6th March 2020

Dear Parents,

**CAFOD Fundraising**

During Lent we will be holding a number of fundraising activities to raise money for CAFOD. Your child will have been provided with a collection box in which they can collect any spare change for CAFOD during Lent. We will collect these in during the last week of term. Other activities organised by Mr Miller, Miss Weston and the School Council are:

* ‘Teachers vs Kids’ dodgeball Throughout Lent 20p
* Easter Egg raffles Throughout Lent 20p
* Guess the eggs in the jar Throughout Lent 20p



Thank you to the 86% of parents who have signed up for the Parent mail system. It is a great way to receive up to date information about school and to be kept informed of events. We only have 21% of parents who have downloaded the app on their phones. This is free and would be an easy way for you to receive immediate messages from school so children do not miss out on opportunities. The app can be downloaded from the app store on all mobile phones.

**School Website**

The school calendar has now been completed and can be viewed on the front page of the school website. This informs parents of school holidays, closures, assemblies, masses, workshops and many other exciting events in school. By clicking on a date on the calendar it will show you any events happening that day. The calendar will be updated regularly.

https://www.sacredheart-sch.net/website

**Newsletter Update**

This year during Lent, Pope Francis is encouraging all schools to ‘Look after our common home,’ and fundraise to save our rainforests. We need to be models for our children in helping to save our precious planet and so we need to reduce the amount of paper we are using in our society. From next week, the school newsletter will not be printed and handed out to parents. The newsletter is always placed on our school website for parents and will be sent via Parent mail to read. For those parents who do not have access to in the Internet, we will place a limited number of copies at the school office for you to collect. We hope you will support our decision on this matter.

https://www.sacredheart-sch.net/website/spring\_term

**Sporting Success**

Congratulations to the seven Year 6 children who have succeeded in getting to the finals of the Level 3 dance festival organised by Birmingham Hippodrome and King Edward’s Sports Partnership. Visitors to school who watched them rehearse were blown away by their talent! We wish them luck for the finals next Friday.

**Coronavirus**

Please read the attached letter for information regarding school policy on the current concern. We are continuing to monitor the ongoing situation and we are following all Public Health England and Government guidelines. Parents will be notified immediately if we have any concerns in school or receive advice from the PHE.

**The most important action you can take is to ensure that all families are washing their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with soap and warm water as often as possible. Drinking water regularly will also help. This has been explained to all children, demonstrations have taken place in each class and children are being supervised while washing their hands.**

**Dates for your diary**

First Holy Communion parent meeting Monday 9th March 3.30pm

Year 1 Class Assembly Wednesday 11th March 9.10am

Irish Week Monday 16th March

Alton Castle Retreat Wednesday 19th March

Year 5 ‘Born for This’ assembly Wednesday 8th April 10.30am

**Gifts from God**

Please log into our school website for photographs of all of our wonderful children whose Gifts from God have been celebrated recently.

**Poetry Competition**

Well done to Lois Kutten Nkrumah, Elijah Haylette and Abigail Adhanom who were the winners of the February competition. Thank you to Miss Joseph for organising this.

**Congratulations**

**House Points**

The winning house this week was St Luke. Please make sure your child wears their house saint badge with pride.

**Commendations**

Well done to the following children: Nicholas Prom, Enzo Alimanovic, Amaan Khan, Christian Adjei, Malaki Morton-Best, Timari Chung and all of Year 6.

**Presentation award:** Abdul-Rahman Aloba, Anayah Foster, Zinhle Mlaga, Eesa Hussain, Lydia Binyam, Michael Ansah and Abigail Adhanom

**Gospel Virtues**

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

This week the following children have displayed their wonderful virtues: Chinecherum Iwuchekwu, Ezra Haylette, Lucas Netabay, Injacio Mjeda, Nouraya Kassam, Halfrida Aigbe and Derrick Anderson.



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

Peter, James and John went with Jesus to pray on a mountain top. While they were there, Jesus was transformed. His face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly, Moses and Elijah, the great teacher and the great prophet of the Old Testament, appeared and were talking with Jesus. Then a bright cloud covered then with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said,

“This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.”

When we listen to and follow Jesus, our lives are transformed. Just like Jesus and the disciples, we all need encouragement.

Do you know anyone who may need your encouragement?

Wednesday’s Word is

Encouragement

 *“With God we can do great things. Jesus is always ready to encourage and support us.”*

Pope Francis

Yours sincerely





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