



# St Chad's Newsletter

13th March 2015

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

A very important week for Y3 this week as they received the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We tried something a bit different this year and actually took the children up to the Cathedral for a penitential service. This is something we plan to do again in the future, as it made it such a special occasion. The singing from our choir was especially good and Fr Gerry was most complimentary about the whole thing. It was great to see so many parents here to support their children and join us for a cup of tea after. Thanks also to Andrew and the Cathedral staff for their hard work in making the afternoon run so smoothly.

Last week was world book day and today your child is coming home with a book token which can be used as part payment for a book at one of the book shops in town. There are some books which only cost a pound so please do make the effort to go and spend the token.

Have a great weekend - I'm expecting all of our mums to be spoilt on Sunday as it's Mothers' Day!!

Two classes have been out this week to the Barber Institute. Year 3 and Year 4 have been they working with clay and have found it a great experience! As ever the behaviour has been excellent and it's a great opportunity to work with professional artists. The Governors are very keen that the school provide these opportunities for all of our children and it's something the staff are enthusiastic about.

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Well done to Miss Cullum and our netball team who played in a tournament last week and won it!! She said that there was a real team spirit and the way they encouraged each other was a pleasure to see. Obviously skill and teamwork helped them win but I'm sure that the top quality coaching and management skills of Miss Cullum ensured that we were crowned champions. We are very lucky at St Chad's to have so many staff willing to give up their time for extra curricular activities.

There was an excellent turnout for Parents' Evening yesterday and it seemed as if most people were pleased with what they were hearing. It is a long night for the staff but I know that they enjoy speaking to parents and are very proud of the quality of the books. Well done to everyone for making it such a success.

This week's top attenders are Y4 with 100%. Well done to them. The fact that we regularly get classes with maximum attendance is superb.

A reminder to parents that the car park is for staff only. Twice this week I've seen parents screeching into the car park to drop their children off for breakfast club. Our car park is very small so I'm afraid there's no room for extra cars!!

It's back to back wins for Villa and I'm optimistic we can get something at Sunderland tomorrow. I'm making the seven hour round trip full of confidence that we'll give it a good go.

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**Masses at the Cathedral are -**  
**Saturday at 4.30pm (First Mass for Sunday)**  
**Sunday at 9am and 11am**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent John 3:14-21 "But the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light".**

Our Lenten charities this year are the 'Good Shepherd Appeal' and the school that we support in Eritrea. There is a display about the school in the entrance of the school. There will be things going on in the next couple of weeks so I hope you'll be able to support these activities. It is our mission to help those less fortunate than ourselves.



'Star of the Week' this week is Aaron (Reception). He has made so much progress this year his teachers can't believe it!! Well done to him.