

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Congratulations

The winning house this week was: St.John

Commendations

Well done to the following children: Alexandra Kabeya, Anayah Foster, Kwame Ansah, All of Year 3, Malika Bridgen-Insular, Alayla Walsh, Jha-Nai Gopaul-Scarlett

Gospel Virtues

This half term, children will be thinking about being grateful for their own gifts, for the gift of other people and for the blessings of each day: and be generous with their gifts, becoming men and women for others.

This week the following children have displayed their wonderful virtues: Adeola Oladuja, Henon Yosef, Nicole-Raisi Mihai, Josiah Rodriguez, Treyson Ejikeme, Camara Opara and Kimora Chung **Presentation award:** Juliana Baltazar, Chika Opara, Nelson Minja, Eva Cole, Clarissa Olebide, Halfrida Aigbe and Mechach McKenzie.

Birmingham Children's Cancer Unit and Harvest Parcels

The children's generosity was truly incredible last week. Miss Weston and the School Council raised £93.86 for Birmingham Children's Cancer Unit and pupils donated enough harvest food to create 90 food parcels. Well done children!

An invitation to prayer by Archbishop Bernard

On Wednesday afternoon, all of the pupils in school gathered together to pray a decade of The Rosary with Archbishop Bernard. It was wonderful to see the children understanding the power of prayer.

Canonization of Blessed John Henry Newman

This Sunday marks the canonization of Blessed John Henry Newman by Pope Francis in Rome. John lived in England over 100 years ago (between 1801 and 1890) and on 13th October 2019 Pope Francis is making him a saint. He will be the first English person to be made a saint in nearly 50 years. A saint is someone who devoted their life to loving God and serving others. Someone is called a saint when the Church officially recognises that after they died, that person went to heaven and are especially close to God. Saint John Henry Newman understood that God has made us all to do a special job – to do good and bring God's love to people near to us and those who live far away. He understood this by spending time in prayer, talking and listening to God.

No one is too young or too small to play their part in fulfilling their mission.

Saint House pin badges

All of the children in school are shared into houses named after the Gospel writers: St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Luke and St. John. To remind the children of their saint, they have all been given a coloured pin badge today to wear with pride. Please encourage your children to wear it proudly and to do their best for earn house points for their saint.



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Uniform and PE kits

There are a number of children arriving at school without ties. Please ensure that your child is presented to the best of their ability each day. Parents have all received a flyer regarding the new process for ordering uniform.

Children must also have a full PE kit in school each week as we are not able to keep supplying children with spare kit.

Educational visits and enrichment activities- payment

All children will be very fortunate this year to be able to go on educational visits and experience workshops and exciting projects in school. Some of these activities are paid through funding school receives but the majority are paid for from the school budget. We are asking parents to contribute a maximum of £5.00 per activity even though the events cost a lot more than this. Please can parents ensure that contributions are sent to school as otherwise we will have to limit future visits due to costs. However, no child will ever be excluded from an activity due to non payment If families have any difficulty in contributing, please always speak to Mrs Elliott or Mrs Cooper..

Gifts from God assemblies

Our Friday afternoon assemblies celebrate the wonderful gifts that God has given your children. We have so many children with amazing talents. If your child has received a special award outside of school in a sporting event, music, drama or any other extra curricular activity, then we would like to celebrate this during our assembly. Send in any certificates, badges, medals or trophies with your child's name and we will present them during our Gifts from God assembly.



In this Sunday's Gospel, we read about the Samaritan who thanked Jesus. For us too, there are many blessings in life for which we can be thankful and it's always right to give thanks to God.

Wednesday's Word is Thankfulness

"Be thankful for the smallest blessings, and you will deserve to receive greater blessings.

Thomas á Kempis

Yours sincerely

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