



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Catholic Life at Sacred Heart Catholic School



The Sunday Gospel through School on Wednesday

Starting on Wednesday 9th October 2019 your child will be bringing The Wednesday Word leaflet home from school. The Wednesday Word is a gift to you and your family to strengthen the connections between home and school. Every Wednesday, a 'word' (inspired by the Sunday Gospel) will be suggested for you and your family to talk about in your home. We have structured this new weekly Family Time around the Sunday Gospel because evidence shows that Gospel values really do help family relationships to thrive. Please take a few moments to read the paragraph below about Family Time and the comments that follow from families who regularly read The Wednesday Word together.

Wednesday Word Family Time Together

Regularly spending quality time with children is without doubt one of the most important aspects of parenting. The Wednesday Word seeks to support you in this important task: to help you and your children maintain a special closeness throughout the school years.

The Wednesday Word 'Family Time' leaflet is designed to ensure that all family members feel included. It presents an effective way for even the busiest of parents to enrich relationships with their children through spending a very special 5 or 10 minutes together each week.

We suggest Wednesdays for Family Time because it is the day that the Catholic Church dedicates to St Joseph – the Patron Saint of Families. But rather than miss out, any other night would do just as well.

We hope you enjoy reading The Wednesday Word and sharing this special time together with your children each week.

Time of Prayer with Bishop Bernard

Time of Prayer with Archbishop Bernard Longley will be live streamed to schools across the Archdiocese on Wednesday 9th October. The purpose of the prayer is to celebrate October as an Extraordinary Missionary Month. Schools will be praying the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary and also marking the Feast Day of Blessed John Henry Newman. Children will be taking home an Extraordinary Missionary Month calendar to remind them of special ways in which we are called to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all peoples.

October- The month of the Holy Rosary

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. We are very blessed at Sacred Heart that Mrs McKernan will be spending time with Year 3 children each Friday to pray the Rosary. This will help to prepare them for their Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion later in the year. Please remember these children in your prayers.



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Brighten Up the Harvest

The children had a wonderful day today, wearing their colourful clothes to celebrate the gifts of God's beautiful world. Staff were overwhelmed with the generosity of children and parents. We understand the huge sacrifices made by families who sometimes struggle themselves but still put other's needs first. Thank you so much for the food donations that were sent in to help and support others who are less fortunate- you have all been truly living out this half terms Gospel Virtues of being grateful and generous! With Lenten fundraising and harvest combined, the children have raised an incredible **£280.05**.

Your CAFOD donations mean that:

£10.00 will help a child to learn to read

£33 will supply a family with safe, clean water in their home

£150 gives a family one cow which provides milk to drink and sell.

As a Catholic School, part of our mission is to support people and families locally. The children have donated such an incredible amount of food that we would like to 're-gift' this back to our families at school. At 3.15 today, you are very welcome to come into the KS2 hall and take some bags of food for your family. Please come as part of us sharing God's harvest together!

Children's Liturgy at Sacred Heart Catholic Church- Volunteers needed

Father Stephen celebrates Sunday mass at 10.00am each week at Sacred Heart Church. It is wonderful to see so many of our families in the congregation and a number of our children serving on the altar during mass. It is so important that children attend mass regularly to strengthen their growing faith and love of God.

Father is looking for parent volunteers who would like to help with the Children's Liturgy at Sunday mass each week. Please see Mr Elliott or Mrs Cooper if you are able to help the children in this rewarding way.

Congratulations

The winning houses this week were: St Mark and St John

Commendations

Well done to the following children: Adeola Oladuja, Joaquin De La Cruz, Aftanna Bargil, Monae Sculley, Frank Aibangbee and Rafael De Cruz.

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: Selihom Metrahtom, Kayla-Rose Decoidiva, Harmony-Sky Brookes-Scarlett, Sunni Yonas, Chinasa Udekwelu, Mailis Mendy Colley and Naomi Ezekiel Okunade

Presentation award: Patrick Lupu, Niyah Smith-Bennett, Zabreena Archer-Keown, Monae Sculley, Eliam Asfaha, Camara Opara, Nadia Yentumi

Welcome Mass for EYFS and children new to Sacred Heart

On Thursday October 24th at 9.10am, Father Stephen will be celebrating a welcome mass for all the children who are beginning their journey of faith at school. It would be lovely to have family members present to help welcome the children into our Sacred Heart family.



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"Faith and love are everything, and nothing is more precious than these." St. Ignatius of Antioch

Faith greatly enriches our lives. Ask your child what the word 'faith' means to them.
Who do they know that has great faith in God?

"The family is the place where parents become their children's first teachers in the faith." Pope Francis

Yours sincerely

Mr G M O'Hara
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