

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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26th June 2020

Dear Parents,



When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, "Who do you say I am?" Then Simon Peter spoke up, "You are the Christ," he said, "the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven." You are warmly invited to learn more about the Gospel through your local parish church.

Adapted from Matthew 16:13-19 The Feast of Ss Peter and Paul

The Wednesday Word is Faith

Faith is a gift from God that greatly enriches our lives. A family full of faith is a family full of joy. You may want to tell your child about someone in the family, at school or in the parish who helped you to grow in faith when you were young.

As a family, talk about the faith you have in God. What can we do, in these coming weeks, to help our family's faith to grow? Perhaps we can: regularly read and talk about God together and with others; read the gospels; say morning or bedtime prayers together; ask God to help us grow in faith; follow Jesus by loving others.



"The family is the place where parents become their children's first teachers in the faith."

Pope Francis

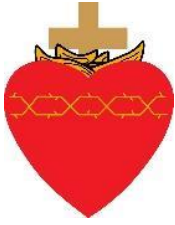
Re-opening of Sacred Heart Church for private prayer

Father Stephen is over the moon that parishioners and families will be able to visit Sacred Heart Catholic Church from Sunday 28th June. Due to the current situation, there will still be very strict guidelines for those entering the church in order to keep everyone safe. Please read the advice at the end of this letter carefully if you wish to attend- Father Stephen would love to see our families there!

Collective Worship Online

Please continue to read the Wednesday Word as a family each week. We will also upload an assembly onto our school website each week that you can share together as a family to worship at home.





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This week's prayer is written by Remiya in Year 2

Dear Lord

We thank you for the NHS, teachers, the nurses and doctors
who have helped us through this hard time.

May they be blessed with love.

We pray for those who thirst and hunger.

May they be poor no more and may we get past this virus.

Amen

Good Shepherd Mass

On Monday 29th June at 10.00am, there will be a special Good Shepherd mass taking place at St Chad's Cathedral which families will be able to celebrate via a live stream. All of the children in school will be celebrating this mass from their 'pods' so it would be lovely if the children at home could join us to so we can pray together.

<https://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk/> .

Warm weather

We have been very blessed with the return of the warm weather this week and we hope it is here to stay. All children attending school must have a sun hat with them for protection and sun cream applied before coming to school. **Please be aware that staff are not allowed to apply sun cream protection to children.**

Westmids Kids Holiday Club

Westmids Kids will be running a summer holiday club for children during the school holidays. There are very limited places available so please book a place if you require child care during this time.

PE Home Learning

Class teachers will be setting PE activities and personal challenges for children to complete at home to help with their fitness during the school closure period. Please try and do some of these activities with your child to support their health and help their mental well-being.

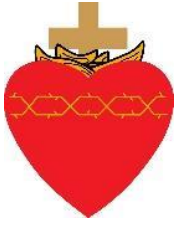
Collecting Home Learning Packs

With just three weeks left of this term, we understand that many children at home are now struggling to keep going with their home learning. Please try and keep your children motivated to complete their work- even if it is just a little each day- as it will make such a difference when they return.

If your child needs their work printing, please phone the school office to arrange a time to **collect the following day. Please do not turn up at school without contacting by phone or email first.**

Home Learning will be live on the school website each Friday so that parents can view it before learning starts at home on Monday mornings!





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Praise certificates: Congratulations to the following children in school who have been praised this week: Daoud Kone, Josephine Nkrumah, Javier-Kelvin Garcia-George, Kofi Owusu Agyemang and Remiya Daly

Gospel Virtues:

This week the following children have displayed their wonderful virtues: Adeola Olduja, Grace Phillips, Tavia Morgan, Elisa Breton Johnson and Malaki Morton Best.

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

Pupil of the Week- Abigail Adhanom in Year 6



Message from Miss Latchman and Miss Joseph

Abigail has been chosen as Star of the Week for producing some fantastic English work on Purple Mash and for always completing the reading and comprehension tasks.

Well done Abigail!

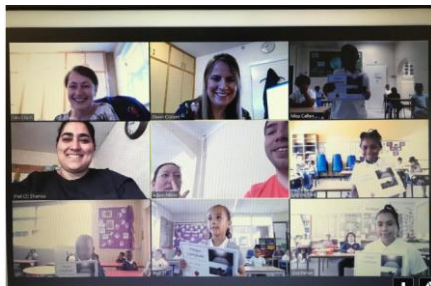
Messages from Staff

Hi FY Children

I hope you are all staying safe and well and enjoying the sunshine.

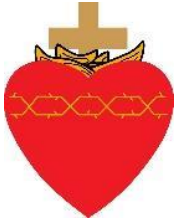
All the teachers have been very busy in school, working with children from FY, Year 1 and children of critical workers and preparing work for you to do at home. I hope you are all working hard and keeping in touch with your teachers on purple mash. I have had lots of virtual meetings with teachers in other schools on the internet which has been very different and very strange!

In school, we celebrated our Gift's from God assembly, with everyone in their pods and it was lovely to see the teachers handing out virtues and praise certificates to children working hard in school this week.



I look forward to when we can all come together again. I miss you all, take care of yourselves and your families.

