24th January 2020

Dear Parents,

**Mass- Comments from parishioners**

Father celebrated mass with all the children this week and we were fortunate to have some parishioners attend who had travelled from Ireland for a visit to Birmingham. One of these parishioners told Mrs Badland that it was a long time since she had experienced such a reverent, uplifting and beautiful mass. She would be heading back to Ireland and telling her parish priest all about Sacred Heart. We are so proud that our children’s faith has touched someone so deeply as this is what we are all about as a Catholic school.

Please come and experience this special celebration of mass next Thursday at 9.10am led by Year 4.

**Reading at home**

Thank you to all of the parents who have been supporting their children at home with their reading. It means so much to your child and their progress. After speaking to small groups of children about reading at home, they clearly understand how important it is too. Please make every effort to make sure that your child has a quiet space to read at home with no distractions so they can enjoy reading fully.

Miss Joseph was overwhelmed with the number of families that came to join in with the ‘Let’s Read Together’ session on Thursday after school. An incredible 30 families attended which is amazing. This is a wonderful way to model to your child how important reading together is. Please join us again next week.

**Communication reminder- return of letters**

Reminder that, children will receive only one letter regarding trips, visits and permission for other activities. These letters will then be placed on parent mail for completion. If permission is not provided then unfortunately children will not be able to go on the trips or visits. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

**Welcome Donations**

A huge thank you to Miss Farrelly (Kyran White’s mother) for her kind donation to school of beautiful soft toys that will be gratefully received by some very lucky younger children. What a wonderful way to show our virtues of being grateful and generous. Thank you!

**School meals**

To keep parents and pupils fully informed of the menus being served by the school kitchen each day, we have placed the four week menu cycle on our school website. Please follow the tab entitled ‘Information for Parents’ where you can see the menus for each week. Next week will be week four on the cycle.

**Gifts from God**

Well done to all those children who brought in their trophies, medals and certificates last week; you have truly shown us all how you have used your God given gifts. Keep them coming!

**Congratulations**

**Commendations**

Well done to the following children: princess Grace, Niyah Smith-Bennett, David Okunodo-Ejiofor, Anisur Rahman, Princely Okonofua, Junaid Clarke and Elizabeth Ajayi.

**Presentation award:** Josephine Nkrumah, Sarina Zegard, Kwame Ansah, Bisrat Alexander, Julia Okunbor, Kwabena Papafio and Nadia Yentumi

**Gospel Virtues**

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

This week the following children have displayed their wonderful virtues: Khalisa-Mai Younis, Henon Yosef, Zabreena Archer-Keown, Abena Owusu-Agyemang, Lola Smith-Bennett, Alayla Walsh and Michael Frimpong.



People in the past welcomed Jesus’ call to form Catholic school communities which now welcome and support you and your children.

We pray that we continue this work; to build on and develop the warm and loving community of our school- together.

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

One day, as Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two fishermen, Peter and his brother Andrew. They were fishing and Jesus called to them, “Follow me. From now on you will be gathering people instead of fish.” Straightaway they left their nets and followed Jesus. Then Jesus saw two other brothers, James and John, who were also fishermen, When Jesus called them to follow him, they were in a boat with their father, Zebedee. But they too followed Jesus at once.”

**Wednesday’s Word is**

**Community**

*“One of the marvellous things about community is that it enables us to welcome and help people in a way we couldn’t as individuals.”*

Jean Vanier

Yours sincerely





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