



Live out in Christ

St Chad's Newsletter

18th January 2019

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

Dear Parents,

As you know we are always looking for ways to improve our safeguarding procedures and if we do find things that will help us we act quickly; attached to this newsletter is our new 'Walking home' policy. Many of you allow your children to walk home from school and you let us know. However, there are an increasing number of children who are telling us that they are allowed and we're not sure so we end up phoning to check. Please read the policy carefully and if you wish your child to be allowed to walk home from school and/or after school clubs, please sign the slip and return it to us on Monday. Please note that if we do not get the slip back we will assume that you will be collecting your child. We want to have a comprehensive record held in the office so that there is no confusion. Thank you for your support with this.

I've not seen any heavy snow warnings for our area but it certainly is cold! In the event of a heavy snow fall, a decision will be made as to whether or not we close the school for safety reasons. A text will be sent out to all parents and a closure will also be announced on Free Radio and Heart FM. There may be a 'blanket closure' of all Birmingham schools which is made by the city council which would then be announced on their website and twitter account.

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Fr Lennon said Mass for us this morning where we heard about St Wulstan. He was a local bishop who, over a thousand years ago, tried to stop the slave trade in England because of the teachings of Jesus. I learned something new - he is also the Patron Saint of vegetarians. It's believed that he was so disgusted at himself for being more interested in the smell of a roasting goose than Mass, he vowed never to touch meat again. (Thanks to google for that information!) Fr went on to talk about the importance of a healthy diet. There seem to be a few of children who don't like vegetables at all!

Some of you will be receiving letters from us about your child's attendance. If it dips below 95%, that's a concern for us and we follow it up. You may be asked to come in and meet with us to see what we can do to help improve it. It's worth reminding everyone that if you are taking your child out of school - even for a family emergency, it goes down as unauthorised absence. If your child is ill, you must phone us and this will save us contacting you.

Last week's winners were Y2 with 99.33%, this week it's Y3 with 98.44%

A belated thank you to parents and children who took the time to write staff Christmas cards or give a gift - a very generous act. I know the teachers would prefer you to treat yourselves, but they were overwhelmed with your kindness.

To say the wheels have fallen off our promotion push would be an understatement. I think we've only won one game since the last newsletter! Not very positive at all at the moment. Let's hope we can get back to winning ways tomorrow against Hull.

**Masses at the Cathedral are -
Saturday at 4.30pm (First Mass for Sunday)
Sunday at 9am and 11am - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time.
John 2:1-11. "He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him."**

Please, please make sure that we have up-to-date contact details for you and anyone else who is on the contacts list. It's so frustrating to ring and hear that the number is out of use. If we are contacting parents in school time, it could well be urgent so please help us out.

 Star of the week this week is Brooklyn. Miss Ryan told us how hard she's been working and what an example she is to her classmates.
This week's virtues certificate winners are Naomh, Tayle, Abigail M, Daniel, Selena, Fertani & Eyoal.