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# St Chad's Newsletter

January 13th 2017

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

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to everyone in the St Chad's Community. It seems a long time ago that both Key Stages put on such wonderful performances!! Fr Gerry wants me to thank all of our families who attended any of the Christmas services. I saw lots of children at the 4.30 Mass on Christmas Eve and I also watched some of our children on the TV at midnight.

It was great to see everyone back in good health and raring to get back into class. I know from speaking to the children that Father Christmas had a busy time in our area and was lucky to get to everyone in time!! The atmosphere in school has been good, and the children have settled back into class as if we've never been away!

This term is going to be a busy one so please do take note of any dates that appear in future letters.

**URGENT APPEAL:** if any of you have any unwanted clothes (perhaps too small for your children) please do bring them in so that Mrs Azadeh can take them down to the Sanctuary. We were there before Christmas to take a few bags up, and they are desperate for warm children's clothes. The need is going up so they require more donations.

**THE OFFICE** will only be open from 8.45am - 4.30pm to accept money or answer questions on dinner money owing. Please do not try to call in, outside of those times. Mrs Azadeh can take messages if you are dropping your child off at breakfast club

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### A few reminders for the new year!!

- children must be wearing the correct school uniform. This includes a school tie and black shoes
- PE kit must be in school EVERY day
- If your child is sick, you must let us know before the start of school
- If your child wants to bring in a snack at playtime, it must be fruit - no crisps or bars
- We encourage the children to bring water to drink during the day.

There is a new Family Learning course starting on January 19th (next Thursday). The details are on the reverse of the letter. Please let Mrs Azadeh know if you wish to reserve a place.

**HOUSEPOINTS WINNERS** for last half term were St Don Bosco. Those children will be allowed to wear their own clothes on Thursday 19th January.

**Y4 were our top attenders for the week before the holiday with 97.58% - well done to them.**

A warm St Chad's welcome to two new members of staff - Mrs Neilson will be working in Y6 with us and leading Maths in the school. Mr Benjamin has joined us as Pastoral Manager, adding to our strong staff team.

A mixed bag of results over the Christmas period leaves Villa struggling to close the gap on the top teams. It's a West Midlands derby tomorrow as we make the short journey to Wolverhampton - managed by our ex manager so it should be interesting!!

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**Masses at the Cathedral are -**  
**Saturday at 4.30pm (First Mass for Sunday)**  
**Sunday at 9am and 11am - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary time. John 1:29-34**  
**"Look, there is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world"**

Thank you to Y6 who led our Mass so well this morning. Fr Gerry spoke about the importance of having good friends and BEING a good friend, after hearing the gospel of the man who was carried on a stretcher for miles and lowered from a roof to see Jesus.



'Star of the Week' this week it is Ashari (Y3) a lovely member of the class!!

'Virtues' certificate winners this week are John, Filimon, Amika, Jack, Xin Jie, Malik, Hieran