Love Mrs Elliott xx



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Hi FY

Hope you are all well. We hope you are enjoying the lovely weather. Some children have returned to school and they say to say hello. We hope you are all working hard. Enjoy the sunshine and we will see you soon.

From

Mrs Craig and Mrs Alison

Hello Year 1,

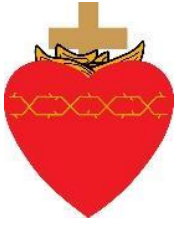
How are you? Are you enjoying the weather? It is the perfect weather for learning about shadows.

Like you, the children at school have been learning all about the weather and this week we have created shadows on the walls from the sun and looked at how the sun moves round throughout the day. We have had lots of fun. You could try this at home. We are missing you all very much and hope to see you very soon.

Lots of love,

Mrs Flint and Mrs Badland xxxx





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Hi Year 2

Hope you are all ok, it's lovely to see some of you are still working on your home learning; keep it up!
I hope you are all enjoying the lovely weather; maybe you could keep a weather diary as we have had
lots of different types of weather recently.

I am back in school now teaching some lovely FY children.

Hope to see you all soon.

From Mrs Whitty and Ms Mir

Hi Year 3

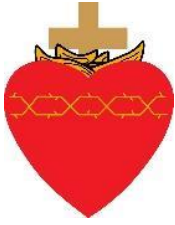
I hope you are all enjoying the sunshine and managing to get outside for little bit each day- it is so
important you try to do this. We have been very busy at school; preparing your home learning and
getting ready for September.

It is nice that we can do a little more with families and friends but in a safe way. My children can be in
their Grandma's 'bubble' now so they have enjoyed their first hug in a very long time!

Stay safe and keep working hard. We are all thinking of you and keeping you in our prayers.

Lots of love from Mrs Cooper xxx





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Hi Year 4,

It is very strange being in school and not being with you all. We are missing you very much and we are so proud of how hard some of you are working. Well done to all those who completed the multiplication test on TTRS; you exceeded all expectations! I'm looking forward to seeing you all again soon and hearing about everything you have been doing. I hope you have been able to enjoy the hot weather like we have.

Thinking of you all
Miss Callan & Miss Mistry



To Year 5

We hope you are all well and enjoying your time at home; working hard and also having time to play. We are looking forward to hearing all about what you have been doing. We are teaching some of the reception children at the moment which is very different. It has been lovely to see some of the Year 5 Key worker children return to school. They are missing you all very much.

Remember the work you do at home now will benefit you in September.

Take Care and see you soon
Mrs Barnett and Mrs Cullen





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Hi Year 6,

I hope you are well. We are missing you so much and we are looking forward to having you back at school. Miss Joseph and I are having lots of fun with the children who are currently in school but they are also working very hard. Please make sure that you are keeping up with the home learning that's on the school website and the tasks that have been set for you on Purple Mash.

Stay safe and keep washing your hands.

Love From,
Miss Latchman and Miss Joseph

The children who are in school have a message for you, take a look at the photographs below...



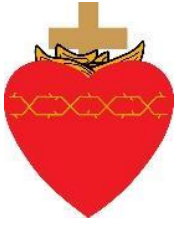
Stay safe. Everyone at Sacred Heart is continuing to keep you all in our prayers.

Yours sincerely

Mr G M O'Hara
Executive Principal

Mrs G Elliott
Acting Head of School

Mrs D Cooper
Acting Vice Principal



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Visiting Sacred Heart Church for Private Prayer

From Sunday 28th June we will be opening the church building for private prayer.

In the interests of safety, we ask everyone to follow the guidelines below:

- Entrance to the church will be through the Main door. This will be clearly marked.
- Wearing a facemask is recommended. (Your nose & mouth should be securely covered).
- Once inside the church you must use the Hand Sanitizer provided.
- A steward will lead you to the next available seating position for you to spend some time in private prayer. (We kindly ask that you do not use the kneeler).
- Please follow the one-way system which is clearly marked.
- After your time of prayer, the stewards will lead you to the exit which is the Left-hand main door of the church. (as you leave)
- Before leaving the church building you must once again use the Hand sanitizer.
- Once you have left the church building please maintain social distancing.

Other points to note:

- To maintain 2 Metre Social distancing the number of people in the church is limited to 16. This may increase slightly if members of the same household sit together.
- There is no need to book to come to the church for prayer, however, please be prepared to queue outside to make sure all safety precautions are carried out as people enter the church.
- At all times there must be a safe 2 metre distance between people from different households. Both inside the church and whilst waiting outside.
- Please note that you may be asked to remain in your seat until you can safely exit.
- The toilets will closed (except in a real emergency). Anyone using the toilet will be required to make sure it is thoroughly sanitised after use.

- **The church will only be open during the following times:**

Sunday 10 - 11 am

Tuesday 11 – 12 noon

Wednesday 10 - 11 am

Saturday 11 -12 noon.

Further times may be announced. See the website www.sacredheartaston.com

- Remember! If you have any symptoms of Covid -19 such as a high temperature, a persistent cough, loss of taste or smell or if you have been told to shield by your GP then you must not come to the church.

Thank you for your patience and consideration of everyone's safety.

We will look forward to welcoming you home!

