prepare their hearts for the coming celebration of Easter.

Mrs Mitchener

This month we will be studying the themes of Lent/Easter and Giving

LENT/EASTER - GIVING

(9th Mar – 3rd April)

Early Years	GROWING - Looking forward to Easter
Year 1	CHANGE - Lent: a time for change
Year 2	OPPORTUNITIES - Lent: an opportunity to start anew
Year 3	GIVING ALL - Lent: remembering Jesus’ total giving
Year 4	SELF DISCIPLINE - Celebrating growth to new life
Year 5	SACRIFICE - Lent: a time of aligning with the sacrifice made by Jesus
Year 6	DEATH & NEW LIFE - Celebrating Jesus’ death and resurrection

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

As a family talk about how you are going to practice self-control and self-giving for the rest of the season of Lent. You may decide to give up biscuits or cakes and donate the money to a charity. If you have an older child provide him/her with an opportunity to take part in The Stations of the Cross. Ask your child/ren how the school is focusing on Lent and self-giving.

Ash Wednesday



Fr Bartholomew came to bless and distribute the ashes for our Ash Wednesday Service. Members of our Chaplaincy Team lead the readings, as we came together to begin the Season of Lent.



The service gave the children the opportunity to say sorry for their mistakes and the chance to focus on what they need to do to prepare for Easter.

Fr Bartholomew visited even our youngest children, in the nursery and most were very excited to receive the ashes!

Receptions' Trip to St Chad's Church

As our topic this half term is 'Gathering', Reception started off last week with a visit to St Chad's Church. We were very excited! When we arrived at the Church, we spent lots of time exploring. First we blessed ourselves with Holy Water and learnt how to genuflect to the Tabernacle. We spent some time thinking about how Jesus was in the Tabernacle, meaning that we had to be respectful. We saw some parishioners praying the Rosary and we listened carefully. We discussed all the symbols we could see in the Church; Crosses, Angels, Mary and lots of blue. We particularly enjoyed visiting St Chad's statue. Despite being caught in a downpour of rain on the way back to school, we enjoyed our first visit to St Chad's Church and can't wait to go back!

Miss Roberts and Miss Mirfakhraie



Congratulations to Caitlin

Caitlin's cake sale to raise funds for Battersea Dog Home raised a very impressive **£165.28**. The cake sale was entirely her idea and she organised the event herself—with perhaps a little help from friends and family baking and providing the delicious cakes!

It is lovely to see our students living the gospel values and demonstrating genuine compassion and a desire to support charities.

A big Well Done to Caitlin!



Special Times This Month March

2nd St Chad's Feast Day- Mass in school

9th Yr6 Reconciliation

11th Lenten Breakfast in the hall

16th Yr5 Reconciliation

16th St John Bosco - Adoration

17th St Patrick's Feast Day

19th St Joseph's Feast Day

22nd Mothering Sunday

23rd Yr4 Reconciliation

25th The Annunciation of the Lord

Easter—Resurrection Garden



I would like every child/family to decorate a butterfly at home, as a representation of the beauty and new life that abound at Easter. Please bring your butterfly back into school before the end of March, to be part of a whole school display. Your child/children will be given the Butterfly template to decorate, by their class teacher. It would be lovely if you made one yourself or made it with your child, so that the display will represent the whole community of St Chad's school.

You can decorate the butterfly in any way you would like. You might choose to decorate your butterfly with buttons, sequins, or other colourful or shiny materials you have at home. You might chose to paint it or simply colour it in.



Please talk to your child about their Lenten Calendar and their Lenten Promise. And remind them to fill it in.

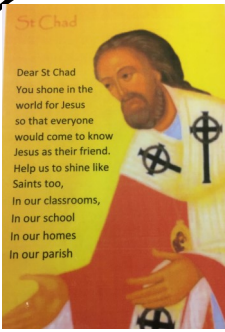
MY 2020 LENTEN CALENDAR—40 CROSSES

This Lent I will show my love for Jesus by doing something for him each day. To show what I have done, I will color a cross each day to match one of the good deeds below.

GREEN CROSS - I said an extra prayer.
PURPLE CROSS - I helped someone.
RED CROSS - I did something good that was hard for me to do.
YELLOW CROSS - I did what I was supposed to do without being told.

Signed _____

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			February 29	1	2	3
March 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
March 8	9	10	11	12	13	14
March 15	16	17	18	19	20	21
March 22	23	24	25	26	27	28
March 29	30	31	April 1	2	3	4
April 5	6	7	8	9	10	11



St Chad's Feast Day Mass

On 2nd March 2020, the whole school celebrated St Chad's Feast Day with a Mass led by Yr3.

We had a wonderful occasion, full of joy and prayer. Fr blessed each class Bible, as this is the Year of The Word and each class took away with them a St Chad's prayer card for their prayer table.

We listened with our ears and hearts to the gospel reading, about how we can be more like St Chad in our attitude and manner. It would be good, if your child/children could also say the St Chad's prayer at home with you.

Mrs Gallagher



CAFOD
Just one world

Lenten Breakfast

We will be holding our annual Lenten breakfast on Wednesday 11th March from 8.00am in the school hall.

All parents, carers and extended family are welcome to join us, as we come together to raise funds for CAFOD.



LENT

Pray + Fast + Give

In school, we describe Lent is a time of preparation for celebration of Easter. We teach the children to think of the forty days of Lent as an opportunity to change their daily lives and become closer to God.

Lent isn't simply a "countdown" or something to "get through" — it's a chance to set aside daily distractions and focus on their relationship with the Lord. The older children are given the opportunity to receive Reconciliation and all the children are asked to think of others, through prayer or charitable acts.



This year every child, has written their Lenten Prayer on a footprint, to signify that we are following in the footsteps of Jesus.

Each Year group were also asked to write prayers for the world based on a theme they were given. The themes included: Peace, Unity, Hope, forgiveness, Friendship and Love.



The God Who Roars



As part of the Year of the Word, Reception have been given their very own Lion who Roars. He will help them listen to the word of St Matthew and to 'roar' about the stories of Jesus.



Anti—Bullying Ambassadors Assembly Values and Respect

The Anti-bullying Ambassadors led our assembly this morning, reminding us how important it is to respect each other and what respect looks like. They produced an excellent PowerPoint, which you can view on our website. They even entertained us with a thoroughly enjoyable Respect Rap!

Mrs Davern

