



Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, here we are at the end of another very successful academic year.

As shared in my letter at the beginning of the week, we finish the year celebrating our excellent church school grading from our recent SIAMS inspection. This wonderful achievement is a testament to the hard work and dedication of **everybody** involved in daily life at St Chad's. I am incredibly grateful for the dedication and enthusiasm of my hardworking staff team, governors and wider school community.

I would like to say a personal thank you to you all for your ongoing support that you continue to show us as a school on a daily basis. As a working mummy myself, establishing a strong home-school partnership is of paramount importance to me as a Head of School. Our SIAMS inspection affirms the 'family ethos' that we endeavour to create and the positive impact that this is having on every child in our care. It is truly a joy working as a school family with you all.

As always, the children continue to make my job truly rewarding. I am so proud of the milestones that they have achieved over the past year and I hope that you share this enjoyment in your child's end of year reports. The children have worked incredibly hard and most definitely deserve a summer holiday break!

As I write this newsletter, our Year 2 children are working very hard to prepare for their Leaver's Celebration. This time of year is always incredibly special (and emotional!) for me. I am so excited for the new school adventures that our children will be starting in September but I will miss them so much. Year 2 mums and dads—it has been a joy getting to know you all and sharing your child's journey through their early education with you. I am not only going to miss your children but you as well. Please continue to pop in and say hello—I am always keen to hear about your child's achievements as they get older.

Please have a fun and relaxing break with your children and loved ones. Hopefully, the sun will continue to shine! We look forward to welcoming you all back on **Tuesday, 10th September**.

Best wishes (and Happy Holidays!)

Ms. K Leach x Head of School



### DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 6th September	SCHOOL CLOSED (INSET)
Monday 9th September	SCHOOL CLOSED (INSET)
<b>Tuesday 10th September</b>	<b><u>SCHOOL RE-OPENS</u></b>
Friday 25th October	Break-up for half-term

In Collective Worship next year, we will be exploring the values:

thankfulness	service	trust
Justice	perseverance	truthfulness

### SUMMER FAIR THANK YOU

Thank you for supporting our annual summer fair on Saturday, 13th July at Arboretum Park. It was wonderful uniting with other schools across Normanton. I would like to say a special thank you to parents who contributed cakes and volunteered with henna/mehndi. I would also like to say a special thank you to staff for giving up their Saturday to help on the stalls.

We successfully raised over £160 and are looking forward to spending this money on new resources for school.



TRANSITION WEEK

Last week, children took part in Transition Week. Children were given the chance to meet their new teacher, spend time in their new classroom and develop new friendships. Hopefully, your child feels better prepared and excited for the new academic year. We welcomed our new Nursery and Reception children into our St Chad’s family. Some of our Year 2 children transferring to Hardwick in September had the opportunity to visit their new school for the full 5 days. Yet again, this event was hugely successful and affirms how well we work in partnership with Mrs Sandhu’s team at the ‘blue school’. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

CLASS DOJOS

Children have been reminded to remove (but keep and cherish) their Dojo enamel badges when they start back in the new academic year. As it’s a new year, Dojo’s revert back to zero. New badges will be issued once children achieve their Dojo points.



STAFFING UPDATES

I would like to say a fond farewell to Mrs Begum who will be leaving us at the end of the academic year and starting a new adventure. Mrs Nannua started her retirement last half-term after a very long career at St Chad’s. Mrs Begum and Mrs Nannua are both long-serving and much loved members of our team and we wish them all the very best in their futures.

We also say farewell to Miss Dana who has completed her teaching assistant apprenticeship in our school. We wish Miss Dana all the best in her future career.

Congratulations go to Mrs Maciejewska who has successfully secured a contract with DDAT. Mrs Maciejewska will be working at St Chad’s and St James’ Juniors across the Autumn term.

Congratulations also go to Miss Richardson who has successfully completed her office apprenticeship. Miss Richardson will be starting as our office administrators in the new academic year.

I would also like to say a special thank you to Mrs Bibi who’s term of office as a staff governor has come to an end. Mrs Bibi has been a fantastic staff governor and she will be sorely missed by the governing board.

KINGS AND QUEENS

I am thrilled to announce that our Kings and Queens for this half-term are:

- Alisha and Ali (Pandas)
- Anaya and Natan (Bears)
- Yusra and Hassan (Crocodiles)
- Aizah and Max (Ladybirds)
- Misha and Yusuf (Elephants)



HEAD OF SCHOOL ‘VALUES’ AWARDS

As a Church school, Collective Worship is an integral part of our school day. This year, we have explored the following Christian values: *generosity; compassion; courage; friendship; forgiveness and respect.* Congratulations to the following children who have been rewarded the ‘Head of School ‘Values’ Award for consistently showing Golden Behaviour and our LOVE values.



- Umar (generosity):** being a cheerful giver
- Abdullah (compassion):** caring for others and the world
- Wareesha (courage):** overcoming a challenge
- Zainab (friendship):** making time for others
- Isaac (forgiveness):** turning over a new leaf
- Arhum (respect):** Valuing difference

ATTENDANCE

Weekly Class Attendance Awards:

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Elephants	Ladybirds	Ladybirds	Crocodiles	Ladybirds	Ladybirds

