



## St Chad's Catholic School

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### Weekly Newsletter

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

The weeks are already starting to whizz by and it is amazing that we are still able to enjoy so much sunshine. We have had 'our heads down' and have been working very hard over the last couple of weeks to ensure we are getting the best out of every single minute of every single day. As you know, national expectations have been raised and we need to 'close gaps' in all children's understanding. This is a three way process of responsibility being at home, in school and also with the children. Please make sure that you are listening to your child read every night and making sure that homework is completed and handed in on time. Research shows that children who are supported at home do better at school. **Next Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September is Meet the Teacher Evening.** Please make every effort to attend, it is really important to establish a positive working relationship between home and school. I will also be around so please do come and introduce yourself.

Our new Reception children have now completed their first full week in school and they are impressing everyone with how well they have managed to settle in. They had a beautiful welcome assembly this morning, which was shared with their parents. We were all so impressed with their impeccable behaviour throughout and I am looking forward to seeing them blossom this academic year. They will each go home this evening with a balloon they received during the assembly from the Year 6 children, as a sign that they have been welcomed into St. Chad's School family.

Thank you to the Reception team for organising this celebration.

We were fortunate enough today to have a special Retreat Day for Year 6. Some children from St. Mary's Catholic High School came to work with the children, reflecting on their 'gifts and talents'. The children from St Mary's were a credit to their school and it was a wonderful experience for our children not be able to work with the children in Year 7. I would like to thank Deacon Tony Flavin for coordinating this day of reflection.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine.

**Delia Jameson**

#### School Website

We are currently in the process of updating the school website.

If you have a look, you will see that we have new class pages and the children are working hard to get some work up for you to be able to see all the wonderful activities that the children are taking part in at school.

We will also be sending out a consent form to update our information regarding the use of your child's picture on our school website.

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

### Year 6

We are busy interviewing our Year Six children for responsibilities, so please look out for an email announcing the results! We have been very impressed with all the applicants and we have a difficult decision ahead.



### Paying for School Dinners

School dinners are currently free for all children in Reception, Year One and Year Two. If your child is in Year Three or above you must ensure that you do not have any dinner debt. Please check your ParentPay account on a regular basis to ensure that you are in credit. The school has a zero debt policy and your child may be refused a dinner if there is no credit on your account.

### Attendance and Punctuality

There are still a small number of children arriving late for school. Please ensure that children are on time, this will mean less disruption to learning for all the children.



### Whole School Mass

Reminder we have Mass for Years 2-6 next  
**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September, at St. Chad's church, 9:30am**  
Please come and join us as we celebrate the school year.

