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Dear Parents,

It has been a very long and busy half term at Sacred Heart School. The children (and staff!) have worked extremely hard and have achieved so much: as our Gifts from God assemblies have proven!

It has been wonderful to see the growing number of parents and family members coming to celebrate mass with us each Thursday at 9.10am. This is an amazing example of how we can be models for our children in being witnesses to Christ. Please spread the word of what a special occasion this is to share as a school family, have a tea or coffee with other parents and be part of the Catholic Life of the school.

Congratulations

The winning house this week was: St John.

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

Commendations

Well done to the following children: Isa Hussain, Nicolay Faquim Dos Santos, Idrees Gordon, David Girbaci, Lois Kuttan Nkrumah, Ayaan Shazad and Michel Frimpong.

Presentation award: Chizetelum Iwuchukwu, Kha'mya Gayle, David Okunodu-Ejiofor, Bisrat Alexander, Treyson Ejikeme, Benjamin N'Guessan and Oskar Kinach

Gospel Virtues

This half term, children have been thinking about being grateful for their own gifts, for the gift of other people and for the blessings of each day: and be generous with their gifts, becoming men and women for others.

This week the following children have displayed their wonderful virtues: Mercy Adedire, Justus Joseph, Zabreena Archer-Keown, Noah Yosef, Lydia Binyam, Frank Aibangbee and Milcah Yosef.

Next 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.

Gifts from God assembly

Mrs Elliott was absolutely astounded at the range of talents and gifts that were brought in by children to present in our Friday *Gifts from God* assembly. We celebrated talents in: football, sports days, dance, KUMON, library activities and even an egg race! Well done, children. You are truly sharing your God given talents.

Parent's evening



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Thank you so much for all the parents who attended the consultation evening on Wednesday. It was lovely to see so many parents being so supportive in their children's learning and progress. Apologies however, to those parents who waited quite a long time. Thank you for your patience; we will make sure the teething problems of the new system are resolved by the next meetings. We will inform parents of the results of the questionnaires in due course.

Motivational November- Reading Project

Miss Joseph, Ms Mir and the Reading Champions have been working tirelessly to plan an exciting reading project for all children. Next month will be 'Motivational November', where the children are aiming to read as many books as possible. Please remind your children to speak to their class Reading Champion for more information- hopefully they will inspire them with their love of reading.

Holy Day of Obligation- All Saints

On Friday 1st November, we celebrate All Saints' Day. This day is a solemn holy day in the Catholic Church that is celebrated annually on November 1st. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. Father Stephen will be celebrating a Vigil Mass on **Thursday at 7.30 pm and on Friday at 10.00 am**. Please make every effort to take your children to mass on these days.

Commitment Service- Date for your diary

On **Sunday 24th November at 10.00am** mass at Sacred Heart Church, we will be celebrating together with a commitment service. This mass is about bringing together the whole school community to affirm the shared mission. Within this service there will be the opportunity for all to make their commitment to the school's Mission according to their role within the community. We would like as many families as possible to join with us on this wonderful occasion. Further details will be sent to parents after half term.

Earrings and hairstyles- school policies

Thank you for all parents who have supported the school policies regarding hairstyles and ear piercing. Please remember that earrings are not permitted in school due to health and safety. If parents wish their children to have their ears pierced, it must be done at the start of the Summer holidays in July. Hairstyles must be in line with school policy- please see Mrs Elliott or Mrs Cooper if you are unsure.



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that we should be humble- especially when we pray. A humble person knows that all good comes from God and that any talents we have are gifts from God.

Wednesday's Word is Humble

O my God, we thank you for the gifts you have given us. Help me always to serve you humbly and use our gifts to make the world a better place.

Amen

Yours sincerely

Mr G M O'Hara
Executive Principal