



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Well done to all the children who worked so hard in their statutory tests last half term, the staff are so proud of your efforts and how hard you have worked to produce your best work. We hope you have all had a deserved rest and are ready now for the last term of the year.

Congratulations

The class with the best attendance this week was –

Congratulations to class for achieving % punctuality.

The winning house this week was:

Commendations

Congratulations to the following children this week:

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:

Holy Communion- Sunday 16th June 10.00am Mass

The Year 3 children have been busy preparing their hearts and minds for their First Holy Communion when they will receive the Body of Christ in the Eucharist for the first time. We will be asking Key Stage 2 children to volunteer to participate and support the children by singing in the choir. Please encourage your children to help on this special day as it is a really important part of being a member of Sacred Heart Catholic School.

E-Safety- Whatsapp

It has come to our attention that a number of older children have the app 'Whatsapp' on their phones. Some children have been concerned with messages that they have read or received on this app. The age limit for this changed in May 2018 and the minimum age for using WhatsApp is now 16 years old. As mentioned previously, age limits are there to protect children. This app can unfortunately be used as a tool for **cyberbullying**. This is the act of sending threatening or taunting text messages, voice messages, pictures and videos, with the aim to hurt and humiliate the receiver. The group chat and group video call features are great for multiple people to chat simultaneously, but there is the potential for people to hurt others with their comments or jokes.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/wake-up-wednesday/whatsapp-guide-for-parents/>

Mobile Phones on the playground

General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) state that mobile phones must not be used on school playgrounds for making phone calls, texting and taking photographs as well as all the other things mobiles are used for these days. This is to safeguard adults and, most importantly, your children. Please be courteous if you are asked to stop using your phone by a member of staff.

Uniform for September

If parents wish to purchase new uniform in preparation for September, there are order forms in the bookcase by the office area. Please fill in the form and place in an envelope with payment and hand in to the Miss Kirwan at the office.

Sports for Champions UK

Thank you to those children and parents that have begun collecting sponsors for 'Sports for Champions UK'. The GB heptathlete, Katie Stainton, will be visiting school on 18th June to speak to the children about the importance of fitness and the dedication it takes to be a champion.

On Tuesday 11th June, we will be having a non uniform day to raise some extra funds. It would be great to see the children dressed in football kits, basketball shirts or any 'sporty' clothes they may have to celebrate the visit. We are asking for a 50p donation towards this. Mr Weston will also hold a 'Beat the Goalie' competition for the children to take part in for 20p with a prize for the winning child in each Key Stage.



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Home/School partnership- Homework

You may have noticed that the type of homework that the children are bringing home from Year 1-Year 5 has changed. The majority of children have been really engaged and have enjoyed the new style. The homework that is being planned for your child is intended to support what they are currently learning in class. It is most beneficial if this is supported by parents and carers at home. If you are unsure of how to support your child with their homework, please speak to your child's class teacher and they will be happy to help.

Sacred Heart Staffing Update

The children have been absolutely thrilled to have Mr Miller back this week and they have really enjoyed their Active Maths and PE lessons. As the children have seen Mr Miller return on a permanent basis, some of the children have been asking about Mr James. As previously mentioned, Mr James left Sacred Heart School at Easter.

Retirement Celebration

Reminder of Lisa Fahy's retirement celebration on Saturday 6th July. There will be mass at 12.30pm in church followed by a 'do' in the Sacred Heart Club afterwards. The bar will be open at the Sacred Heart Club after the mass for people to purchase drinks.

Reminder of dates

Sunday 16th June 10.00- First Holy Communion
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
Thursday 18th July 9.10- Year 6 Leavers' Mass
Friday 19th July- End of Summer term



This Sunday is the Feast of Pentecost- Jesus tells the disciples that if they love him then they will keep his commandments and that once Jesus has left them, he will send the Holy Spirit to guide and protect them.

All-loving God, out of love you sent your Son, Jesus Christ to save us,
and out of love he sent the Holy Spirit - that we might never be alone.

Thanks be to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Yours sincerely

Mr G M O'Hara
Executive Principal

