



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Brighten up the Harvest

There are still children around the world who do not enjoy basic rights like water, food and education. A lack of water in some villages mean that children as young as 13 have to walk five kilometres before school every day to collect water for their families. On **Friday 4th October** we will be asking you to help other children and families in a number of ways.

'Brighten up' assembly

For a donation of 50 pence, children can come dressed in their class rainbow colour as a reminder of God's promise to Noah.

EYFS- purple Year 1- dark blue Year 2- light blue Year 3- green Year 4- yellow
Year 5- orange Year 6- red

Harvest donations

We are asking children to bring items of food that can be donated to families within our community who need help and support. These items may be: tins of food, pasta, rice, cereal, soup, lentils and beans, tea/coffee, biscuits, long lasting milk, fruit juices.

These items can be brought in from next week onwards and given to class teachers. They will be presented as gifts to our harvest table during our 'Brighten up' assembly on **Friday 4th October**.

Coffee and cake sale

Miss Weston and the School Council will be holding a coffee and cake afternoon on **Wednesday 25th September from 3.15-4.15pm**. All proceeds will go to Birmingham Children's Hospital Cancer Unit. It would be lovely if parents could donate shop bought cakes and biscuits for this sale so we can raise as much money as possible for such a wonderful cause. Please come and join in with a nice hot drink and a cake!

Congratulations

The winning house this week was: St Matthew

Commendations

Well done to the following children: Abigail Asfaha, Kayla-Rose Decoidiva, Nelson Minja, Abena Owusu-Agyemang, Tiana'Li Younis, Amir Khan and Abigail Adhamon.

Gospel Virtues

This half term, children will be 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: Vhenice Lawrence, Remiya Daley, Anisur Rahman, Nikola Rosa, Taio Taylor and Ksawery Krokos.

Presentation award: Abdul-Rahman Aloba, Javier-Kelvin Garcia-George, Xavi Sandhu, Bisrat Alexander, Lois Kuten Nkrumah, Elijah Haylette and Chidubem Afoka.

TeachRex

We had a very exciting discovery on Tuesday morning when some dinosaur eggs were found on the school playground! That afternoon, Jam, the T Rex from TeachRex, came to visit the children in school to teach about dinosaur facts, enhance their vocabulary skills and show them how green screen films are made. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day.



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Return of letters

Children in school will regularly bring home letters for trips, clubs, activities and events. It is important that letters are returned by the date written. We have had problems with many parents not returning the extremely important contact and medical forms this week. Please check your child's bag for important letters as we do not want any child to miss opportunities due to permission slips or letters not being returned to school.

Waterbottles

As previously mentioned, the school is not providing pupils with water bottles due to the concerns over the damage that plastic is causing our environment. Please ensure that your child brings a water bottle to school each day that they can refill and then take home to be washed.

Uniform reminders

Children should now be wearing their winter uniform. All pupils need to wear a white shirt and school tie and not polo shirts. It was wonderful to see how parents reflected their views on the importance of our school uniform during the parent questionnaire last year.

"The school also needs to emphasise how important the school uniform is as it also represents (us) school."

We also have a number of children who have had their ears pierced. Due to health and safety, children are not permitted to wear any jewellery in school and so will be asked to remove piercings.

Sports at Sacred Heart

There is a huge range of sport opportunities for the children to experience at school currently from boccia to basketball. For PE lessons all children need: a white polo shirt or t-shirt, shorts and trainers. Children may bring a sweatshirt and joggings bottoms to wear for outdoor PE when the weather starts to get colder.

INSET reminders

Please remember that school will be closed on Monday 30th September for staff training.

Year 7 Secondary Admissions

On Friday 27th September from 9.00-10.00, Mrs Cooper and Mrs Elliott will be available for any Year 6 parents who need support with completing the Year 7 Secondary application forms. Please come to the school office if you wish to ask any questions. All applications are online and must be completed by 31st October 2019. Please see the Birmingham website <https://eadmissions.birmingham.gov.uk/prefs.php> for advice and to how apply.



God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.

Yours sincerely

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Executive Principal