



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

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Weekly News

Dear Parents,

This week, through our Gospel message, we thought about listening skills and who might be good people to go to for advice. We talked about how advice can sometimes be difficult to hear, but it might be that it is coming from a place of love and care in order to keep us safe, healthy and happy. We linked this to the calling of Simon, Peter, Andrew, James and John and how they listened to the words of Jesus and followed him through times of success and hardship.

Well done to Year Six, who we hope are enjoying their visit to St Chad's today. We are sure your behaviour will be exemplary and look forward to hearing all about it next week.

Congratulations to all of the children who represented school yesterday at the cross country event! Your enthusiasm, enjoyment and determination was clear to see and you did yourselves proud! Thank you to the fantastic staff for organising and supporting the event as well.

On Wednesday 8th February, we will be having former Olympic gymnast, Sam Oldham visit our school in a similar way to Darren Harris last year. Children will be receiving sponsorship forms to raise funds for sports equipment and will be taking part in some fun activities on the day. More details will follow on your child's class page. Thank you in advance for your support of this exciting event.

Mrs Hayes has collated the findings from the spring term induction week. The children are very knowledgeable and speak confidently and eloquently about their class saints and class composers, how to keep safe online, how we follow our Gospel values and British values. Have a chat with your child about these aspects of learning.

We have written to the parents of children who may be affected by the strike action on the following dates: Wednesday 1st February, Wednesday 1st March, Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March. If you did not receive a letter via email this morning, then your child will be expected in school as normal. If anything is to change, we will communicate that as soon as we are able to, taking into consideration staffing ratios and risk assessments. This is a national dispute between the unions and the government and not because of any issues at our school. As ever, we thank you for your continued support.

Have a wonderful weekend. Kindest regards,
Mrs Hill

Award Winners

During our Congratulations Assembly this morning, individual certificates have been distributed for children who have recalled lots of knowledge from their previous wider learning work and for being respectful and fantastic listeners.

Our Class of the Week Award was presented to Y1 and Y3 for trying hard to ensure positive relationships between each other, beautiful manners and improved listening skills.

Our attendance winners this week are Y6 with a fantastic 100%! Well done.

Our Saints Stars winners will be revealed next week.

British Values

As part of the children's well-rounded personal development, we regularly re-visit the notion of British values and what they mean for the children in terms of developing them as responsible, inclusive, active citizens of school and society. One of the British values we have looked at is encouraging respect for democracy and support for participation in democratic processes. A couple of the ways we promote this in school is through our school council system and school elections, through class votes and also through debate lessons across the curriculum - teaching the children how to put together an argument and defend a point of view.





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Notices

- You should have received your one-page mini progress reports this week, regarding your child's attainment in key areas of learning, including English and mathematics. We hope these will act as a helpful bridge between the information you received during the November parent consultations and information that will be shared later this academic year.
- Reading Update: When reading with your child at the weekend, chat together about reading with expression - what kind of tone of voice might the characters use to convey their mood, how might a question sound different to a sentence ending in an exclamation mark or full stop?
- We have had some complaints from parents and residents about cars idling on the road outside of school. Please be mindful of our community and neighbours. This is bad for our health and the environment and does not align with all of our work on the Live Simply project. Parents blocking residents' drives and blocking the pavement have also been brought to our attention. Please have consideration for our neighbours and fellow parents who need access to drives as well as pushchair and wheelchair access on the pavements.
- Just a reminder that if your child has vomiting or diarrhoea, they should be kept out of school until 48 hours after their last episode. This helps stop the spread of these viruses. More details can be found here: [How long should you keep your child off school - checklist poster \(text version\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

Events

Please see the separate letter attached outlining class teaching Masses that will take place this term.

Tuesday 31st January - Y4 attending Mass with the parish

Wednesday 1st February - Confirmation meeting for Y6 parents in school

Friday 3rd February - Y2 and Y4 healthy teeth and bodies workshop

Please see the Science Extravaganza letter sent out this week for more details of this event which will take place on Thursday 16th February.

Friday 17th February is an inset day - school closed to pupils.

Reflection

This Sunday is the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

God our Father wants us to be happy and lasting happiness comes from inside us, when our hearts are filled with love and goodness. Jesus taught us how to find such happiness.



Yours sincerely,
Mrs N. Hill
Headteacher