



# Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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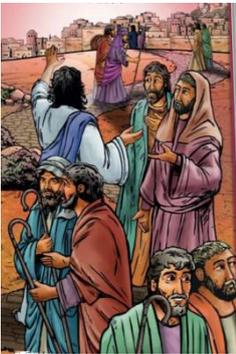
Dear Parents,

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus sends out his friends on an urgent mission with the instruction to heal and to share his message with all who will listen. Jesus wants us to listen closely to his words. Regularly listening to Jesus reminds us what's really important in life and how much we are loved by God. Listening is a sign of real love – it's a powerful way of showing that we care. Listening to the right people and the right messages is important for us and for our children.

*“One must talk little and listen much.”*

African proverb

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



Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals but, he added, “Do not take a spare tunic.” And he said to them, “If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.” So they set off to preach repentance, telling people to change their lives and turn back to God. And they cast out many unclean spirits, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

*Adapted from Mark 6:7-13*



*“Listen carefully, and attend with the ear of your heart.”*

St Benedict – Patron of Europe (Feast Day 11th July)

**The Wednesday word is  
Listening**

## Postcard Project- Love One Another

All the children in school were excited to receive an amazing postcard from a special friend from St Nicholas Catholic School or St Edmund Campion this week. The children of Sacred Heart created some beautiful messages related to scripture for these children too. It was a lovely way of the children sending love to pupils in our academy family and getting to know each other.

## Joint MAC Collective Worship

It was wonderful this week for the children in Year 2, 3 and 4 to celebrate and join in with a virtual collective worship with the other MAC schools. As with our postcards, it was a lovely opportunity for the children to understand that we are one community in our special family and that we are together in sharing God's love. The children in other year groups will be joining with their special worships next week.





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## Goodbye to Father Mark



Father Mark has supported our families, school and parish for many years. He has been instrumental in ensuring some of our families have sufficient clothing, food and has even helped some families to be rehomed. Father Mark is returning to Belgium to continue his important work but we know he is very sad to leave the community here that he has grown to love and call home. The children at Sacred Heart wished him a fond goodbye with a special handmade card delivered by Mrs Craig and Mrs Badland. We will always keep Father Mark in our prayers and are grateful for all the work he has done for our parish.

## Twitter

This week, we are relaunching our school twitter account. On this page you will find photographs, videos and information about life at Sacred Heart. It is a great way to see our school in action, your children's learning journey and the Catholic Life of our school. Please follow [@SacredheartB20](https://twitter.com/SacredheartB20) on Twitter and share with as many people as you can so everyone knows of the amazing things going on at Sacred Heart.

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## Start of the School Day

We have noticed a really positive impact on the children's learning since we introduced the earlier start to the school day a few months ago. Children who arrive on time at 8.40am receive an additional **1 hour and 20 minutes** of learning every week. This makes such a huge difference to the progress of your children.

**The children will continue with this routine in September but the school bell will ring at 8.50am to signal the start of the school day.**

Please model the importance of being punctual to your child as every minute of learning matters.

School will continue to finish at 3.15pm.

## Sports Days

We are sad that we cannot allow parents and family members to attend the children's sports days this year. All children will be able to show their sporting talents on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July. We will create a special sporting gallery newsletter with as many photographs as possible so children and parents have some special memories of this day.

Children must come to school in their PE kits on this day and wear their house saint colours in possible.

**FY**  
**Year 1 –Year 6**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July**  
**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July**

**ST MATTHEW**

**ST MARK**

**ST LUKE**

**ST JOHN**





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## Children's Birthday Celebrations

The children who celebrate birthdays from April to August had a fun time this week with their birthday parties in school. We understand that children have missed so much during this awful pandemic so to see their enjoyment at the parties was a pleasure. Thank you again to the amazing staff of Sacred Heart who made this possible with their generous donations to ensure that all children received party bags, drinks and snacks.



## Vacant places for September 2021 FY

We currently have some vacancies in our EYFS class for September 2021 if any families are looking for places for their children. As a faith based school, we welcome children of all faiths so please spread the word so children do not miss out. Contact the school office on 356 4721 to enquire or by email [enquiry@sacredheart-sch.net](mailto:enquiry@sacredheart-sch.net).

We currently have some vacancies in EYFS, Years 1, 3 and 4.

## Gospel Virtues

This half term, the children are learning to be **faith-filled and hopeful**. Pupils will be growing to be **faith-filled** in their beliefs and **hopeful** for the future.

Congratulations to the following children for living out these virtues: Chavin, Princess- Grace, Niyah, Nathaniael, Abena, Lydia and Charlie-Sue.

## Commendations

The following children have been commended by their teachers and teaching assistants for their wonderful work in school: Angelo, Chinecherem, Enzo, Solihome, Sara and Kwabena.

## Presentation Awards

Well done to the following children who have shown such pride in the presentation of their work this week. Hachaliah, Daoud, Is'Haq, Kwame, Anisur, Janna and Kaleab.

## House Points

Congratulations to the children in **St John** house for being the winning house this week.



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Yours sincerely

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Executive Principal

Mrs G Elliott  
Acting Head of School

Mrs D Cooper  
Acting Vice Principal

