



Lux est in Christo

St Chad's Newsletter

December 2nd 2016

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



This Sunday is the second of Advent - the Season of Love. We started the week with a prayer service led by KS1 and we end it with the celebration of Mass. We were reminded that the first half of the season is spent thinking of the second coming of Christ. The gospel readings are about 'being ready'. In school the children will be reflecting on how they will be 'ready' for Christmas. That, of course, is preparing our hearts for this great celebration. Last week, you were sent the 'Walk with Me' calendar to follow each day. Please do display it somewhere that the whole family can see, and discuss the messages of the day. I wish you a wonderful weekend.

On the back of this newsletter is information about a parents' session that our school nurse, Mahima, is hosting on Monday. Please do come along. If you wish to have an appointment with her about any other issues connected with your child's health, please ask Mrs Azadeh to book you an appointment. For issues around housing, crime or benefits, we can signpost you to the correct agencies. Again, Mrs Azadeh is the person to speak to.

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This will be the last week for our two after school football clubs until after Christmas. It's too dark for our children to be walking home, so it's time to stop. Thank you to the children who have taken part this term.

Reminder of important dates:
15th December - Y6 History Trip
19th December - KS1 Christmas Concert 2pm
20th December - KS2 Christmas Concert 6pm
21st December - Christmas Party (All children)
School breaks up for Christmas at 1.30pm on Thursday 22nd December.

I'm pleased to say that we raised close to £200 last Friday with our non-uniform day for pupils and staff. From Monday next week, the school council will be selling raffle tickets during break times. The tickets cost 50p each and there are lots of prizes to be won. All monies raised will go towards our charity appeal.

Attendance winners from last week were Y3 with 98.4%. This week Y5 have 97.5%. We seem to be suffering from the number of children with Chickenpox. Hopefully the cold will kill it off!!

Mrs Azadeh was delighted with the trip last week, to see how our school dinner menus are prepared. The children were able to make and sample some different dishes, and their behaviour was superb. Well done all.

It's looking good for the Villa at the moment and it seems that our new manager has managed to fire some belief and energy into the squad. I'm actually enjoying watching them - and I haven't been able to say that for a few years!! We are live on the TV tomorrow, so fingers crossed!!

Masses at the Cathedral are -
Saturday at 4.30pm (First Mass for Sunday)

Sunday at 9am and 11am - 2nd Sunday of Advent: "I Baptise you with water but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry His sandals; He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and Fire"

Thank you to Y6 who led our Mass this morning. Father Gerry talked to us about Advent being a time of preparing for Jesus' coming and that during this time we should be thinking and helping others who are less fortunate than us. Please do join us next week for Y5's Mass for the Immaculate Conception.



'Star of the Week' this week is Rebecca Darby for being a wonderful member of Year 3.

'Virtues' certificate winners this week are Ngozi, Simon, Zhi Xuan, Alex, Loreta, Lishani and Callum