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Dear Parents,

God is love and all love comes from God. When we invite Jesus, as a loving friend, into our family life then love grows and life becomes more joyful. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus entrusts his friends, the disciples, with his message of unconditional love, and asks them to carry it to the whole world - not just in their words but also in their actions. Jesus wants us to love each other with just as much care and

concern as we have for ourselves.

"Lord, open my heart, mind and ears to receive your Word."



Jesus said, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy may be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay

down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants anymore, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the

Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another."

Adapted from John 15:9-17 The 6th Sunday of Easter



"The family's strength lies in its capacity to love and to teach how to love." **Pope Francis** The Wednesday word is Inve

Sacrament of Reconciliation

It was lovely that Father Stephen could come to school this week so that the children in Year 3 and 4 could celebrate their First Confession. Well done children for your wonderful preparation and reverence. We will all continue to keep you in our prayers as you continue on your journey of faith towards the celebration of the Sacrament of the Eucharist.



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Reading at home

"Reading is the gateway for children that makes all other learning possible." Barack Obama

Reading at Sacred Heart is a huge priority and staff work tirelessly to ensure that all children are taught to read as fluently as possible as quickly as possible. As you are aware, the partnership between home and school is vital to ensure that a whole world of possibilities is opened for your child by being able to read. It is very disheartening when children are not heard read at home or new reading books are lost. We appreciate how busy people's lives are outside of school but please ensure that you endeavour to hear your child read each evening and teach them to take care of their books. Thank you to all parents and carers who support us in this matter.

Punctuality

We have mentioned in previous letters the importance of good attendance and punctuality for all pupils. Sadly, we have a large number of children who are persistently late for school and are collected late in the evenings. Being late for lessons means that your child misses out on vital learning and hinders their progress.

We are also unable to supervise pupils who are collected late at the end of the day. We understand that the roadworks in the local area cause issues but all parents need to ensure that they give themselves extra time in the mornings and evenings to model to children the importance of punctuality.

Gospel Virtues

This half term, the children are learning to be loving and compassionate. Pupils will be growing to be compassionate towards others, near and far, especially the less fortunate; and loving by their just actions and forgiving words.

Congratulations to the following children for living out these virtues: Chavin, Selihom, Emmanuel, Kwame, Prince, Chinassa and Troy.

Commendations

The following children have been commended by their teachers and teaching assistants for their wonderful work in school: Elime, Vhenice, Zayaan, Xavi, Anisur, Princella and Ayaan.

Presentation Awards

Well done to the following children who have shown such pride in the presentation of their work this week. Inaaya, Chizitelum, Yoh, Wamiri, Shakayla, Clarissa and Mailis.

Extra Curricular awards

Yoh- for wonderful effort in after school dance.

Community Cricket Coaching

Please see an exciting opportunity for KS2 children attached to the end of this letter.



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May is the month of Mary

Hail Holy Queen (Salve Regina)

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy; Hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears! Turn, then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.



Yours sincerely

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