



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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Executive Principal: Mr. G M O'Hara

18th June 2021

Dear Parents,

As we are in school, we are sure you are feeling frustrated with the current restrictions being extended but, at the same time, understanding that it is the right thing to do. The Covid pandemic has been one of those storms, stresses and upsets that can sometimes be part of our lives. Yet, when they pass and we look carefully, we can often learn something about the world, about ourselves, and about how Jesus is always there to bring peace and calm. The more we get to know God, the more at peace and calmer we become. In this Sunday's Gospel, when the storm starts tossing the boat around, the disciples still don't seem to recognise that Jesus is in control. But, with just a few words, he shows his divine power by calming the wind and the sea. Jesus reassures us that putting our trust in him stops us from worrying about so many unnecessary things.

"Lord, open my heart, mind and ears to receive your Word."



Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us cross over to the other side of the Sea of Galilee." And leaving the crowd behind they set off. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves beat upon the boat so that it was almost filled with water. Jesus was asleep in the stern of the boat, his head on a cushion. They woke him and said to him, "Master, do you not care? We are going down!" And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Quiet now! Be calm!"

And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, "Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?" They were filled with awe and said to one another, "Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him."

Adapted from Mark 4:35-41 The 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time



"Having faith means keeping your heart turned to God, to his love, to his Fatherly tenderness, amid the storm. Jesus wanted to teach this to the disciples, and also to us today."

Pope Francis

**The Wednesday words is
Calm**

Congratulations Miss Callan

We are pleased to announce that Miss Callan had a beautiful baby last week named Tiernan. Both mum and baby are doing really well and we send them all love and prayers for their growing family.

Mr Watchorn

Please continue to keep Mr Watchorn in your prayers. We wish him a speedy recovery and we hope he is fit and healthy and back with us soon.





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Before and After School Club

Thank you for your prompt return indicating that you would like to use an After School Club facility being run from Sacred Heart. Unfortunately, we had a very low response after asking a number of times. Therefore, at the moment it would not be cost effective for us to commence with the club. Thank you once again, but we are sorry that we could not help you in this instance. We will try again in the Autumn to see if there is an increase in need at that point.

Vacant places for September 2021 FY

We currently have some vacancies in our EYFS class for September 2021 if any families are looking for places for their children. As a faith based school, we welcome children of all faiths so please spread the word so children do not miss out. Contact the school office on 356 4721 to enquire or by email enquiry@sacredheart-sch.net. We currently have some vacancies in EYFS, Years 1, 3 and 4.

Ordering new school Uniform

Please remember that school uniform can be ordered from the link on our school website for the Summer term. We fully understand that some children have suddenly grown out of some uniform items and shoes but it is essential that the correct uniform is purchased in time for the first day back in September- **Friday 3rd September**.

https://www.sacredheart-sch.net/website/school_uniform/5938

Year 6 Leavers

Due to the current restrictions that are now being kept in place, we are really sorry that we will not be able to allow parents and visitors to attend the Year 6 Leaver's mass or assembly. The children's end of year assembly will be recorded and put onto Google Classroom for you to view. We will make sure that the Year 6's have some special treats before they journey on to their new schools.

Term Dates for next Academic Year 2021-2022

Autumn Term 2021:

Term starts: Thursday 2 September 2021-

2nd September is a school Inset day- pupils return of Friday 3rd September.

Half Term: Monday 25 October 2021 to Friday 29 October 2021

Term ends: Friday 17 December 2021

Spring Term 2022:

Term starts: Tuesday 4 January 2022

Half Term: Monday 21 February 2022 - Friday 25 February 2022

Term ends: Friday 8 April 2022

Summer Term 2022:

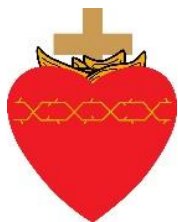
Term starts: Monday 25 April 2022

Half Term: Monday 30 May 2022 to Friday 3 June 2022

Term ends: Friday 22 July 2022

Other Inset days are yet to be confirmed





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Sensational Starts and Experience days

Staff are continuing to excite and engage the children in their new topics in creative ways this week. As part of their topic on Ancient Greece Year 3 have been inspired by what they we learn from the Ancient Greeks. They have explored the Olympic games, learned about Greek food, made their own flat bread and tzaziki and tasted foods from Greece. Thank you Mrs McGrory and Mrs Cullen; Year 3 are now completely enthused by their new topic.



Gospel Virtues

This half term, the children are learning to be **loving and compassionate**. Pupils will be growing to be **compassionate** towards others, near and far, especially the less fortunate; and **loving** by their just actions and forgiving words.

Congratulations to the following children for living out these virtues: Laila, Daoud, Miruna, Amaan, Prince, Malika and Kaleab.

Commendations

The following children have been commended by their teachers and teaching assistants for their wonderful work in school: Eziah, Aaron, Vanessa, Idrees, Eesa, Malaki and Africa.

Presentation Awards

Well done to the following children who have shown such pride in the presentation of their work this week. Herani, Josephine, Tomass, Solihome, C'Asia, Shaquari and Sha'khye.

Extra Curricular activities awards

Congratulations to Khalisa-Mai for her amazing gymnastic skills.

Congratulations to the Year 3 athletics group, and a special mention to David, for the wonderful sportsmanship at the athletics competition this week.

House Points

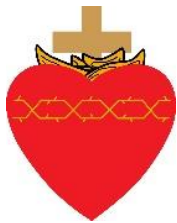
Congratulations to **St Luke** for being the winning house this week.

Attendance

Congratulations to Year 1 and Year 6 who both win this week's attendance award. Well done, children for knowing that every day matters.

FY	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	whole school
92%	100%	95%	94%	97%	98%	100%	97%





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**June is the month of
The Sacred Heart of Jesus**



*O Sacred Heart of Jesus,
I place all my trust in you.*

Yours sincerely

Mr G M O'Hara
Executive Principal

Mrs G Elliott
Acting Head of School

Mrs D Cooper
Acting Vice Principal

