



# Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

We have had a really busy week again this week with Lenten Cake sales and other events- thank you to all who purchased, donated goods and those who organised the sales. All your efforts are appreciated.

We had two parent's evenings this week which were very well attended. We hope you found the meetings useful and that the Mid Term report cards will help you to help your children focus on their next steps of learning.

Many thanks to all who took the time to complete the parent's questionnaire – results will follow soon.

I was really pleased that many parents took the time to introduce themselves to me. It was also good to discuss many issues with parents too. A few issues that were raised were:

*When the school joins the Multi Academy will the School Uniform change?*

**NO – there are no plans to change the Sacred Heart School Uniform, the children wear it with pride and it is what gives the school its individual identity.**

*In the current climate with attacks taking place, is it safe to be walking to Church with the children?*

**Yes- the current climate is a very big concern, but if we stop doing what we need to do because of terrorists and extremist then they win.**

**When walking to Church we always Risk Assess the safest and quickest route, we ensure that we have more than enough Adult to Pupil supervision ratio. Staff are briefed and remain vigilant at all times.**

*A number of children have been marked late on the system incorrectly*

**If you feel this is the case for you, please bring it to the attention of Miss Kirwan or Miss O'Brien in the Office and we can look into this for you.**

*Will the parent's coffee morning and meet sessions be started up again?*

**Yes, this is a great chance for parents to meet. More details will follow.**

*There has been a lot of different staff teaching certain classes this year, is this to continue?*

**When a member of staff is absent through illness the school has to buy in a supply teacher. Year One are currently experiencing this at the moment, but we are very thankful to Mrs Paul who agreed to provide consistent cover teaching for us. We wish Miss Beckford a speedy return.**

**Year Four have had Mrs Smith consistently every week with additional supply on the days when she has been committed elsewhere. Miss Callan is returning from maternity leave to Year 4 on April 12<sup>th</sup> until the end of the year. I'm sure the children will be sad to lose Mrs Smith but also excited at the return of Miss Callan.**

*Are we ending our term at dinner time, as there is some confusion?*

**NO – School will close for the Easter break at the usual time of 3.30 on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

**And School will close for the Summer term at 3.30 on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July**

**Please can I remind you that the 1 remaining INSET day for staff where the school is closed to the children will take place on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Therefore, the children will break up for the half term break on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May and return back on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June.**

Unfortunately, Quarter Final of the Catholic Cup match against the Abbey School was cancelled. It has been rearranged for Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April- A letter will follow for those involved.

### **Athletics**

On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 30 children from Year 5 and Year 6 will be taking part in the Birmingham School Games- Primary Sportshall Athletics Finals. We wish them luck and fingers crossed for some medals for Sacred Heart.

### **Commendations**

This week the following children have received commendations. Well done and congratulations to: Kymani Evelyn, Efrata Yohannes, Amiyah McLaughlin, Malki Morton-Best, Milan Byfield, Omarion Foster and Kidan Zena.

### **Congratulations**

The class with the best attendance this week was – **Year 3** with 100%.

Congratulations to **Year 5** for achieving 99.1% punctuality.

The winning house this week was: St. Matthew .

### **Gospel Virtues**

Please continue to help the children to be learned, finding God in all things; and wise in the ways we use our learning for the common good. Well done to the following children for being wonderful examples of this: Tavia Morgan, Nelson Minja, Karen Mhalanga, Malika Bridgen Insular, Samuel Kinavuidi, Sienna Snape and Joshua Kilua.

### **Dinner Money**

Please note that City Serve have increased the cost of a School Dinner from the 1<sup>st</sup> April (next week). The cost has increased from £2.30 and will now be **£2.35**. For weekly payments it will rise from £11.50 to **£11.75**.

### **British Summer Time**

Please remember that the clocks will go forward this weekend by one hour. No excuse to be late on Monday!

### **Lenten Charity update**

Miss Weston and the School Council are continuing to raise amazing amounts of money for our Lenten charities. Please continue to send in donations and cakes and biscuits as they will be sold for 20p during break times next week. The egg raffles and ‘guess the eggs in the jar’ will continue until Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April.



*Lord Jesus, you never gave up even when you found it most difficult.*

*During the six weeks of Lent, help us to be strong  
and to keep our promises as a sign of our love for you.*

*Amen*

Yours sincerely

Mr G M O'Hara  
Executive Principal