



Lux est in Christo

St Chad's Newsletter

December 16th 2016

"At St. Chad's, we grow in the light of Christ, to share his love and reflect the gospel values."



This is the final Friday newsletter of 2016 - where's the year gone? We still have our productions next week of course, and rehearsals are sounding very tuneful and full of joy so I look forward to those. Y6 were on a History trip yesterday and the staff reported that many of the staff at the 'living museum' asked the children to 'go back and tell your Headteacher how wonderful you've been'. What a great thing to hear!!

It's been a year of successes at St Chad's, not just academically but in sport, the arts and in the wider curriculum. All of this of course, is done with Christ at the centre. The fact that we're a church school gives meaning to our Christmas celebrations, they're not an 'add on' they are the very reason we are here - to love, serve, celebrate and become closer to Jesus. From the staff and Governors of St Chad's we wish everyone in our school community a happy and holy Christmas.

A massive thank you and a well deserved 'Merry Christmas' to Mr Graham and his team in the kitchen. I'm sure the children will all agree, the school Christmas lunch was a massive success on Wednesday. The food was delicious and it was great to sit down with the children and listen to the festive songs whilst tucking into my Christmas pudding and custard!! Big thanks also to our team of dedicated lunchtime supervisors, who work so hard to ensure that the children are happy during the lunch hour. You all do a great job!

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KEY DATES NEXT WEEK:

MONDAY: 2pm - KS1 CONCERT

TUESDAY: 6pm - KS2 CONCERT

WEDNESDAY:

9.15am MASS

1.30pm CHRISTMAS PARTIES (CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO WEAR NON-UNIFORM ALL DAY)

THURSDAY - 1.30pm SCHOOL CLOSES

Well the children - and staff - all looked very festive today. A reminder that our Advent charity this year is Crisis. We are raising money to ensure that as many of the sadly ever-increasing number of homeless people we have in our city, have a meal and a bed at Christmas. Thank you for your kind support. I will be able to give the total amount raised in the new year.

Attendance winners this week are Y4 with 97.74%. Well done to them.

Our choir were doing us proud at the Caritas Schools' Christmas concert today. They took part at the event in the Cathedral along with 11 other primary schools. It's always a great event. Thanks to the staff who organised and accompanied them.

Not a great week to be a Villa fan. Luckily for us, once again our neighbours - Birmingham City - make us look good with the unbelievable decision to sack a manager who has got the team to near the top of the league, and replace him with one who's been sacked from every job he's had!!

Masses at the Cathedral are -

Saturday at 4.30pm (First Mass for Sunday)

Sunday at 9am and 11am - 4th Sunday of Advent Matthew 1:18-24

"The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel."

Thank you to Y3 who led the Mass this morning. Father talked about what darkness was. We all know someone who is experiencing darkness in their lives, and the children gave ways in which we can bring light to them.

Please do join us for our final Mass on Wednesday 9.15am



'Star of the Week' this week is Nuame (Y5) she always works hard!

'Virtues' certificate winners this week are D'Or, Djovani, Jordan, Patricya, Xin Jie, Orel & Rayne

House point winners are St Don Bosco (Green)