



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Congratulations

The winning house this week was: St. Mark

Please encourage your children to wear their Saint badge with pride.

Commendations

Well done to the following children: Juliana Baltazar, Kelechi Adiole, Lucas Netabay, Karen Mhlanga, Shaquari Plummer, Samuel Kinavuidi and Nadia Yentumi

Presentation award: Chizitelum Iwuchukwu, Chika Opara, Solihome Yonas, Helena Tesfay, Alayla Walsh and Jha-Nai Gopaul-Scarlett

Gospel Virtues

This half term the children will be thinking how they are **attentive** to their experience and to their vocation; and **discerning** about the choices they make and the effects of those choices.

This week the following children have displayed their wonderful virtues: Abdul-Rahman Aloba, Grace Phillips, Aaron Adhanom, Eva Cole, Levi Morton, Jhenaya Lawrence and Sienna Snape.

Gifts from God

Well done to all those children who brought in their trophies, medals and certificates last week: you have truly shown us all how you have used your God given gifts. Keep them coming!

Commitment Service- Sacred Heart Catholic Church

On **Sunday 24th November at the 10.00am** parish mass, we will be celebrating together with a commitment service on the feast of Christ the King. It is also an opportunity to celebrate the enrolment of our Year 3 children on their journey and preparation in receiving the Blessed Sacrament in First Holy Communion.

This mass is about bringing together the whole school community to affirm the shared mission of our school. Our newly appointed school Governors have been invited and it will be a wonderful occasion to join together with children, families, staff and our parish community to show our commitment to God. We would like as many families as possible to join with us on this wonderful occasion and to share in refreshments afterwards.

Newly appointed Governing body

On Wednesday, the newly appointed governors held their first meeting at school. This is a great step in our journey of progress since joining the MAC in June. We welcome all of our governors to our school family and hope we enjoy a successful partnership together. The Chair Mr Jack Crowhurst is currently the Year 6 class teacher at the Abbey in Erdington and Vice Chair Mr Mark Mills is the international contracts manager of FedEx Distribution. A special welcome and thanks to Jenny Clarke and Ibijoke Ekundayo who are our parent representatives; we appreciate your time and commitment to helping our school to be the best it can be.



Uniform

There are a number of children in school who are not wearing ties. Please ensure your child is dressed each day in accordance with school policy. Uniform can be ordered online; the link is on the school website but please see the school office if you have any difficulties.

Road Safety week 18th – 24th November

Every 20 minutes, someone is killed or seriously injured on a British road and each of these tragedies is preventable.

This Road Safety Week (18-24 November) we want everyone to “Step up for Safe Streets” and learn about, shout about and celebrate the amazing solutions that will allow us all to get around in safe and healthy ways, every day. Children will be participating in activities next week to ensure they know how to stay safe on the road.

Parent Questionnaires

Thank you to all who took the time to provide us with such honest feedback about the school. Homework is an area that a few parents feel could be improved upon, therefore we will be sending a shorter questionnaire to parents asking: what parents feel is inappropriate homework and how they feel the school could address this. The staff will review your responses and communicate their findings at a later date. Thank you

INSET Day reminder

Please remember that school will be closed for staff training on **Friday 29th November**.



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

In this Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus encourages the disciples (and us too) to be faithful to him. Pope Francis also reminds us that,

“God is faithful, always faithful and continues to be rich in goodness and mercy.”

Wednesday’s Word is Faithfulness

How can we grow in faithfulness to God and each other? Perhaps we can: spend time with God and listen to him through daily prayer; follow the teachings of Jesus by always trying to love our neighbour as ourselves; remember to put others’ needs before our own needs; make sure that if we tell someone (or we tell God) that we will do something, we do it!

Yours sincerely

Mr G M O’Hara
Executive Principal