



# Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

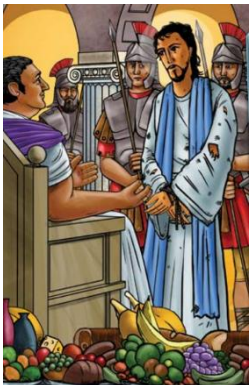


This Sunday is the last in the Church's year. It is the day on which we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. This feast presents a golden opportunity for us to make a new start with Jesus – the Universal King. This week's Gospel reminds us that Jesus' kingship is not one of political power, crowns and splendour, but one of peace and truth. He is not an earthly king – his kingdom is heaven is as our leader. At Sacred Heart, we teach our children to be good leaders through the various responsibilities they are given. Encourage them at home too to think about what it is that makes good leaders.

*A good leader is:*

*trustworthy, inspiring, supportive, a good role model – someone who is wise, truthful and uses their authority to help others.*

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



At Jesus' trial, Pilate called Jesus and asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” Jesus replied, “Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?” Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?” Jesus replied, “Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my followers would have fought to prevent my being handed over. But my kingdom is not of this kind.” “So you are a king then?” said Pilate. “It is you who say it,” answered Jesus. “Yes, I am a king. I was born for this; I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.” Sunday 21st November 2021 Everyone can learn more about this Gospel in Church ~ all are warmly invited.

*Adapted from John 18:33-37*



*“Jesus leads us to go out from ourselves more and more, to give ourselves and to serve others.”*

Pope Francis

**The Wednesday word is  
Leader**



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## Reading and Phonics Workshops

A huge thank you to the parents who attended the workshops over the last few weeks. It was great to see how involved and interested you are in ensuring the best for your children.

As requested by many parents, our maths lead, Mrs Barnett will be organising a maths workshop in early Spring to give parents ideas of supporting children at home.

If you have any other queries or questions about the school curriculum then please speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Elliott and Mrs Cooper.



## Comments from parents

- The information was useful and gave me knowledge on how to help my daughter get better at reading.*
- It was clear and informative and I learned words I have never heard of before. I will try to not do chores whilst reading.*
- I will be patient when reading with my child and help them to predict before reading.*
- I will make more time to listen to my child read.*
- To help them to decode when reading.*
- Show my child that reading is enjoyable rather than feeling like a chore.*
- Read regular bedtime stories.*
- All the things learnt today.*
- I will make reading more fun and spend more time reading with my daughter.*
- To spend more time listening to my child read at home.*
- Quiet times/no chores. Allow my child to choose books for enjoyment.*
- I have learned some new things today to try with my son at home.*
- I will practice their phonics through play*
- Enjoy reading and blending. Make sure they understand what they read*
- Reading and noting sounds in each word*
- I will try everything taught in this workshop*
- To use 'my turn/your turn.'*





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## UNICEF Silver Award

We were so proud as a school to receive our bronze UNICEF award to set us on the path to becoming a Rights Respecting School. To come you informed of the work the children are undertaking to move us towards our silver award, each week will let you know of the rights we will be focusing on next week.

Next week the children will be thinking about these articles:

**Article 23 - A child with a disability has the right to live a full and decent life with dignity, and as far as possible, independence, and to play an active part in their community.**

Governments must do all they can to support disabled children and their families.

## Article 2 - (non-discrimination)

The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.

## Anti-Bullying Week- One Kind Word



Please speak to your child about the activities they have undertaken in school this week to learn about bullying and ways to deal with it if it occurs. If you ever have any concerns about bullying in school, then please contact school and this will be dealt with swiftly.



## KS1 and Year 3 Nativity- Dates for your diary

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am

We are thrilled that the KS1 and Year 3 children will hopefully be able to perform our traditional Nativity to teach us all about the greatest story ever told- Jesus' birth. Year 3 will be involved as they did not get an opportunity last year. The current guidelines would allow a limited audience of parents but we will have to continually review this to ensure the safety of all involved.



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## Gospel Virtues

This half term, children will be growing to be **Learned** and **Wise**. **Learned**, by finding God in all things; and **wise** in the ways they use their learning for the common good.

/Michael.

## Commendations

The following children have been commended by their teachers and teaching assistants for their wonderful work in school: Pranamya, Prince, Patrik, Tanjima and Prince.

## Presentation Awards

Well done to the following children who have shown such pride in the presentation of their work this week.

Emmanuel, Fawzaan, Abdul-Rahman, Grace and Karen.

## House Points

Congratulations to St Matthew, St Mark and St Luke for being the joint winning houses this week.

## Attendance

Congratulations to Year 6 with the highest attendance this week.

Attendance during one school year	equals this number of days absent	which is approximately this many weeks absent	which means this number of lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons





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## Prayer for All Souls Month of November



Into your hands, God of love and all compassion, we commend our brothers and sisters in the sure hope that together with all who have died in Christ shall be united with you in your Heavenly Kingdom. We give thanks for the blessing of life which you bestowed upon them in this life; they are signs of your goodness and our fellowship with the saints in Christ. Merciful God, turn toward us and listen to our prayers. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.



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Yours sincerely

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