



Lux est in Christo



St Chad's Newsletter

December 21st 2018

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

It's been a very wet but most enjoyable final week of term. On Tuesday we had a beautiful candle-lit Christmas concert at St Chad's Cathedral for years 2-6. The theme was World War One and there was lots of positive feedback. Thank you for all of the parents who turned out in what was truly horrendous weather conditions to support us.

On Wednesday afternoon, it was the turn of Reception and Y1 who entertained the audience with enthusiastic singing and wonderful acting! And of course, we ended today with Mass.

Yesterday we had our Christmas lunch - it's a massive thing to organise so thank you to Mr Graham and the team who work so hard in the kitchen all year but especially that day!

Thank you for all your support during 2018, the staff, Governors and I wish you a Blessed Christmas and wish you great success in 2019.

The school reopens at the normal time - 7:55am for breakfast club on Monday 7th January.

We had 90 pupils receive certificates yesterday for their 100% attendance this term. That's around 40% of our pupils who haven't missed a day since we returned in September - a massive well done to them, they've certainly earned the break!! Whilst we're talking of attendance, we must mention Y4 who went for five weeks as our top attenders and four of those were with 100%. Sadly, they've been pipped at the post in this final week (see below for the winner). A school cannot have good attendance without the continued support of the parents, so thank you too.

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I'd like to bring to your attention a website

www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk

It's a Department for Education website in which you can type in an area or individual school and compare our data. It's not just SATs results but spending and absence too so it's very interesting. The number of our Y6 pupils who achieved in Writing, Reading and Maths was 71% which puts us above the national average of 64%.

Thank you all for buying raffle tickets this advent. Mrs Azadeh tells me we've made over £200! The winners of the hampers were Ben, Keren, Tiana and Naomi. I hope the families enjoy eating and drinking their way through them!!

Thank you also of course to the staff who donated the items which made up the hampers.

Y5 are our best attenders with 100%. Well done to them.

Congratulations to Jasmine (Y1) who was presented with her award for football during assembly last week. It's great to see lots of girls taking part in after school sport and we have had success with our girls' team so hopefully the future is bright!!

Christmas is a time in the footballing calendar where the fixtures come thick and fast and you end up playing a game every couple of days. Tomorrow we entertain the league leaders and if we win that, I'll start to dream of promotion!

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

Sunday at 9am and 11am - Fourth Sunday in Advent. Luke 1:39-44

"Of all women, you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES WERE ON LAST WEEK'S NEWSLETTER SO PLEASE GO ON OUR WEBSITE IF YOU NEED TO SEE THEM.

An increasing number of children have been coming to school not wearing the correct uniform and we've sent a number of letters home. Let's start the new year with every child having a tie and their PE kit in school!



Star of the week this week is Papa-Leon, he works hard and is a shining example to others.

This week's virtues certificate winners are Paul, Tiana, Rai, Gidon, Hawwera, Cruz & Alejandra.