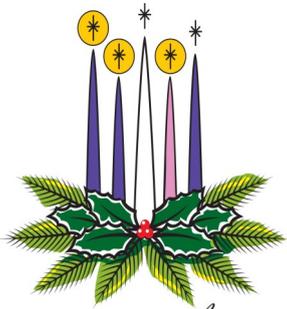


Lux est in Christo

# St Chad's Newsletter

December 9th 2016

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



3RD SUNDAY OF Advent

We now have just two more weeks in school, and we aim to make them as productive as possible! Alongside the rehearsals for Christmas productions, the children are still working hard in class and this week have even had tests! I hope you will get a chance to talk to your children about them. They are designed to inform the teachers of 'next steps' and to assess learning. They are certainly not designed to make children worried or anxious - if this is the case, do come in and see us so we can reassure you all. Speaking to the teachers, it seems as though the children have enjoyed doing them. Well done also to the Y5 group who took part in the Bishop Challoner 'Christ-maths' challenge. I believe that they had a great time yesterday and one of our children was in the winning group!! Thank you to Mrs Powell who accompanied the children.

Wednesday 14th December is our Christmas dinner day in school. If you would like your child to have a dinner rather than sandwiches on that day, please come to the office to pay the £2.15. If your child normally has a hot meal in school, there's nothing extra for you to do. It's normally a great occasion where children and staff can sit down together and eat. Mr Graham and his team will be ready and waiting to serve everyone!

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A reminder for Y3 parents that there are no swimming lessons for the rest of the term; so thank you to the children who have been very good walking to and from the baths - I hope you've enjoyed it!

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Although the main gates to the car park are open in the mornings up until 8.30, parents bringing their children to Breakfast Club, should still use the pedestrian gate. This is for everyone's safety - I know the breakfast is delicious but it's not that much of a short cut and it won't save you too much time!!

Next Friday, 16th December we will be having a 'Christmas Jumper' day. Children will be asked for a donation of £1 towards our Advent Charity - Crisis Birmingham. I hope you'll all be dressed up in your brightest colours on the day and let's end the week, full of Christmas spirit!!

**Attendance winners from last week were Y5 with 97.78%. We are still suffering with Chicken Pox throughout the school so this is a great achievement .**

There will be a meeting on the 19th January for those parents who wish their children to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. The meeting will be here in school at 5.30pm

I spoke too soon! Unfortunately, last weekend we lost our first game under our new manager but I'm hoping to get on back on track tomorrow against Wigan. The games come thick and fast over the festive period, so lots to play for!

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**Masses at the Cathedral are -**

**Saturday at 4.30pm (First Mass for Sunday)**

**Sunday at 9am and 11am - 3rd Sunday of Advent Matthew 11:2-11**

**"Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare the way for you"**

Thank you to Y5 who led our Mass this morning. Fr Gerry spoke to us about what gifts we would like for Christmas, which was an expensive list from some children so I hope Santa is ready!! He went on to ask the children what gifts Jesus wants us to GIVE at Christmas. These are the most important gifts and they're free - kindness, love, care for example.



'Star of the Week' this week is Chelsea - well done to her.

'Virtues' certificate winners this week are Nyat, Daniel, Angela, Sean, Miriam, Daniela and Takiya