



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Congratulations

The winning house this week was: St John

Commendations

Congratulations to the following children this week: Justus Joseph, Kakub Maszota, Noh Yosef, Marcel Machula, Benjamin N'Guessan, Oskar Kinach and Tammy Brown.

Gospel Virtues

This half term, the children will be thinking about the virtues of being Intentional and Prophetic. Intentional in the way they live and use the resources of the earth, guided by conscience; and prophetic in the example they set to others.

These children have been praised for their virtues this week: Anayah Foster, Lucas Netabay, Bisrat Alexander, Hermela Tekleab, Halfrida Aigbe, Christel Mjeda and Antonio Nnabugo.

First Holy Communion- Sunday 16th June 10.00am Mass

First Holy Communion Mass is this Sunday. Please come to celebrate and support the children and families at this special Sacrament. Thank you to the pupils in KS2 that have volunteered to sing in the choir- the children really appreciate your time and help.

Sports for Champions UK

Thank you to all the children that came in their sporty clothes and took part in 'Beat the Goalie' on Tuesday. You raised over £100 for 'Sports for Champions UK.' Please remember that the children must have their PE Kits in school next week to take part in the activities with the athlete, Katie Stainton. All sponsorship money must be in by **Friday 21st June**.

Time to Celebrate

We would like to take this opportunity to celebrate the progress that Sacred Heart School is making to ensure that your children receive the very best education.

Development of ICT resources for worship

Collective worship is integral to the Catholic Life and purpose of Sacred Heart. To ensure the children are able to participate fully and develop their prayerfulness during Mass and assemblies, a new projector and screen has been purchased for the KS1 hall. This means that all of the children can see words to hymns clearly, join in with readings and have a greater understanding of their faith through interactive resources.

Painting and decorating of KS2 building

Over the last few weeks, lots of work has been done in repainting the Lower Ground floor of the KS2 building and Main Entrance Area. These corridors will soon display professional action photographs of pupils undertaking exciting learning activities. Our aim is to celebrate the cultural diversity of our school and to create a vibrant and inviting environment for all pupils.

Improvement of Lunchtime facilities

The children are very fortunate to have brand new lunchtime tables in the KS1 hall. These tables ensure that children can enjoy their lunches and develop their social skills in a more positive way, making lunchtime an enriched experience. The compact nature of these tables also creates space and a safer environment, when not in use for sports and other activities that may take place in this the hall.

Sporting achievements and after school activities

Mr Miller has greatly increased the school's ability to provide purposeful sporting activities for all children. Through links with *King Edwards Sports Partnership* and Mr Miller himself, we now have over 50% of the children involved in extra-curricular sports. This is amazing. Mr Miller will continue to work on developing a variety of sports helping to develop physical and mental well-being within school.

HEN Project (Hippodrome Education Network)

We have been very fortunate this year to have strengthened our partnership with *The Birmingham Hippodrome*. Through this, Year 1-Year 6 have experienced bringing their class topics alive through drama. Mr Ryan Pritchard, the Learning Officer, is also supporting Year 6 in their Leavers' production which is an amazing opportunity. This partnership will continue next year and there are already many exciting projects organised.

Academic Success

At Sacred Heart, we pride ourselves on providing all pupils with a broad and balanced curriculum and we celebrate all achievements. Our current Year 6 have an incredible range of gifts and talents across sports, arts and academic subjects- all of which are equally important. We are so proud of all they have achieved. We are especially pleased that the vast majority of our pupils have received their first choice



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Secondary Schools –we even have five pupils that have gained places at Grammar schools this year. This is an amazing achievement for a one form entry primary school. Credit should be given to all pupils and Mrs Cooper who have worked so hard all year.

Staffing

Parents may be aware that over recent years it has sometimes proven difficult to recruit teachers in schools, sadly, Sacred Heart has been particularly affected by this. However, we are very pleased to announce that three new 'experienced' teachers have been secured for permanent positions in September. This is a credit to your children and to the current staff who have shown the wider teaching community what an exciting and special place Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School is.

Thank You

- The children and staff have been through many challenges this academic year.
- They have adapted to many significant changes with enthusiasm and there is a great understanding that the children's progress and well-being is at the centre of everything we do.
- None of these changes would have been possible or as positive without the support of our parents. We are extremely grateful for the support you give the school and your children- we are proud of our parent and carer community.
- Sacred Heart will continue to go from strength to strength and there are exciting times ahead!

Reminder of dates

Sunday 16th June 10.00- First Holy Communion

Tuesday 18th June- Katie Stainton for GB athletics team visit

Wednesday 19th June 9.30- New Parents Meeting

Wednesday 26th June 2.00- Steel Pan Festival

Friday 28th June 10.00- Feast of the Sacred Heart (at Sacred Heart Catholic Church)

Wednesday 3rd July- Class change day

Friday 5th July- Fun Day!

Wednesday 10th July 10.45- Leavers' Assembly

Friday 12th July- Year 6 Leavers' Trip to Wicksteed Park

Thursday 18th July 9.10- Year 6 Leavers' Mass

Friday 19th July- End of Summer term

The Gospel reading on Sunday celebrates the Most Holy Trinity. Jesus says to the disciples that after he has gone, the Holy Spirit will guide them. The Holy Spirit will be their teacher and will speak to them just as Jesus did when he was alive and with them. The Holy Spirit will show the disciples what they must do and what they must say in Jesus' name.

Loving God, send us your Spirit to teach and guide us to live in peace with each other every day. Amen.



When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.

Yours sincerely

G M O'Hara
Executive Principal