



# Sacred Heart Catholic School



Earlsbury Gardens

Telephone: 0121 356 4721

Birchfield

Email: [enquiry@sacredheart.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@sacredheart.bham.sch.uk)

Birmingham B20 3AE

Dear Parents,

## Gospel of Sunday – the Wedding at Cana

*John 2:1-10*

*On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there; and both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does that have to do with us? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it." Now there were six stone waterpots set there for the Jewish custom of purification, containing twenty or thirty gallons each. Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." So they filled them up to the brim. And He said to them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it to him. When the headwaiter tasted the water which had become wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter called the bridegroom, and said to him, "Every man serves the good wine first, and when the people have drunk freely, then he serves the poorer wine; but you have kept the good wine until now."*



## WELCOME BACK

As the interim Head teacher of Sacred Heart School, I would like to wish you all a happy and prosperous new year. Also, I would like to welcome you back to Sacred Heart and hope we can work effectively together this term. I am looking forward to continuing to work with staff, children and to meeting as many parents as possible. Please introduce yourselves to me if you see me on the playground – it's good to get to know people! If you have any worries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact school to arrange a time for us to meet.



## THANK YOU

I have been asked by staff to say thank you for all the cards, good wishes and extremely generous gifts that were received before we broke up. Many thanks for your kindness and generosity. Staff were very grateful for the beautiful gifts that they thoroughly enjoyed.

## GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK!

Sadly, we said goodbye to a number of staff at the end of last term. We wish Mrs Fahy and Mr and Mrs Armstrong a long, healthy and happy retirement and Mr Jelfs and Mr Weston all the best in their new roles. We will keep them all in our prayers as they begin this new time in their lives.

## HOME READING



Reading is one of the most important skills that we learn and develop. It is important that all children read regularly, preferably every evening, and that reading records are completed and signed every evening. Please encourage your son/daughter to read in order to develop their skill level and a love of reading.

## COMMENDATIONS, ATTENDANCE and PUNCTUALITY

This week the following children have received commendations; Well done and congratulations to; **Kha'mya Gale, Kwame Ansah, Eva Cole, Eliam Asfaha, Tanim Rahman, Omarion foster, Fiona Teakleab.** Well done to all of them – it was lovely to hear about their achievements since the start of term.

We are always trying to achieve 100% attendance every week. Best attendance for week ending **11th January – Class 5 with 99.4% attendance** – Well done to Miss Cole and class 5 for such a good start to the term. Class 5 were also the most punctual class (98%)

The winning House this week was **St Matthew.**



## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

If you have a child who is preparing to receive the Sacraments of **Reconciliation and First Holy Communion** (Class 4) or **Confirmation** (Classes 6 and 7) please see the list of important dates. It is really important that parents attend meetings and that both parents and children attend the Masses as indicated – even if you would normally attend Mass at another Parish.

We look forward to seeing the children who are preparing for First Holy Communion at **10.00am Mass this Sunday. Children should meet with Mrs Walker at the back of church at 9.50am**



During the course of the term we accumulate a lot of lost property. Please make sure that all clothing and P.E./swimming kit is clearly labelled. PE kit should be left in school, tidily in the cloakroom.

## HEALTHY LUNCHBOXES



We have a number of children who have severe allergies. **It is important that NO products containing nuts are brought into school.** Lunchboxes should contain a healthy variety of snacks and a non-fizzy, low sugar, drink. **Sweets and chocolate are not appropriate.** All children have access to water should they prefer this.

## ASTHMA INHALERS



It is absolutely vital that children who require an asthma inhaler (or an epipen) have them in school. Inhalers should be clearly labelled with your child's name and class and should be handed in to class teachers and will be stored in classrooms for easy access. Epipens should be regularly renewed, clearly labelled and handed into the school office.

Congratulations and very well done to the Girls' Football Team who successfully achieved a place in final rounds of the Aston Girls' Indoor Football Competition. The girls play exceptionally well, showing great team spirit and enthusiasm. Many thanks to Mr James for being both coach and minibus driver for the girls. The finals will be held on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> January. We wish the girls every success.



Autumn 2018	Spring 2019	Summer 2019
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September To Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October <b>-Half Term-</b> Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> November To Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January To Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> February <b>-Half Term-</b> Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February To Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May To Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May <b>-Half Term-</b> Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June To Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July

## Teacher Training

### Days:

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019  
Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019

NOTE: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR BANK HOLIDAY

With every good wish for the weekend and the week ahead.  
God Bless

Mrs C E Walker

